

St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"



In Memory of Fr. Peter Foley

Fr Peter Foley has sadly passed away on 28 April 2026 at Star of the Sea Aged Care in Torquay, aged 90 years.

Fr Foley was ordained a priest on 21 July 1962. His first appointment as Parish Priest was to St Theresa's in 1974. At St Theresa's, he served us faithfully before moving to Belmont Parish in 1985. In that time, he touched many of our lives with his deep faith in God and his incredible generosity of spirit. We would all hang off Fr Foley's every word at Sunday Mass. The way he communicated God's word was skilful. His homilies resonated with young and old. He always spoke from the heart and inspired us all to practice our faith as best we could.

Fr Foley will also be remembered by many for his wonderful sense of humour. He always seemed to have a smile on his face and a bit of a cheeky glint in his eye. His ability to tell a joke and enhance our sense of togetherness through laughter was priceless. He was a larger-than-life personality himself, but Fr Foley also had a gift of making a person feel that they were the most important person in the room, whether they were 6 years old or 80 years old. People felt seen and valued when Fr Foley stopped in the middle of the street to cheerfully greet them and have a bit of a yarn. He never forgot a parishioner's name and took the time to connect with people and really get to know what made them tick.

What many of you might not appreciate is that our parish today is financially secure for the parishioners of tomorrow because of some very smart decisions Fr Foley made to purchase property for the parish's future. His legacy will therefore continue at St Theresa's. We are eternally grateful.

May he rest in peace.
Vale Fr. Peter Foley.

PARISHIONER'S REFLECTIONS ON FR. FOLEY

Fr. Peter Foley was a much-loved Parish Priest at St Theresa's/Mother of God. He knew every family by surname and nearly every parishioner by first name. He loved telling stories, joking and being present at both primary schools. He had a jovial manner and was very much a people person. He will be dearly missed!

Sharon Sady (Flanagan)

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Fr Foley. My family, my husband George and our 7 children moved to Albion the same year as Fr Foley started serving at St. Theresa's. We have very fond memories of him and are forever grateful for his kindness and advice for my family whenever we asked for his advice especially about our children. In our parish we have been blessed to be served by special people like Fr Foley, then Fr Barry And now Fr. Dixon. Our sincere and deepest condolences to Fr Foley's family and friends.

Antoinette (Nina) Zerafa and family

The thing I remember most about Fr Foley is his enthusiasm for everything and everyone and the sense of joy that he would bring with him. He just had that way about him that resonated with people. He lived the Gospel in the way he treated people and made them feel special. He played a significant role in developing my faith in God and for that I am eternally grateful. Rest in peace Fr Foley.

Rose Raniolo

Fr Peter's love for St Theresa's Parish and parishioners, and his fond memory of them, continued for all the years after his moving on. He often spoke to me of his concern for you all.

Fr Barry

Fr Peter Foley will be sadly missed within our parish community. He brought so much joy and happiness into our lives, especially into our family and the lives of my children. Philip always enjoyed helping out at the Presbytery from time to time. One memory we hold dearly is the day he was helping to build the backyard shed. Fr Foley was amazed watching Philip patiently straighten rusty nails so they could be reused — a simple moment

that became a treasured story we often recall with a smile. We have many fond memories of Fr Foley, especially the times shared together in Torquay. His kindness, humour, and gentle presence touched us deeply. We pray for him and for all his family. May God rest his soul.

Philip Barbara and Family

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A

2 & 3 May 2026

CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL 9/10 May

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal, is empowering children and young people, strengthening families and individuals, providing safe housing and homelessness assistance, and supporting refugees and asylum seekers. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish.

THANK YOU

We extend our sincere thanks to **Peter Nguyen from Tiger Blinds & Curtains**, who has generously donated his time to install new blinds throughout the Presbytery. His kindness and willingness to support our parish in such a practical way does not go unnoticed, and we are truly grateful.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend we will celebrate Mother's Day across our parish community. You are invited to bring a photo of your mother to Mass. After each Mass, we will gather at the back of the church for a special prayer of blessing and remembrance, honouring the wonderful women who have shaped our lives and our parish.

MASSES THIS WEEK

ST THERESA'S

Drummartin St, Albion

8.30am Wednesday

8.30am Friday Reconciliation

9.00am Friday

8.30am Sunday Reconciliation

9.00am Sunday

10.30am Sunday

MOTHER OF GOD

Blanche St, Ardeer

10.00am Wednesday (Polish)

9.00am Thursday

6.00pm Friday (Polish)

5.00pm Saturday Reconciliation

5.30pm Saturday

10.15am Sunday (Polish)

QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Holt St, Ardeer

CLOSED

RECONCILIATION

(Individual Confession)

Other times by Appointment.

HOLY ROSARY

Before regular Wednesday and Friday Masses each week

CUPPA AFTER MASS Join us today after our Sunday Masses for a cuppa and a chat. Let us take this time to get to know one another better and farewell Jean.

THANK YOU.... FOOD BANK

Thanks to your incredible generosity, our Food Pantry is now fully stocked. No further donations are needed. We are grateful for the continued support you show to our parish community.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return any project compassion donations as soon as you can. We have raised \$2,128 so far. Thank you.

BENEDICTION

First Friday of each month at St Theresa's Church

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$625 Loose Money \$436 Presbytery \$848

COUNTERS 10th May

Team 1: D Catania, E Catania, C Xuereb

READINGS Today

Acts 6.1-7

Psalm 33.

1-2, 4-5, 18-19, (R.22)

1 Peter 2.4-9

John 14.1-12

Next Week

Acts 8.5-8, 14-17

Psalm 66.

1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, 16+20 (R.1)

1 Peter 3.15-18

John 14.15-21

Masses	5.30pm MoG	9.00am QoH	10.30am ST
Commentator	M. Poulter	P. Farrugia	R. Raniolo
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