
St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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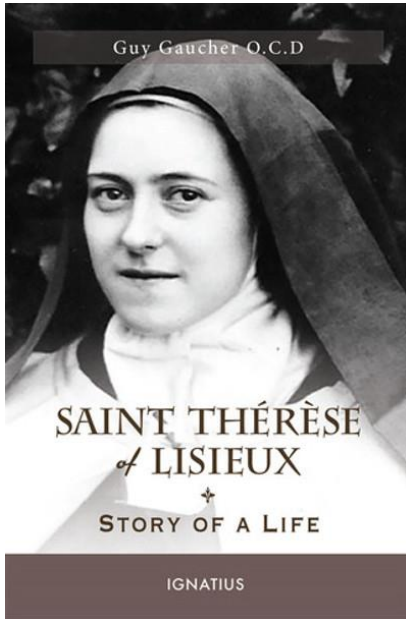


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"Do Small Things Well"

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Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897) was born Thérèse Martin in Normandy, France. She entered the Carmel of Lisieux at the age of fifteen. At that time the notion that God's anger on account of sin must be appeased by voluntary self-offering was prevalent in the Church. Instead, within nine years, Thérèse achieved holiness through her grasp of the central Gospel truth of God's merciful saving love for everyone without exception.

Her short autobiography was written at the request of others and revealed her strong desire that all should know this truth and respond in trust no matter what their condition; sinner or saint. Her teaching has rescued convicted criminals, alcoholics and other addicts from despair as well as pointing out the simple way of trust to countless Christians.

She is the patron saint of missionaries and in 1997 was declared a Doctor (that is, an official teacher) of the Church. She is one of the most popular and best loved of all the saints. Her feast day is 1 October.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

2026 ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER

Friday 16th October

Will be held at Grand Star Reception and Convention Centre, 499 Grieve Parade, Altona North. With special guest speakers and Australian Political commentator and senior advisor. Cost \$170 per person, please contact the parish office if interested.

St Theresa's Parish is committed to the safety of children, young people and vulnerable adults

"Let us pray our Parish Mission Prayer together:

We pray that St Theresa's Parish will continue to be a caring and welcoming Christian community where everyone is respected and valued. Guided by St Theresa of Lisieux and the Holy Spirit, we aim to be people of faith working together to "Do small things well".

PARISH CARAVAN, Safety Beach / Dromana

If you would like to use our Beach Caravan please call the Parish Office on 9311 3091 to book. It sleeps up to six (very cosy) and costs \$80 per night. Great opportunity to get away and enjoy the coastal view!. Please contact us

ROAD WORKS Drummartin St

As of Monday 21st September, for approx.12weeks there will be road works in Drummartin please use surrounding streets for parking.

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

BENEDICTION

First Friday of the month at St Theresa's Church

75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AFTER MASS

Join us this Sunday 4th October after Mass for a celebration held in the school hall in celebration of our 75th Anniversary. Why not take this opportunity to enjoy the company of your fellow and past parishioners.

ESTIA HEALTH 30 North St, Ardeer

Mass on Tuesday 6th October, 11.00am

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$563 Loose Money \$390 Presbytery \$715

COUNTERS 11th October

Team 3: M Azzopardi, M Camenzuli

FEAST DAYS

St Therese of the Child Jesus, 1 October

The Holy Guardian Angels, 2 October

READINGS Today

Isaiah 5.1-

Psalm 80.

8+11,12-13,14-15,18-19,(R. 5.7)

Philippians 4.6-9

Matthew 21.33-43

Next Week

Isaiah 25.6-10a

Psalm 23.

1-3a,3b-4,5,6 (R.6cd)

Philippians 4.10-14,19-20++

Matthew 22.1-14

Next Week Commentators/Readers

11th October

MASSES	5.30pm MoG	9.00am QoH	10.30am ST T
Commentator	Hang	M Azzopardi	D Bracchio
Readers	Fill in	V Ventura	J Protacio

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE – INFORMATION SESSION

Monday 26th October, The Catholic Theological College is conducting an online Information Session for prospective students at 7.00pm. Registration is essential. For more information:

<https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/information-sessions/>

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS – Sunday 22 November 2026

The Sacrament of Adult Confirmation at St Patrick's Cathedral 2026 will be held on **Sunday 22 November at the 11am Solemn Mass**. Candidates are required to attend an information session on Wednesday 11 November at 6.30pm. The information session will be held in St Patrick's Cathedral in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Contact Parish Office for further information 9311 3091.

