

St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage is one of many within Matthew's gospel that show Jesus at odds with the religious authorities of his day. The picture of the religious leaders that comes through Matthew's gospel is one of hypocrisy. Jesus is frequently portrayed as criticising the leaders for holding too strongly to the letter of the law and ignoring the spirit of the law and the call to compassion. This week's passage has Jesus seeking the opinion of the chief priests and elders on a hypothetical situation (a common style of debating a point of law in the Jewish tradition). He describes two sons, each asked by their father to go and work in the family vineyard. The first says 'No' but later does his father's bidding. The second says 'Yes' but doesn't follow through on his commitment.

Jesus is criticising the religious leaders of his time who, with their words, said 'Yes' to God but by their actions said 'No'. He most certainly would have upset the leaders by telling them that tax collectors and prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God before them. Whilst these tax collectors and prostitutes were regarded by the religious authorities as 'sinners' beyond redemption, Jesus holds them up in the image of the first son of the story.

Although they may have said 'No' to God through their poor choices, ultimately they are saying 'Yes' to God in their acceptance of Jesus and the message of the kingdom of God. On the other hand, the leaders have said 'Yes' to God publicly through abiding by all the religious laws and maintaining a 'religious profile' but in their hearts and actions they have not truly said 'Yes!'



ABBEY SOLO FOUNDATION

Trivia Night

On Saturday, 17th October for the Abbey Solo Foundation's Annual Trivia Night. It's always a fantastic evening of fun, laughter and friendly competition. Lots of amazing prizes to be won! For more information contact 0403 192 594 or email: president@abbeysofoundaion.org

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

****DAYLIGHT SAVINGS****

Please remember that on **Saturday 3rd October** (overnight) we will move to summer time and the clock's go **forward** 1 hour

St THERESA'S PARISH 75TH ANNIVERSARY**Sunday 4th October**

Next Sunday we look forward to celebrating our patron St Theresa and 75 years of faith, community, and parish life together. Parishioners are invited to bring a plate to share

PARISH LUNCH**Tuesday 29th September**

Our next parish lunch will be at Westside Hotel, Leaks & Fitzgerald Rd, Laverton, at 1pm. RSVP to Mary A or Ann-Maree by Monday 28th September.

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

Friday 2nd October at St Theresa's Church

FEAST DAYS

STS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels, 29 October
St Jerome, 30 September
St Therese of the Child Jesus, 1 October
The Holy Guardian Angels, 2 October

SPECIAL CUPPA AFTER MASS Sunday 4th Oct

A cuppa will be held in the **School Hall** after Mass in celebration of **St Theresa, our parish patron**. All are warmly invited to join us as we honour this special feast day.

**** Any helpers are welcome to come to St Theresa's Church on **Saturday, 3rd October at 2.30pm** to assist with preparations for our upcoming Feast Day****

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from **Tuesday 29th Sept to Thursday 1st Oct**. Fr Dixon will be available.

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER - NO 9.00am MASS

As we will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary Mass at 10.30am there will be **NO 9.00am Mass on Sunday 4th Oct.**

53 KING EDWARD AVE, ALBION – Auction will be held Saturday 3rd October, 1.00pm (Parish house)

ROAD WORKS Drummartin St

As of Monday 21st September, for approx. 12 weeks please use surrounding streets for parking

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$660 Loose Money \$320 Presbytery \$731

COUNTERS 4th October

Team 2: J Castasus, R Castasus, AM Sanford

READINGS Today

Ezekiel 18.25-28

Psalm 25.

4-5a, 6+7b, 8-9(R.6)

Philippians 2.1-11

Matthew 21.28-32

Next Week

Isaiah 5.1-7

Psalm 80.

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

Philippians 4.6-9

Matthew 21.33-43

Next Week Commentators/Readers 4th October

MASSES	5.30pm MoG	9.00am QoH	10.30am ST T
Commentator	A Zahra	M Camenzuli	R Raniolo
Readers	Fill In	D Catania	N Maguire

PARISH CARAVAN, Safety Beach / Dromana**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

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 over the school holidays. Please contact us.

