

St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

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REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the gospel of Luke. Next week's reading of the crucifixion concludes the Year of Luke. It is in this context that we need to read today's gospel passage. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that, although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God's love and mercy will triumph – not only in their own lives but also in the world.

The language of passages like today's gospel can be off-putting at times and can also be seized upon by those who would interpret scripture literally. The graphic descriptions certainly lend themselves to predictions of gloom and doom. However, we must also remember that the gospel was written some 50 or more years after the death of Jesus. At the time of writing, many of these things had already come to pass. The message for the community who were suffering through these very experiences is that they should not despair because all of this was anticipated by Jesus and that ultimately the reign of God will come about and the effort and distress that they have endured will be vindicated.

Unfortunately, the lectionary has the passage concluding at verse 19; the complete passage continues on for another 17 verses and so we don't get the full effect of Jesus' speech. In the latter portion, Jesus assures the disciples that the kingdom will surely come to pass. It is a promise that we affirm every time we say the Creed.



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



✠ IN HOLY STILLNESS – ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP

Parishioners are warmly invited to join our Advent Reflection Group, meeting each Saturday during Advent starting Saturday 29th November, 10.30am in the Presbytery. We will be guided by the resource In Holy Stillness.

- Those who wish to purchase the book for personal reflection may do so at Mass.
- All are welcome to come, pause, and prepare in prayerful stillness as we journey towards Christmas.

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 &

Friday Masses each week

BENEDICTION

First Friday of the month at

St Theresa's Church

CONGRATULATIONS To Kasper Martinu who is celebrating his First Communion today during the 10.30am Mass.

FUNERAL PRAYER SERVICE

For Bryan Richie Thursday 20th November, 10.30am at St Theresa's Church.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK 26th, 27th & 28th

Will be offered Wednesday at QOH area, Thursday at MOG area, Friday at ST T area during the last week of each month. Please call the Parish Office to book an appointment.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2026 — On Sale Now!

Available today at each church. The 2026 Columban Art Calendar will **Cost \$11**, and make a beautiful and meaningful gift for Christmas. Pick one up after Mass.

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$729 Loose Money \$355 Presbytery \$592

COUNTERS 23rd November

Team 2: J Castasus, R Castasus, A Sanford

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

St Elizabeth of Hungary, 17 November

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 21 November

St Cecilia, 22 November

READINGS Today

Malachi 4.1-2

Psalm 98.

5-6,7-8,9 (R.9)

2 Thessalonians 3.7-12

Luke 21.5-19

Next Week

2 Samuel 5.1-3

Psalm 122

1-2,3-4a, 4b-5,6-7,8-9 (R.1)

Colossians 1.12-20

Luke 12.35-43

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PALMS GAP YEAR



Discover Palms International Volunteering [online](#).

Explore our GAP YEAR opportunities for (18-25yo) Year 12 graduates and university students, that could shape your future. Thursday 4th December, 6pm or 9pm AEDT

Venue: ONLINE-Scan the QR code or register at

