

St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

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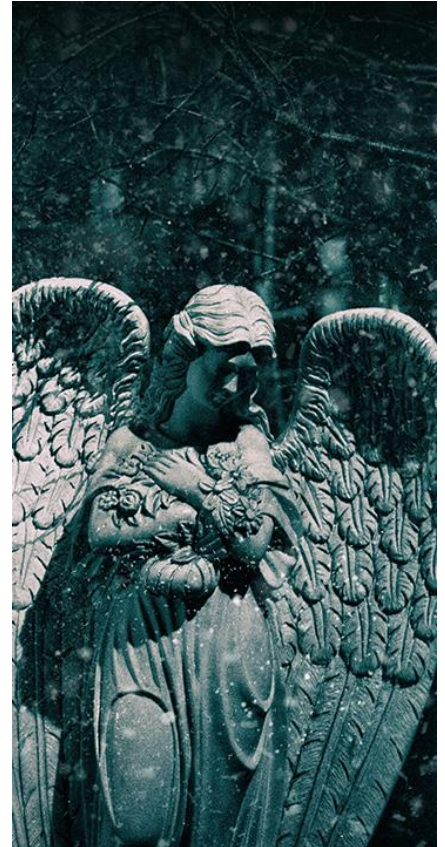
REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

'Indeed, I promise you: today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Today, many of us will visit the grave or plinth of a beloved member of the family or a friend. If you are like me, you will first tidy the area, prune any dead heads off the rose bush, place some fresh flowers and then pray.

The beautiful Catholic custom is that on this day especially – All Souls' Day – we pray for those who have died. We prayed for them when they were with us on earth. Death is no barrier to continuing that prayer. We pray for them and for ourselves that one day, when every tear is wiped away, we may join them in heavenly bliss.

What grounds our hope? Nothing more, nothing less, than the victory of Jesus Christ over death. We pray that those we love even now are sharing in the benefits of that triumph.



For most, as I expect for me, that may involve a *purging* of those traits of personality which prevent the fullest participation in the bliss of Heaven. But that bliss is what God desires for each one of them and for me.

God prays for the fulfilment of that desire whilst souls are being purged (whatever that may involve). Our praying for the dead is simply our participation in this prayer of God, our privilege which we intentionally share in. Even those not intentionally sharing our faith often say R.I.P., rest in peace, and that is a prayer!

And so we pray with confident Christian hope:

'Endless light shine on those we love, O Lord. May their souls and the souls of all those who have died, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.'



CHURCH NOTICE — ALL SOULS / REMEMBRANCE



Please choose a coloured heart from the boxes at the back of the church. Using the marker provided, write the name of a deceased family member or your family name on your chosen heart. Then come forward to the cross on the sanctuary and pin your heart to the cross; pins will be provided.

November offering envelopes are available for you to list names you would like prayed for during the month. Place the envelope with your offering in the special wooden box at the back of the church.

MASSES THIS WEEK**ST THERESA'S**

Drummartin St, Albion

8.30am Wednesday

8.30am Friday Reconciliation

NO MASS 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

CUPPA AFTER MASS

Join us this Sunday after Mass for a cuppa and chat.

HEALING MASS Friday 7th November

Mass for Anointing of the Sick next Friday, 12 noon at St Theresa's Church. Our school communities from Mother of God and St Therese's will be attending. Please consider offering assistance to any ill or elderly neighbours who may need a lift.

LEGION OF MARY

Meet on Tuesday 10am at St Theresa's Church

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$717 Loose Money \$343 Presbytery \$692

COUNTERS 9th November

Team 5: J Giang, M Hua, M Azzopardi

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

St Charles Borromeo, 4 November

READINGS Today

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 27

1,4,13-14(R.1am or 13)

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

Matthew 5:1-12

Next Week

Ezekiel 47.1-2,8-9, 12

Psalm 46

1-2, 4-5, 7-8 (R.4)

1 Corinthians 3.9b-11, 16-17

John 2.13-22

ST JOSEPH'S BY THE SEA**16 Esplanade, Williamstown**

Mary MacKillop Spirituality Ministry, at St Joseph's by the Sea, Williamstown, the gentle rhythm of nature invites reflection, renewal and a deeper sense of connection to all life.

A place to gather, to stay and to encounter the sacred, nurturing body, mind and spirit through the wisdom of eco-spirituality. At the centre we offer, Reflection Days and Retreats, Conference Spaces and Accommodation.

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