
St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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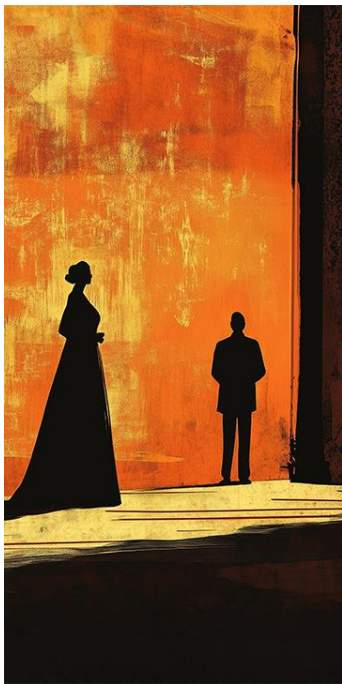
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"Do Small Things Well"

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today offer various aspects of prayer for our consideration. There is the spiritual discipline of prayer itself, which is essential to the life of the disciple: there is the communal dimension of prayer; and there is the ministerial commitment that is born of prayer. Our personal prayer must be persistent. Like Moses and the woman in the gospel reading, we must be ceaseless in our prayer, not discouraged by difficulties that we might have to face. Regardless of how strange the first reading may appear to be, it very strongly emphasises the communal dimension of prayer.



As minister of the word, Timothy is admonished to keep preaching the gospel, to keep spreading the good news, to allow the scriptures to continue to be a source of wisdom for himself and, through him, for all of the people who hear him. To have this kind of facility with Scripture requires that one enter into the deep meaning of the Scriptures and make them the basis of one's prayer. One must engage in what the monks call *lectio divina*, prayerful reflective reading of the scriptures. This practice, or spiritual discipline, gives us access to God and it also gives God access to us. It gives us the courage and the gentleness to teach, to refute, to correct. When our ministerial activity flows from prayer, it also flows from and strengthens right relationships with God and with the community. When this becomes a reality, the Son of Man will indeed find faith on earth.

St Theresa Parish Prayer

Heavenly Father, we commit ourselves to continue to grow in our faith.

Lord Jesus, in gathering in your name, we strive to be people who welcome everyone, support those in need, demonstrate compassion and respect for others.

We acknowledge our past and the land we gather on; we draw strength from the Spirit in the present; and look towards the future by continuing to develop our parish community as a place of peace and love.

Holy Spirit, through your guidance St Theresa of Lisieux became an example for us all. She devoutly practiced her faith and taught us to 'Do small things well'.

As a parish nourished by prayer, the Word, Eucharist and one another, we call on you to fill us with the wisdom to live lives that give witness to your divine plan for us.

Amen

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



A PASTORAL LETTER TO THE CATHOLICS OF VICTORIA ON EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object.

In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local

Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws. You can read the letter online and find out more via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.

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

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK 29th, 30th and 31st Oct

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.

HOLY ROSARY

Before regular Wednesday & Friday Masses each week

BENEDICTION

First Friday of the month at St Theresa's Church

LEGION OF MARY

Meet on Tuesday 10am at St Theresa's Church

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$955 Loose Money \$299 Presbytery \$581

COUNTERS 26th October

Team 3: M Azzopardi, M Camenzuli

READINGS Today

Exodus 17.8-13

Psalm 121

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

2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.2

Luke 18.1-8

Next Week

Sirach 35.15-17, 20-22

Psalm 34.

1-2, 16-17, 18+22 (R.6)

2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18

Luke 18.9-14

PREPARING FOR NOVEMBER - All Saints & All Souls Day

This year these days fall on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd November. To celebrate these special feast days, at each of the Masses over this weekend, we will be asking you to choose a coloured heart from the boxes at the back of the Church. With the marker provided, please write the name of your deceased family member or write your family name on your chosen heart. Both before and after Mass, come down to the cross on the sanctuary and pin the heart on the cross. Pins will be provided. This will be on display for the month of November. There will also be November Offering envelopes for you to write those family members you want prayed for during the month of November. The envelopes with your offering can be put in the special box at the back of the Church.

You will also be offered a candle (taper), to light and place in the sand tray, on the sanctuary after the Prayer of the Faithful. Please take one candle per family. You are invited to bring a photo of your deceased family member(s) and display it on a table on the sanctuary.

