

St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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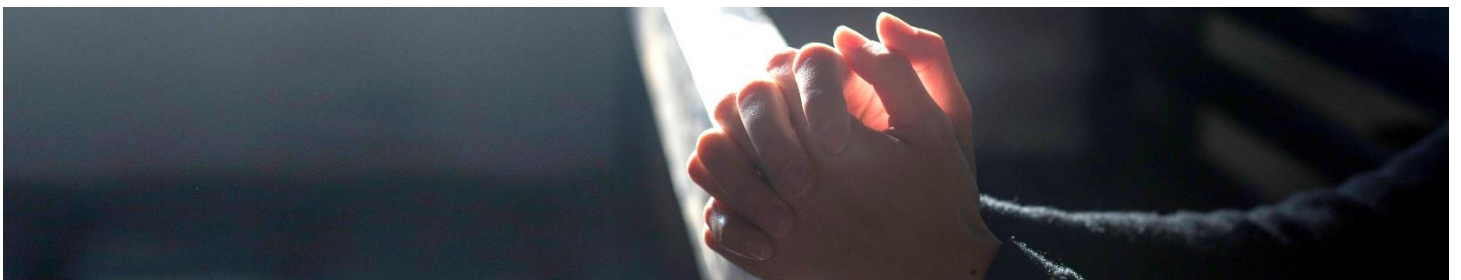
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"Do Small Things Well"

Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel passage flows on directly from last week's gospel and continues the teaching of Jesus about prayer. Whereas the preceding passage emphasised the need for persistence in prayer, this passage is about the way in which we come before God in prayer. It is the tax collector, whose simple prayer is 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner,' who goes home at rights with God. In this simple prayer, the tax collector recognises that he is not in right relationship with God and asks for God's mercy. This is a hallmark of the lowly and outcast in the gospel of Luke: they recognise their need and seek God's forgiveness and mercy. The model of faith that is depicted over and over again in this gospel is the one who recognises their need for God's loving mercy and asks for it. We are repeatedly reminded that God's mercy, forgiveness and abundant love are constantly out-flowing towards us and all we have to do is humbly desire and welcome them.

Humility is at the heart of this parable. The Pharisee is representative of those who are assured of their own rightness but who rely on comparison with others to make themselves feel righteous and justified. The actions of this man were not limited to Pharisees alone, nor are they limited to a particular time and place. This man's attitude of asserting his own faithfulness and religious observance by comparison with others can be easily seen in the world today. All faiths seem to be afflicted with these characters who assure themselves of their own 'goodness' by railing against those who are different. But, as the parable assures us, it is the humble who are exalted by God.



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





PARISH MOVIE AFTERNOON Monday 27th October, meet at 3.30pm for the 3.45pm screening of "Regretting You" at Sunshine Village Cinema, meet AnnMaree in the foyer.

PARISH DINNER Tuesday 28th October

Our next parish dinner will be at **Sunshine RSL Club** (in back room), from 6.00pm. RSVP to Mary Azzopardi or Ann-Maree by Monday.

PREPARING FOR NOVEMBER

All Souls Day



This year All Souls will be celebrated on 1st and 2nd November. At each Mass 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. Before or 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. November Offering envelopes for will be available for you to write those family members you want prayed for during the month. The envelopes with your offering can be put in the special wooden box at the back of the Church. You will be offered a candle (taper), to light and place in the sand tray, on the sanctuary at the end of Mass. 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.

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

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 this week. Please call the Parish Office to book an appointment.

ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES

Thursday 30th October, 9.00am at Mother of God. With the school community.

Friday 31st October, 9.00am at St Theresa's. With the school community.

Saturday 1st November, 10.00am at Mother of God (Polish Mass)

LEGION OF MARY

Meet on Tuesday 10am at St Theresa's Church

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$687 Loose Money \$294 Presbytery \$665

COUNTERS 2nd November

Team 4: M Poulter, A Silva, S Silva

FFEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles, 28 October

All Saints, 1 November

READINGS Today

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

Next Week

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 27

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

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

Matthew 5:1-12