

St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Breast Feeding into Heaven

The loving gaze of a mother towards her newborn simply gives rise to the obligation to feed the baby. There is no special reward for doing her motherly duty. This is how Jesus sees 'good works'. If we perceive our relationships with people correctly, then so-called 'good works' are no more than our duty and don't deserve special congratulatory access to Heaven.

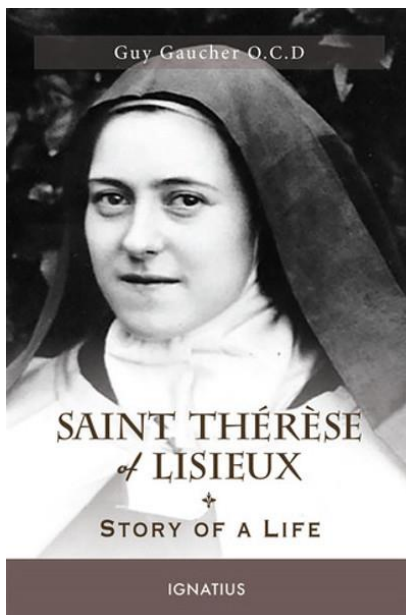
If we saw human beings as 'formed from the dust of the earth, . . . a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory' (St John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* 34.2), then that perception leads to certain ways of relating which are obliging. Like the servant in the story, we will have done no more than our duty.

Nevertheless, doing that sort of duty you and I are becoming the sort of creature who can love unreservedly. We are being readied to receive the free gift of heavenly life.

We might take a moment to pause to get our perception of human beings correct so that our response may prepare us for the free gift of heavenly life.

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Her short autobiography was written at the request of others and revealed her strong desire that all should know this truth and respond in trust no matter what their condition; sinner or saint. Her teaching has rescued convicted criminals, alcoholics and other addicts from despair as well as pointing out the simple way of trust to countless Christians.

She is the patron saint of missionaries and in 1997 was declared a Doctor (that is, an official teacher) of the Church. She is one of the most popular and best loved of all the saints. Her feast day is 1 October.

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



*"Let us pray our Parish Mission Prayer together:
We pray that St Theresa's Parish will continue to be a caring and welcoming
Christian community where everyone is respected and valued. Guided by St
Theresa of Lisieux and the Holy Spirit, we aim to be people of faith working
together to "Do small things well".*

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

BACK TO SCHOOL

A warm welcome back to last term of the year to all students and staff at our schools.

After a refreshing break we hope the rest of this school year is an enjoyable and positive experience for all.

CUPPA AFTER MASS

Join us this Sunday for a cuppa and a chat.

ESTIA HEALTH North St, Ardeer

Mass on Tuesday 7th October at 11.00am

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.

LEGION OF MARY

Meet on Tuesday 10am at St Theresa's Church

COUNTERS 12th October

Team 1: D Catania, E Catania, C Xuereb

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Our Lady of the Rosary, 7 October

READINGS Today

Habakkuk 1.2-3; 2.2-4

Psalm 95

1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 (R. 7c+8a)

2 Timothy 1.6-8, 13-14

Luke 17.5-10

Next Week

2 Kings 5.14-17

Psalm 98.1

2-3ab, 3cd-4 (R. 2b)

2 Timothy 2.8-13

Luke 17.11-19

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF)

Registrations for the Festival are officially open! Registration information, including pricing, methods of payment, terms & conditions and group types can be found via the Registration page of the ACYF website: www.acyf.org.au/registration. Group and individual registrations will be open until 30 October, unless capacity is met earlier, please visit the ACYF website for all the relevant details and to be in touch should you have any questions.



DISCOVER PALMS VOLUNTEERING

Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change!

Discover Palms International Volunteering [online](https://palms.org.au) in this special session where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Explore our [unique opportunities](https://palms.org.au) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime! Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events Date: Thursday 30 October, 7pm – 8.30pm AEDT
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