
St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

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Second Sunday of Lent



We all need a vision. Long ago, the Book of Proverbs told us that 'where there is no vision, the people perish.' When we look at the world around us, with so many wars, so much violence, such widespread hardship and numerous groups of people putting up walls against each other, we might wonder where the real leaders are to be found. On the world stage, Pope Leo XIV often seems like a lone voice for peace, justice and sanity. He points a direction based on his deep encounter with God.

Perhaps we find vision in the less well-known stories of ordinary people, some of whom we may know. This week, Project Compassion shares with us the story of young Sisilia who lives in a remote part of northern Tanzania. Her father died when she was young, and her family has faced enormous difficulty. 'Life is hard,' she says as an understatement. Your help has enabled her village to gain access to a reliable supply of safe water. What has this got to do with education? The time that Sisilia spent walking three times a day for water was having a major impact on her schooling. She now has a vision for life, one she shares with her community.

In today's readings, we hear about vision. In the book of Genesis, Abram leaves his country, his family and his father's house. He may not know quite what will happen, but he puts his faith in a call that will lead to life and abundance. He does not have a map, but he does have a vision.

We hear in the Gospel that Jesus took his closest friends to the top of a high mountain. His face shone like the sun and became 'as white as the light.' A voice from heaven said, 'this is my beloved son; listen to him.' Peter said how wonderful it was to be there, and he wanted to build a tent so they could stay. But vision is always on the move and Jesus knew that he and his friends had a hard road ahead. The transfiguration may have only lasted a few minutes, but it was clear that Jesus' friends never forgot it. Every year, we hear this story near the start of Lent because we, too, need to be inspired.

During Lent, we are also called to transfigure the world, to make a difference by uniting against poverty.



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



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.



You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes, the QR code. Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate Or by calling: 1800 024 413. **Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.**



LENTEN REFLECTION

Join our group on Saturdays during Lent, 10.30am at the Presbytery. The resource we will be using, Journey Home, will also be available to purchase for \$4.50 if you would like to reflect at your own time.

MASSES THIS WEEK

ST THERESA'S

Drummartin St, Albion

8.00am Wednesday -

Stations of the cross

8.30am Wednesday

(NO 9AM Friday Mass during Lent)

6.30pm Friday

followed by Stations of the Cross

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

Stations of the Cross

5.30pm Saturday

10.15am Sunday (Polish)

QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Holt St, Ardeer

CLOSED

RECONCILIATION

(Individual Confession)

Other times by Appointment.

POLISH LENTEN RETREAT

At Mother of God Church the Polish community will be gathering to reflect, **Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th March** from 10am – 12 noon.

FUNERAL MASS for Michael Bajada on Thursday 5th March, Time: 11am at St Theresa's Church

CHILDREN'S LITURGY DURING LENT

During the **10.30am Mass**, **Rose** will invite the children to a separate space for the **readings and Gospel**, presented in a way that is engaging and age-appropriate.

CUPPA AFTER MASS

Join us next Sunday **8th March** after Mass for a cuppa and a chat. Let us take this time to get to know one another better? Please bring a plate to share.

LEGION OF MARY

Meeting on Tuesday's, 10am at St Theresa's Church.

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$713 Loose Money \$331 Presbytery \$807

COUNTERS 8th March

Team 2: J Castasus, R Castasus, A Sanford

READINGS Today

Genesis 12.1-4

Psalms 33

4-5, 18-19, 2+22 (R.22)

2 Timothy 1.8b-10

Matthew 17.1-9

Next Week

Exodus 17.3-7

Psalms 95

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

Romans 5.1-2, 5-8

John 4.5-42

PARISH KNITTING & CROCHET GROUP

All welcome!



We are looking for interested people to either knit or crochet squares to make into Blankets; Knee warmers; Throws; Shawls; Scarves etc. The idea is to share warmth and comfort with our housebound or elderly in-care Parishioners. Knit at Home, Simple plain knitting or crochet. No pattern needed – we will need donations of 8ply wool (any colour); knitting needles, size 4.5 and crochet hooks size 4. All will be explained when we get together. Not a knitter? – Join us in sewing the squares together and or providing hospitality. Come and meet new parishioner's or neighbours! Contact Gus on 0431 423 307 or Muriel on 0424 475 490 or see them at Church after Mass.

