

# St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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*"Do Small Things Well"*

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16 Drummartin St., Albion 3020  
Principal: Rob Macklin

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Blanche St., Ardeer 3022  
Principal: Assunta Iacovino

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.



## PARISH NOTICES:

**NO MASS 9.00am - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

**All SAINTS MASSES**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**All Welcome**

Will be held 9.10am at St Theresa's (with School), and 12.00pm noon at Mother of God (with School).

**CHRISTMAS WRAP & CELLOPHANE PAPER FOR SALE**

A limited stock of 1 roll or 3-pack bundles is available for \$1.00 at both churches. Please see Mary A or Ann-Maree at St Theresa's Masses, or Gus & Jadzia at Mother of God Masses

**\*\*EXPLORE LIFE, FAITH, AND MEANING: JOIN US FOR ALPHA\*\***

Have you ever asked yourself big questions like, *"Is there more to life than this?"* or *"Who is Jesus?"* Whether you are a lifelong churchgoer, haven't stepped foot in a church in years, or are just curious, you are welcome here. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions where anyone can explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, friendly, and low-pressure environment. Each session includes light refreshment a short video, and time to share your thoughts in a small group. There is no pressure, no follow-up, and no charge. Running 4 consecutive weeks Nov/Dec

**When:** Starting Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov at **11.00am**, Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Dec and 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Where:** St Theresa's Presbytery – 17 Drummartin St, Albion

**Cost:** Free ***Come along to the first session and see if it's for you!***

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

**WEEKEND OF 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER - All Saints & All Souls Day**

*November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions. (Norms 15.7)*

As All Souls Day falls on **Monday, 2nd November**, our parish will celebrate a special Mass on Monday at St Theresa's, 9:00 am. In addition, we will combine both Feasts of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls, and celebrate during the weekend Masses of 31st October and 1st November.

During the whole month as a time dedicated to pray for all faithful departed. At the back of the Church, you'll find boxes of **COLOURED HEARTS**. Please take one and write the name of your deceased loved one—or your family name. Either before and after Mass, you are welcome to come down to the cross on the sanctuary and pin the heart to the cross. Pins will be provided. This will be on display for the month of November, so we may hold them in prayer throughout the month. There will also be **NOVEMBER OFFERING ENVELOPES** available for you to write the names of family members you wish to have prayed for. Once completed, please place your envelope—with your offering—into the **SPECIAL BOX** placed next to the cross.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November you will also be offered a candle (taper), to light and place in the sand tray, on the sanctuary after Prayer of Communion. 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 and Friday Masses each week

**FEAST DAY** Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles, 28 October**FUNERAL MASS** for Carmen Catania, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct, 11am at Mother of God

**CONGRATULATIONS** to William Dartnell on his baptism as we welcome him into our faith community.

**COMMUNION FOR THE SICK****28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CUPPA AFTER MASS**

Join us next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November after each Mass for a cuppa and a chat. Why not take this opportunity to enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners, and get to know one another better? Please bring a plate to share.

**ALL SOULS DAY MASS.....Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Please join the parish on **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November** for the celebration of **All Souls Day Mass, 9:00am at St Theresa's.**

**COLLECTIONS RECEIVED**

Thanksgiving \$625 Loose Money \$333 Presbytery \$755

**COUNTERS 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Team 1: D Catania, E Catania, C Xuereb

**READINGS Today**

Exodus 22.21-27

Psalm 18.

1-2,3+6b,46+50ab (R.1)

1 Thessalonians 1.5c-10

Matthew 22.34-40

**Next Week**

Malachi 1.14-22,8-10

Psalm 131.

1,2,3 (R.see 2)

1 Thessalonians 2.7-9,13

Matthew 23.1-12

**Next Week Commentators/Readers****1<sup>st</sup> November**

| MASSES      | 5.30pm MoG | 9.00am QoH  | 10.30am ST T |
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| Commentator | A Zahra    | M Azzopardi | D Bracchio   |
| Readers     | Fill In    | V Ventura   | R Raniolo    |

