
St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

Dear Parishioners,

This Easter, we arrive carrying the weight of a world in turmoil – wars, uncertainty, and grief – yet we proclaim with unshakeable joy: HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA. The

Resurrection was never meant for peaceful times; it broke through darkness, fear, and despair two thousand years ago, and it breaks through ours today. To the grieving, the doubting, the exhausted, and the quietly faithful – Christ came to all of them then, and He comes to all of us now. Easter is not a call to pretend the pain isn't real; it is the bold insistence that love is stronger than death, that no suffering is the final chapter, and that every single act of kindness, forgiveness, and courage we offer this broken world is a flame of the Resurrection burning bright. From one small flame, a thousand candles are lit. Let Us Be That

Light.. HAPPY EASTER – ALLELUIA

Fr Dixon George Kuriappilly IVDei

EASTER SUNDAY

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4 & 5 April

2026

CARITAS AUSTRALIA Project Compassion

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

Together, we are Uniting Against Poverty and walking alongside vulnerable communities as they build stronger, more sustainable futures.



MASSES THIS WEEK

ST THERESA'S

Drummartin St, Albion

NO MASS 8.30am Wednesday

NO MASS 9.00am Friday

8.30am Sunday Reconciliation

9.00am Sunday

10.30am Sunday

MOTHER OF GOD

Blanche St, Ardeer

10.15am Easter Monday (Polish)

10.00am Wednesday (Polish)

NO MASS 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.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Enjoy the break, relax and rest to all our students their families and school staff.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During the **10.30am Mass**, **Rose** will invite the children to a separate space for the readings and Gospel.

PARISH FOOD BANK

We are in need of a few items to make up our food parcels. If you are able pasta/spaghetti, oil and passata would be a great help. Thank you for your generosity.

BENEDICTION

First Friday of each month at St Theresa's Church

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$ Loose Money \$ Presbytery \$

COUNTERS 12th April

Team 2: J Castasus, R Castasus, M Azzopardi

READINGS Today

Acts 10.34a,36-43++

Psalms 118

1-2,16-17,22-23, (R.24)

Colossians 3.1-4

John 20.1-18++

Next Week

Acts 2.42-47

Psalms 118

2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (R.1)

1 Peter 1.3-9

John 20.19-31

PHILIP BARBARA'S 90TH BIRTHDAY



We joyfully congratulate Philip Barbara as he celebrates his 90th birthday — a remarkable milestone for someone who has given so much to our parish community.

Philip has been a huge contributor over many years, offering his time, dedication, and generous spirit in ways that have strengthened and supported our parish family. His commitment has been a true blessing.

We wish Philip a wonderful day of celebration surrounded by his family and friends, and from all of us at the Parish, we extend our heartfelt prayers and warmest wishes for many more happy and healthy years to come.

FAREWELL WISHES



Jean Brennan's (Parish Secretary) farewell Mass will be on Sunday May 3rd and last day will be Friday 24th April.

Jean has been working with St Theresa's Parish for over 30 years and she has dedicated her time to our parish. We thank Jean greatly for her commitment over this time, kindness and friendship.

We look forward to celebrating her time with us at her farewell mass and invite all

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

(THE THREE DAYS OF EASTER)



St. Theresa's Parish Albion
'Do Small Things Well'

THE THREE DAYS OF EASTER

The Easter Triduum is the Three days of Easter—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Although this may seem like four days, they are really only three because they are counted in the way that the Jewish people counted the days, that is from sunset to sunset. The Easter Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. From Thursday evening to Friday evening is the First Day, Friday evening to Saturday evening is the Second Day and Saturday evening to Sunday evening is the Third Day.

The Archbishop blesses the oils during the Mass of Chrism. There are three oils: Oil of the Sick, Oil of the Catechumen and Oil of Chrism. These oils are then given to all the parishes in the Archdiocese of Melbourne including our own parish at Albion, they are used to anoint the sick and dying, for baptisms and confirmations.



HOLY THURSDAY – Mass of the Lord's Supper

This Mass should begin after sunset and should be the only Mass of the day. At St Theresa's it begins at 7.00 pm in St Theresa's Church.

In the First Reading from the Book of Exodus, we hear the directions on how the Jewish people were to keep the Passover as a remembrance and to celebrate it as a feast in honour of the Lord for all generations.



In the Second Reading St Paul reminds the Corinthians and therefore each one of us that, “every time we eat this bread and drink this cup” we are proclaiming the death of the Lord Jesus.

In the Gospel we hear how the Lord and his beloved disciples gathered around the Eucharistic table. But Jesus came to serve, not to be waited upon. This is clearly demonstrated by Jesus kneeling and washing the apostle's feet.

After the homily, a group of parishioners, representing everyone gathered at this Mass, will have their feet washed by the Priest, as an example of the service shown to us by Jesus. Jesus calls each of us to serve, and to learn true humility from him. Our involvement in all this will be reinforced after the



Washing of the Feet when we, the people, will be asked to call God's Blessing on the priest and all his work.

The Holy Oils are solemnly carried in Procession as the Prayers of the Faithful are read. This public reception of the Oils is a sign of our bond with the Bishop on this special evening when we are so aware that we are the Church.

The Mass does not ‘end’; instead the Blessed Sacrament will be carried to the Altar of Repose—not as a joyous procession, but rather in a quiet, reverent mood as the TRIDUUM moves into its next phase—a time of watchfulness, quiet prayer, reflection and peace.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose, which we have at the side of the Sanctuary. We are invited to spend some time there in prayer and reflection.

GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross Walk - 10.30 am

In this celebration we remember, through the scriptures, Jesus' journey to his death on the Cross.

The walk begins outside Queen of Heaven Church, Holt Street, and continues to Mother of God Church, Blanche Street



Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3.00 pm at Mother of God Church

We gather on this afternoon, as Christians have done since the earliest days of the Church, not to mourn the death of Jesus, but to celebrate the triumph of the cross. The liturgy brings the power and effect of Good Friday into our lives in a very real way.

The vestments are red in honour of the victory, which gives all martyrdom and death its meaning. The Priest, in a centuries-old gesture, lies prostrate before the altar, while everyone kneels.

The cross is a paradox. Jesus prays to accept the cup of suffering yet cries out to God to save him. Though humiliated, he is glorified by God. By accepting death, Jesus makes a supreme affirmation of life. The celebration is hope-filled. The cross is the focal point; it is placed before us for veneration as the means of our redemption.

In the Liturgy of the Word, the Passion of the Lord is proclaimed in the Gospel. In our parish, the General Intercessions are the traditional ones from our missal which have been used for hundreds of years.

We then move to the veneration of the Cross where everyone has the opportunity to touch or kiss the cross.

An annual collection for Holy Places will be taken up after the veneration of the Cross.

After this we have the Communion Rite which begins with the Lord's Prayer. The bread (hosts) consecrated at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the previous evening, is distributed to the faithful.

Once again we depart in silence as we reflect on what we have experienced today.

EASTER VIGIL

The Easter Vigil brings us to the heart of our Faith. It begins at 7.00 pm in the school yard at St Theresa's Church with the SERVICE OF LIGHT where the fire is lit and blessed and from which the Paschal Candle is lit. The Paschal Candle is carried in procession into the darkened church representing the light of Christ to all. We are invited to light our candles from the Paschal Candle as we sing a hymn of praise to Christ, our light.



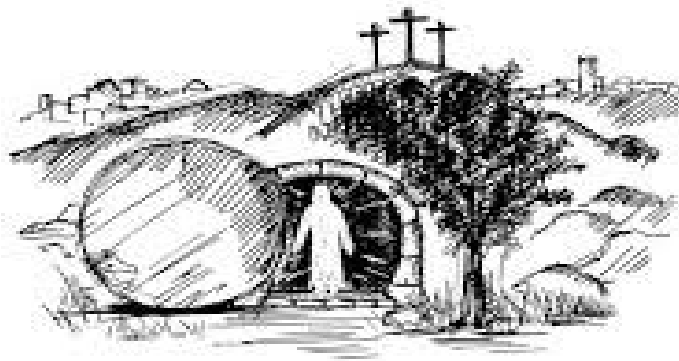
In the LITURGY OF THE WORD the Church meditates on all the wonderful things God has done for us from the beginning. There are seven Old Testament readings to choose from, in our parish five are proclaimed, the first is the story of creation from the Book of Genesis, the second is from the Book of Exodus that tells the story of the liberation of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt (this reading **MUST** be proclaimed), the third is from the Prophet Isaiah where he proclaims the good news that despite the turmoil around us, we are embraced by God, the fourth is from the Prophet Ezekiel and proclaims the promise that God will give the Israelites a new heart and spirit, they will be His people and He will be their God. At this point the lights are turned on and the GLORIA is sung with the ringing of bells. Then we have two New Testament Readings, the first is Paul's letter to the Romans where he reminds us why we have come together this night—we remember and celebrate that God's countless promises of life have, indeed, been fulfilled. The second, of course is the Gospel. We are told once again the good news that Jesus' tomb was found empty because - "He is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!"

The LITURGY OF BAPTISM is the climax of the Vigil and the whole TRIDUUM. The baptismal waters are blessed and the whole assembly is called upon to join with the candidates for baptism in declaring our Faith, renouncing sin, and being reborn in the life of Christ. The catechumens in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A), who have been preparing for so long for this day, are baptised and welcomed fully into the spiritual life of our community.

With great joy and thanksgiving we enter into the EUCHARIST of the Mass which brings the great hope of our redemption—our Salvation!

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday is both the final hours of the TRIDUUM and the first of the great Fifty days of Eastertide which conclude at Pentecost. It continues the Easter message as is symbolised by the burning Paschal Candle.



In our parish we have two morning Masses at 9.00 am and 10.30 a m. at St Theresa's Church. At these Masses the Good News is proclaimed: Jesus is Risen and lives forever, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

