

St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

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The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from

outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test, we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.



St THERESA'S PARISH 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday 4th October



Bookings can be made via the link or QR code: <https://www.trybooking.com/DOMMI>
RSVP by 20th September. If you need assistance, please contact the PLT member in your part of the parish: **Hang, Gus Sutherland, Ann Maree Sanford, Muriel Alexander and Rose Raniolo.** Thank you for helping us celebrate this milestone and the beautiful story of St Theresa's.

PRAYER SERVICE OF LAMENT

Tuesday, 15 September

All parishioners are invited to join the annual Prayer Service of Lament for survivors of abuse, led by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli. The service will be held on **Tuesday, 15 September 2026, at 4:00pm in the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne**, coinciding with the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. This is a time for our community to stand in solidarity with survivors and their loved ones, offering prayer, reflection, and support.

Let us unite in prayer for healing, justice, and ongoing conversion within our Church.

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

ARCHBISHOP CAMPAIGN**Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2026 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese.

Please return envelopes to Mass or Parish office as soon as possible.

FATHER'S DAY MASS – St Theresa's Friday 4th September

A special **Father's Day Mass** will be celebrated at **9.10am on Friday, 4 September** at St Theresa's Church, together with St Theresa's School and our parish community. All are warmly welcome.

PARISH KNITTING GROUP - meeting Next Thursday 27th August, 9.30 at the Presbytery.

SYNOD FORMS - to be returned to Muriel or Gus by Sunday 23rd August or respond via website for feedback. <https://melbcath.org/synod-missionaryleadership>

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

BENEDICTION

First Friday of the month at St Theresa's Church

FEAST DAYS

St Bartholomew, 24 August

St Monica, 27 August

St Augustine, 28 August

The Passion of St John the Baptist, 29 August

NO WEEK DAY MASSES DURING AUGUST

Please note that weekday Masses will **NOT** be celebrated during this time. Reconciliation remains available as normal on Saturday and Sunday.

FOOD BANK.... Thank You

Thank you to all who have generously contributed to our Parish Foodbank Cupboard. The shelves are now fully replenished, and we do not require further donations at this stage. Your ongoing support continues to be a real blessing.

FATHER'S DAY Sunday 6th September

As Father's Day approaches, we warmly invite you to bring a **PHOTO** of a special father/granddad to Mass on that weekend. After each Mass, we will hold a short Prayer Service to honour and give thanks for the fathers, grandfathers, and father-figures who have blessed our lives and our parish community.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL – Names for the Deceased
During August, all names for inclusion in the Prayer of the Faithful must be submitted by **Tuesday** of each week.

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$546 Loose Money \$366 Presbytery \$688

COUNTERS 30th August

Team 2: J Castasus, R Castasus, AM Sanford

READINGS Today

Isaiah 22.15,19-23

Psalms 138.

1-2a, 2b-3, 6+8b (R.8b)

Romans 11.33-36

Matthew 16.13-20

Next Week

Jeremiah 20.7-9

Psalms 63.

1,2-3,4-5,7-8 (R.1a)

Romans 12.1-2

Matthew 16.21-27

Next Week Commentators/Readers 30th August

MASSES	5.30pm MoG	9.00am QoH	10.30am ST T
Commentator	A Zahra	M Azzopardi	S Perera
Readers	R Dantas	V Ventura	D Hoskins

