*St. Theresa’s Parish Community Newsletter*



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*“Do Small Things Well”*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Year A 22 & 23 April 2023

SAINT COLUMBAN’S MISSION SOCIETY

Dear Parishioners of Saint Theresa’s parish in Albion and Mother of God and Queen of Heaven communities in Ardeer, I am Fr. George Hogarty, a Columban Missionary who has worked in South Korea in Asia and in both Chile and Peru in South America. On the weekend of the 29th & 30th of April 2023, I will be sharing some of my experience of the Missionary Society of Saint Columban, I look forward to seeing you in the Saturday and Sunday masses for the weekend of the 29th & the 30th April 2023.

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| MASSES THIS WEEK ST THERESA’SDrummartin St, AlbionNO MASS 9.00am Friday10.30am SundayMOTHER OF GODBlanche St, Ardeer10.00am Wednesday (Pol) 9.00am Thursday 6.00pm Friday (Polish) 5.30pm Saturday10.15am Sunday (Polish)QUEEN OF HEAVENHolt St, Ardeer  8.00am Wednesday 9.00am Sunday |  | THANK YOU to all who donated to Project Compassion.We have received $2,153. Please return any boxes or envelopes as soon as you can. CHRIST’S CATHOLIC COMMUNITYPrayer Group meets every Thursday, 7.00 - 8.30pm, at Queen of Heaven Church. All are welcomeCOLLECTIONS RECEIVEDThanksgiving $1021 Loose Money $448 Presbytery $595 Easter Offering $538COUNTERS 30th April Team 2: M Azzopardi, M CamenzuliREADINGS *Today Next Week**Acts 2.14,22b-28 Acts 2.14a,36b-41**Ps 16.1-2+5,7-8,9-10,11 (R.11) Ps 23.1-3a,3b-4,5,6 (R.1)**1 Peter 1.17-21 1 Peter 2.20b-25**Luke 24.13-35 John 10.1-10* |

PARISH MOVIE MORNING Mon 24th April 10.15am, Sunshine Village Cinema, Tickets $9. Film is “Air” (Michael Jordan – Nike Shoes) Please RSVP Ann-Maree 0401192079 by 23rd April

ESTIA HEALTH Do you need some respite Aged Care?

Estia Health Ardeer has current availability for respite, please call me to set up a time to have a look at our lovely home, Gabrielle 0419 336 841. 30 North St, Ardeer 9360 4552.

JOSEPH’S CORNER - CELEBRATING 23 YEARS IN THE WEST

Please join us for High Tea on Sunday 21st May 2023, Time: 2-5pm at Mount St. Joseph College

133 Maidstone St, Altona. Ticket includes a selection of classic High Tea favourites including savouries and sweets with a cup of tea or coffee. Dietary Requirements will be catered for $35pp

*RSVP by Friday 12th May Ph: 9315 2680*

CAROLINE CHISOLM CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY Sunday 21st May 11am-2pm

Caroline Chisolm Catholic College, Churchill Avenue, Braybrook or ph: (03) 9296 5311. We look forward to seeing you at our College Open Day!

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

EMMAUS

Their backs were turned to Jerusalem

the memories of that Friday too bitter

there was nothing to hold them now.

They had hoped –

even that was cause for sour taste.

They'd given him their time

left villages and families to follow;

and what hurt most

they'd given him their hearts.

His words were strange

but they had known his friendship

and learned to trust

even to love.

But now!

They walked on

and he joined them.

The dry dust of their journey

and their hearts

clouded their vision.

Weighed down with loss, betrayal, fear

they did not see

he travelled with them.

Even when he spoke

recalling a history

they still did not perceive.

Their blind journey continued to Emmaus

and could have gone beyond

but for a word –

a simple shattering word of invitation.

‘Stay with us. The darkness is upon us.’

And in the shared darkness

their eyes were opened

and their broken hearts healed.

In memory of him became Eucharist

and life to be shared with others.

Surely this is Easter –

not once

a past event

but in the darkness of our journey

finding a God

walking the dark ways with us

into dawn.