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*St. Theresa’s Parish Community Newsletter*

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*“Do Small Things Well”*

SEVENTH Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 18 & 19 February 2023

ANNUAL CHAPLAINCY APPEAL Thank you to those who supported this Appeal. Last weekend, we conducted the annual Pastoral Care Appeal in our parish. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a witness to our faith. If you still wish to donate visit www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

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| MASSES THIS WEEK  ST THERESA’S  Drummartin St, Albion  9.10am ASH Wednesday  9.00am Friday  10.30am Sunday  MOTHER OF GOD  Blanche St, Ardeer  10.00am ASH Wed (Pol)  2.15pm ASH Wednesday  9.00am Thursday  6.00pm Friday (Polish)  5.30pm Saturday  10.15am Sunday (Polish)  QUEEN OF HEAVEN  Holt St, Ardeer  7.30pm ASH Wednesday  9.00am Sunday |  | RECONCILIATION (Individual Confession)  Saturday 25th February, 10.00am at Mother of God.  BURNING OF PALMS  Today after each Mass we will burn the Palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday  CHRIST’S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  Prayer Group meets every Thursday, 7pm - 8.30pm at Queen of Heaven Church. All are welcome  COLLECTIONS RECEIVED  Thanksgiving $696 Loose Money $455 Presbytery $465  COUNTERS 26th Feb Team 1: D Catania, E Catania, C Xuereb  READINGS *Today Next Week*  *Leviticus 19.1-2,17-18 Genesis2.7-9,16-18,25;3.1-7++*  *Ps 103.1-2,3-4,8+10,12-13 (R8) Ps 51.1-2,3-4a,10-11,12+15 (R1)*  *1 Corinthians 3.16-23 Romans 5.12-19*  *Matthew 5.38-48 Matthew 4.1-11* |

TURKEY AND SYRIA TRAGEDY A special collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

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CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION Sunday 5th March at 3.30pm at St Patrick’s Cathedral. The celebration is open to all and we particularly invite any past students of Catholic Theological College. *Guest Speaker Dr Graeme Blackman AO.* Enq: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or Ph 9412 3333

PARISH MOVIE MORNING Mon 27th Feb 10.00am. Sunshine Village Cinema. Tickets $9. No RSVP

PROJECT COMPASSION. All parishioners please pick up a box or set of envelopes today

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Seventh Sunday of the Year

Project Compassion Sunday

Yes is a wonderful word but it can be misused. People who live in fear often feel compelled to say yes because they are too frightened to say anything else. Even people who take on too much might find themselves getting tangled up because they feel they have to say yes to everything. Saying no might actually be a more genuine form of yes. Perhaps you need to say no to the expectations of others in order to truly say yes to life and to God. Scripture is full of people whose yes to God was confusing to others.

Today’s readings ask us to think about the word yes. In the reading from the Book of Leviticus, we are asked to say yes to our neighbour. The reading from the letter to the Corinthians says that the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. Our faith means saying yes to a very different approach to life. Finally, in Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus tells us to forget about revenge, to stop our dog-eat-dog mentality, and to say yes to forgiveness and generosity. Indeed, we have to say yes to our enemies.

These are great readings to take with us into Lent, which starts this week with Ash Wednesday. Lent is the time of year during which we journey with Jesus towards the great yes he said with his whole being when he died on the cross. Jesus was prepared to say yes to his father, yes to life even if it meant death.

Lent is a time when we support the work of Caritas Australia in a special way through Project Compassion. Caritas Australia helps to empower some of our most marginal sisters and brothers; it embraces some demanding situations because it says yes to our neighbours.

The theme for Project Compassion is For All Future Generations. This year, that theme asks us to think about the great yes that Mary said when the angel told her that she was to become the mother of Jesus. She freely accepted a unique place in the history of the human family.

The great prayer she shared with her cousin Elizabeth, says ‘all generations will call me blessed.’ Her 'yes' is For All Future Generations. Hopefully, ours can be the same.

A Prayer for Lent

God of all generations,

We thank you for those who have gone before us,

especially those who have cared for your earth and

who inspire us to help respect your creation

and contribute to its healing.

We thank you for those with whom we share our lives today,

especially those who work for justice and peace.

May we welcome the opportunity that Lent brings

to walk more closely with you,

especially through fasting, almsgiving and prayer.

We thank you for the challenge of the future.

May the cross of Jesus remind us that only love finds the way forward.

As we work with big hearts, may we join with Mary in her hope

that from now on all generations will experience

the great things you will do through us.

We ask this in Jesus’ name.

Amen.

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