*St. Theresa’s Parish Community Newsletter*



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*“Do Small Things Well”*

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 15 & 16 July 2023

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| MASSES THIS WEEK  ST THERESA’S  Drummartin St, Albion  9.00am Friday  10.30am Sunday  MOTHER OF GOD  Blanche St, Ardeer  10.00am Wednesday (Pol)  NO MASS 9.00am Thurs  6.00pm Friday (Polish)  5.30pm Saturday  10.15am Sunday (Polish)  QUEEN OF HEAVEN  Holt St, Ardeer  8.00am Wednesday  9.00am Sunday  RECONCILIATION (Individual Confession)  Saturday 22nd July 10.00am at Mother of God |  | FUNERAL MASS For Caterina Campese on Thursday 20th July 9.30am at Queen of Heaven. Rosary 6.30pm Wednesday night.  PROJECT COMPASSION Receipts are available for those who requested one.  NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES  If you haven’t collected your envelopes PLEASE do so, at the back  of the Church.  COLLECTIONS RECEIVED  Thanksgiving $736 Loose Money $412 Presbytery $465  COUNTERS 23rd July  Team 2: M Azzopardi, M Camenzuli  FEAST DAYS  St Mary Magdalen, 22 July  READINGS *Today Next Week*  *Isaiah 55.10-11 Wisdom 12.13,16-19*  *Ps 65.9abcd,9e-10,11-12,13 Ps 86.5-6,9-10, 15-16 (R.5)*  *Romans 8.18-23 Romans 8.26-27*  *Matthew 13.1-23 Matthew13.24-43* |

ST JOSEPH’S BY THE SEA 16 Esplanade, Williamstown

*Treasuring our later Years* 5 days of reflections over the month of August, Wednesdays 10am-12.30pm Cost $20 per session

*“Treasuring our later years is a focus on how old age enlightens – we come with a wealth of experiences to treasure and to share with others. We are also opened to new opportunities, to come alive in new ways.* RSVP 2 days before on 9397 6012 for all sessions

DONATED CLOTHING A few winter jackets (kid’s sizes 7 & 8, ladies jumpers large and a blanket) have been donated to the parish. If there is anyone in need please visit the Parish Office Tuesday or Thursday this week between 9 -2pm

FOOD BANK *Thank you very much to St Theresa’s School Community and for their generosity which has restocked our food bank.*

The food cupboard is well stocked if anyone in the Parish is in need, please feel free to come and visit our Office

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.

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

Reflection

An extract from the letter of the Vicar General, Father Joe Caddy

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