*St. Theresa’s Parish Community Newsletter*



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*“Do Small Things Well”*

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THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER Year B 13 & 14 April 2024

A CHANGE TO RECONCILIATION TIMES

We have had reconciliation three times a month, once at each church. From next week there will be an opportunity at each church, each week.

Friday 8.30am at St Theresa’s

Saturday 5.00pm at Mother of God

Sunday 8.30am at Queen of Heaven

Or by Appointment on Saturday mornings, (ring the Parish Office).

PARISH DINNER Wednesday 24th April 6pm at Sunshine RSL, Dickson St Sunshine. Please call Ann-Maree 0401 192 079 or Mary A 0418 308 843.

PARISH MOVIE MORNING Monday 29th April, meet at 'Sunshine Village Cinema' 10am, $10 entry, details to be confirmed, enquire with Ann-Maree 0401 192 079

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| MASSES THIS WEEK ST THERESA’SDrummartin St, Albion 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 |  | CLEANERS REQUIREDPeople are needed for a cleaning roster at Mother of God, please contact parish office 9311 3091.COLLECTIONS RECEIVEDThanksgiving $811 Loose Money $256 Presbytery $645 Easter Offering $77?\**Please NOTE Easter offering amounts seem to have been counted into the Presbytery Collection*. PROJECT COMPASSION THANK YOUOur Parish has raised $2371 to support Caritas Australia. Thank you to all who have given so generously. Returning any Envelopes or Boxes as soon as you can would be appreciated.COUNTERS 21st April Team 4: M Poulter, J CamilleriREADINGS Today Next WeekActs 3.13-15,17-19 Act 4.7-12Ps 4.1,3,6,8 (R.6b) Ps 118.1+8-9,21-23,26+28-29 (R.22)1 John 2.1-5 1 John 3.1-2Luke 24.35-48 John 10.11-18 |

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ANNUAL SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY

The annual Seminary Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College will be held on Saturday May 19, if anyone is interested, please contact the Parish office 9311 3091.

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

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Reflecting on this Gospel passage, Pope Francis draws our attention to the three key verbs: look, touch, and eat.

‘To look is not only to see,’ the Pope points out, adding that ‘it is more; it also involves intention, will.’ When Jesus asks the disciples to look at his hands and feet, therefore, he is not only offering visual proof of identity. Rather, Jesus is inviting his disciples to look at his wounded limbs as ‘a first step against indifference, against the temptation to look the other way before the difficulties and sufferings of others.’ Jesus’ wounds are still present for those with the courage to look at them.

Similarly, Jesus’ invitation to the disciples to confirm his presence by touch has a teaching element too. ‘By inviting the disciples to touch him,’ the Pope suggests, ‘Jesus indicates to them and to us that the relationship with him and with our brothers and sisters cannot remain “at a distance”.’ Having seen the wounds, we must be close to the wounded.



Finally, by eating with his disciples Jesus again did more than prove he was physically present at that specific moment. As the Pope points out, ‘eating, when we do so together, among family or friends … becomes an expression of love, and expression of communion.’

Once again, the Gospel suggests Jesus’ action had a deeper meaning about Jesus’ continuing presence among his followers. As St Augustine said of the Eucharist, we become what we consume, which means something truly amazing: The Risen Jesus still eats with us!