*St. Theresa’s Parish Community Newsletter*



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*“Do Small Things Well”*

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B 27 & 28 January 2024

Dear Parishioners,

The Leadership team invites you to farewell Fr Barry after 39 years of service to our parish.

Date: Sunday 25th February

Location: St Theresa’s School Multipurpose Room

Time: Midday onwards for a shared lunch

Please RSVP and advise your Parish contact with dish to be provided (either main or dessert) by 18th February.

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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 SundayCHRIST’S CATHOLIC COMMUNITYPrayer Group meets every Thursday, 7.00 - 8.30pm, at Queen of Heaven Church. All are welcome |  | CUPPA AFTER MASS Join us next weekend (3rd & 4th Feb) after each Mass for a cuppa and a chat. Why not take this opportunity to enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners, and get to know one another better? Share your Christmas, New Year’s and summer holiday stories and you’re hopes for the coming year! Please bring a plate of food to share. VOLUNTEERS NEEDEDVolunteers needed for Reader/Commentators at Mother of God, Counters and Cleaners for the Churches. Any extra volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Call the Parish Office.COLLECTIONS RECEIVEDThanksgiving $649 Loose Money $248 Presbytery $628 COUNTERS 4th February  Team 3: M Azzopardi, M CamenzuliFEAST DAYSSt John Bosco, 31 JanuaryThe Presentation of the Lord, 2 FebruaryREADINGS Today Next WeekDeuteronomy 18.15-20 Job 7.1-4,6-7Ps 95.1-2,6-7ab,7c-9 (R7c+8a) Ps 147.1-2,3-4,5-6 (R.1a,3)1 Corinthians 7.17,32-35 1 Corinthians 9.16-19,22-23Mark 1.21-28 Mark 1.29-39 |

PARISH CARAVAN, Safety Beach / Dromana

If you would like to use our Parish Caravan, please call the Parish Office on 9311 3091 to book. It sleeps up to six (very cosy) and costs $60 per night. The weather may warm up in February…

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

Leadership Team Monthly Report – December 2023

The Parish Leadership Team met for the last time this year. Throughout the year we have been working on a Vision and Mission statement for our parish that reflects the key characteristics of who we are, what we want to portray to our community and to new parishioners who come into our parish, and how we will hope to enact our mission.

Back in October, we enlisted your help by asking you to respond to a questionnaire. Using your responses, this is what we have written as our Vision and Mission for St Theresa’s Parish. We would encourage everyone to read and reflect on it and would welcome any feedback about it.

OUR VISION

St Theresa’s is a caring and welcoming Christian community where everyone is respected and valued.

Guided by St Theresa of Lisieux and the Holy Spirit, we aim to be people of faith working together to “Do small things well”.

OUR MISSION

We enact our mission by:

* Being a welcoming community where everyone has a deep sense of belonging.
* Being inspired by Jesus Christ to reach out to one another and to the world around us by sharing our love of God.
* Celebrating prayerful and vibrant liturgies.
* Providing opportunities for people to develop their faith and share their gifts and talents.
* Fostering togetherness, care and support as friends.
* Identifying and providing for those in need.
* Promoting a shared leadership that supports the ongoing vibrancy and vitality of the parish community.

We hope to publish this Vision and Mission in our Parish Handbook and website soon.

Wishing everyone a very blessed and safe Christmas and New Year. Muriel on behalf of the Parish Leadership Team.

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“God doesn’t love you because you are good.

God loves you because God is good”

(A quote from “The Divine Dance” by Richard Rohr, Franciscan priest)