

**PARISH DINNER**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Our next parish dinner will be at Deer Park Club, 780 Ballarat Rd, Deer Park, at 5.30pm. RSVP to Mary Azzopardi or Ann-Maree by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**MASSES THIS WEEK****ST THERESA'S**

Drummartin St, Albion  
8.30AM Friday Reconciliation  
9am Friday  
10.30am Sunday

**MOTHER OF GOD**

Blanche St, Ardeer  
10am Wednesday (Pol)  
9am Thursday  
6pm Friday (Polish)  
5pm Saturday Reconciliation  
5.30pm Saturday  
10.15am Sunday (Polish)

**QUEEN OF HEAVEN**

Holt St, Ardeer  
8.00am Wednesday  
8.30am Sunday Reconciliation  
9.00am Sunday

**RECONCILIATION**

*(Individual Confession) other times by Appointment*

**HOLY ROSARY**

Before Wednesday & Friday  
Masses each week.

**BENEDICTION**

First Friday of each month at St Theresa's Church.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Lana Sy on her baptism as we welcome her into our faith community.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Warm wishes to all the children and staff at St Theresa's and Mother of God primary Schools. Be safe, relax and enjoy your time away from School and we look forward to your return in term 3 😊

**CUPPA AFTER MASS**

Join us next weekend, 6, 7 July 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? Please bring a plate to share.

**CHRIST'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

Prayer Group meets every Thursday, 7.00 - 8.30pm, at Queen of Heaven Church. All are welcome

**COLLECTIONS RECEIVED**

Thanksgiving \$723    Loose Money \$299    Presbytery \$632

**COUNTERS    7<sup>th</sup> July**

Team 5: M Buhagiar, J Zammit  
(Miss print last week, should've been Mary & Joanne)

**FEAST DAYS**

St Thomas, Apostle, 3<sup>rd</sup> July

**READINGS    Today**

Wisdom 1.13-15;2.23-24  
Ps 30.  
1+3, 4-5,10+11a+12b (R.1a)  
2 Corinthians 8.7,9,13-15  
Mark 5.21-24,35-43

**Next Week**

Ezekiel 2.2-5  
Ps 123  
1-2a,2b,3-4, (R.2)  
2 Corinthians 12.7-10  
Mark 6.1-6

**PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL****THANK YOU**

On behalf of the Church in Mongolia, and people like Chuluunbaatar, we would like to again thank you for your generosity. **Your gift of \$1019 is already working towards programs like the House of Mercy, which will support people that have been affected by homelessness and domestic violence.** To learn more please visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work).

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY    7<sup>th</sup> July**

Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 11am.

**PALMS DISCOVERY INFORMATION SESSION****11<sup>th</sup> July**

Have you thought about Wanting to share your skills to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions while living authentically in another culture?

Come to Palms' [Discovery information session](#) at Altona on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 5.30pm to 6.30pm at Mary Help of Christians Church Hall, 97 Railway St, Nth Sunshine. Meet Soraya and returned Palms participants to discover more about [Assignments Aboard](#). To book please call 0422 472567.

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

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# St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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Blanche St., Ardeer 3022  
Principal: Assunta Iacovino

*"Do Small Things Well"*

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## REFLECTION On the Gospel by Nick Brodie

Reflecting on this Gospel passage, Pope Francis points out that the key protagonists are not disciples of Jesus in the strict sense of the term. They are drawn to him. They reach out to him for help. They are followers, of a sort, but not yet fully-fledged disciples. Nonetheless, it was with such people open to faith that Jesus worked miracles. As the Pope suggests, these protagonists 'show Jesus as the wellspring of life, as the One who restores life to those who trust fully in him.'

'From this,' the Pope affirms, 'we understand that all are permitted on the Lord's path.' The Pope reminds us that 'no one should feel as an intruder, an interloper or one who has no right.' Our parishes therefore should always be places of welcome and inclusion. 'To have access to His heart,' the Pope says, 'there is only one requirement: to feel in need of healing and to entrust yourself to Him.' That is true for us, and true for those who wish to join us.

The Pope wants us to remember that Jesus 'has brought us the infinite mercy of the Father' and that we 'are called to learn and imitate' him. With our words, our gazes, our actions, and our attitudes, we are called to welcome and nurture the gift of faith wherever we might find it.

## LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP PETER COMENSOLI

Dear Bishops, Fathers, Deacons and God's People of Melbourne Archdiocese,

My prayerful greetings to you in the Lord.

Following the joyful news of Fr Joe Caddy's appointment as Bishop-elect for the Diocese of Cairns, I now have the pleasure to share with you the appointment of **Very Rev Anthony (Tony) Kerin EV JCL**, currently Episcopal Vicar for the Eastern Region; Episcopal Vicar for Life, Marriage and Family; and Parish Priest of Box Hill, as the new Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, commencing in the role, 5 August 2024.

As you would well understand, the role of Vicar General is both complex and challenging. It requires professionalism and diligence, and a strong pastoral heart. The position is also a critical one in support of my own leadership, and I believe Fr Tony will bring many gifts and more in offering guidance, wisdom and support to our Clergy and parishes.

There will be further considerations to make around obligations of the role, and various Parish appointments—which will be made in due course.

I wish to share that I am deeply grateful for Fr Tony's willingness and generosity to step into this Office, and ask that we keep both Fr Tony, and of course Fr Joe, in our prayers as these new journeys begin.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,  
Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli  
Archbishop of Melbourne