# St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

Year B 18 & 19 May 2024

# COMMISSIONING and BLESSING OF PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The feast of Pentecost marks the beginning of the apostles' mission to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Commissioning parish leadership team on this day serves as a reminder of their role in continuing this mission, revitalizing their commitment to serving God and His people and their reliance on the Holy Spirit for guidance, wisdom, and strength in their roles.

We also remember the vast number of people in our parish who volunteer their time, talents, and care in a wide variety of areas. So, on this great feast day may we keep them all in our prayers.

#### 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 8am Wednesday 8.30am Sunday Reconciliation 9.00am Sunday

RECONCILIATION (Individual Confession) other times by Appointment

HOLY ROSARY Before Wednesday & Friday Masses

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO MATILDA**

On her baptism and welcoming her to our faith community

### COMMUNION FOR THE SICK (29th – 31st May)

Will be offered Wednesday at QOH area, Thursday at MOG area, Friday at ST T area during the last week of each month. Please call the Parish Office to book an appointment.

#### CHRIST'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

### **COLLECTIONS RECEIVED**

Loose Money \$384 Presbytery \$595 Thanksgiving \$702

COUNTERS 19<sup>th</sup> May Team 4: M Poulter, J Camilleri

#### FEAST DAYS

Our Lady Help of Christians, Patron of Australia, 24 May

#### READINGS Today

Acts 2.1-11

Ps 104. Galatians 5.16-25 John 15.26-27; 16.12-15 Next Week

Deuteronomy 4.32-34,39-40 Ps 33 1ab+24ac,29b-30,31+34 (R30) 4-5,6+9,18-19,20+22(R.12) Romans 8.14-17 Matthew 28.16-20

## CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY ONLINE PHOTO EXHIBITION!

To mark the 60th anniversary of Caritas Australia, we have compiled a selection of our favourite 60 photos. Vote for your favourite photo to go into the draw to win a beautiful Indigenous Australian artwork from Djilpin Arts.. The artwork is a painting by Harry Malibirr which depicts five dreaming stories. Visit our website caritas.org.au/faces-of-caritas-australia-60th-anniversary, choose a photo from the gallery and vote via the online form. Entries close 30 June 2024

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

# REFLECTION On the Gospel by Dianne Bergant CSA



Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement.

If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

