

# St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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*"Do Small Things Well"*

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Year B

25 & 26 May 2024

### CONGRATULATIONS

The children of our parish have just celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Martin Ashe on Friday night. Please keep them in your prayers during this special time.

**PARISH MOVIE MORNING** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 10.00am, Sunshine Village Cinema, Tickets \$9. No RSVP. Ann-Maree will greet you at the foyer.

### 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

### CUPPA AFTER MASS

Join us next weekend 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.

### COMMUNION FOR THE SICK (29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May)

This week: Wednesday at QOH area, Thursday at MOG area, Friday at ST T area. 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

Thanksgiving \$694 Loose Money \$328 Presbytery \$651

**COUNTERS** 02<sup>nd</sup> June Team 5: M Buhagiar, J Zammit

### FEAST DAYS

The visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 31 May

### READINGS Today

Deuteronomy 4.32-34,39-40  
Ps 33  
4-5,6+9,18-19,20+22(R.12)  
Romans 8.14-17  
Matthew 28.16-20

### Next Week

Exodus 24.3-8  
Ps 116  
12-13,15-16,17-18 (R.13)  
Hebrews 9.11-15  
Mark 14.12-16,22-26

### MELBOURNE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Sunday 2 June

Starting with Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Carlton at 1pm followed by the procession to St Patricks Cathedral for Solemn Vespers and Benediction at 2.30pm. This marks 760 years since St Thomas Aquinas composed the Eucharistic hymn *Pange Lingua*.

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



# REFLECTION On the Gospel

by Richard Leonard

One of the things we often hear in times of domestic, local or international crisis is that 'everyone pulled together'. We are rightly proud, and a few times amazed, at how people can set aside their differences and strive for the common good. Sometimes this experience of working together has the long-lasting benefit of breaking down boundaries. Other times, sadly, old enmities, prejudices and suspicions return when the crisis is over.

Trinity Sunday celebrates that whether we are in crisis or not, in season and out of season, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit do nothing but 'pull together' to love and save us. What we glimpse as the best attribute of our family, town or nation defines who our Christian God is, and what they see, how they judge and the way they act toward the world.

A famous icon of the Trinity depicts the three persons at a table where there are four place settings. The final place, in the lower half of the painting, invites the viewer to take the seat and join them. It's profound theology and masterful art, but we can quickly misunderstand it.

We are not just personally invited to join in the very life of God, and pull together with them in their loving and saving of the world. The seat at the table is reserved for all of humanity.

In practical terms it is impossible to profess belief in the Trinity, on the one hand, and then work at things which pull the human family apart, on the other. It is scandalous to hold to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and be known as racist, bigoted and sexist, to not care about refugees or those who die each day of starvation. We cannot keep signing ourselves in the name of a Triune God and then work hard at getting richer and more secure while the rest of humanity grow poorer and lack the necessities for human dignity. Ghandi once said, 'I love the New Testament and the Christian ideas about God and I would take the waters of Christian baptism tomorrow if I saw Christians practise what they the preach.'

Trinity Sunday is not about theological mathematics, working out how three goes into one. It's about gaining the strength at this Eucharist to pull together to see that all of God's children have the opportunity to hear the good news of how much God loves us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and so can take their privileged place at God's table. Most people will learn about the saving love of God primarily through the way they observe us seeing, judging and acting.

It's not by accident that in our Catholic tradition the usual moment we invoke the Trinity is when we make the sign of the cross. It reminds us that 'we cannot have our cake and eat it too'. Every time we profess the Trinity we recommit ourselves to die to self so that God's saving love may be realised for everyone, everywhere.

So let's not only profess our belief in the three persons that make up our one God, but live the life that goes with it, 'In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.'