FEAST OF QUEEN OF HEAVEN
Celebrating the feast Day of the Patron of our Queen of Heaven Church on Sunday 23rd August. Procession and Benediction at 1.00pm, followed by afternoon tea. Please bring a plate of food to share.

MASS TIMES
ST THERESA’S
Drummartin St, Albion
8.00am Friday
10.30am Sunday

MOTHER OF GOD
Blanche St, Ardeer
9.00am Thursday
6.00pm Saturday
10.30am Sunday (Polish)

QUEEN OF HEAVEN
Holt St, Ardeer
9.00am Wednesday
9.00am Sunday
4.30pm Sunday
(Syro-Malabar)

ARDEER HOUSE
NURSING HOME
11.00am Wednesday

MEMORIAL MASS
For Salvina Calleja, Friday
21st August, 7.30pm at
Mother of God

CUPPA AFTER MASS
Join us today after each Mass for a cuppa and a chat.

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 22nd August, 10am at Mother of God.

CATHOLICARE SPECIAL COLLECTION
Thank you to all who donated. $320 was collected last weekend.

CLEANERS Saturday 22ND August (MG) B Labbad (QH) J Bugeja, D Shannon (StT) No Cleaning

EVENING PRAYER GROUP
Thursdays, 7.00pm at Queen of Heaven. All welcome.

THANKSGIVING Weekly TG Pledge: $1645
Last Week’s Giving: $1210 Presbytery Collection: $446

COUNTERS 23rd August
Team :5: J Cammileri, M Buhagiar, J Zammit

READINGS Today Next Week
Proverbs 9:1-6 Joshua 24:1-2, 15-17, 18
Psalm 34 Psalm 34
Ephesian 5:15-20 Ephesians 4:32-5:2, 21-32

DEANERY LEADERSHIP TEAM
Meeting on Thursday 20th August at 7pm. Venue to be advised.

CLASS REUNION
The 40, 30, 20 and 10 year reunions for the graduating classes of 1975, 1985, 1995 and 2005 of Caroline Chisholm College, Chisholm College, St John’s College and Christ the King College will be held on Friday 6th November 2015. Please register your details via the alumni registration page on the College website to receive an invitation to the event. http://www.cccc.vic.edu.au/?q=alumni-reg

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND Invest in your most precious asset......Your Marriage!
Neglect life’s tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. There is no group sharing Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.
2015 Melbourne Weekend Dates: 21-23 August (fully booked) and 23-25 Oct. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/ Bookings:Marianne & Marcel 9733 0979 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website:www.wwme.org.au

WORLD YOUTH DAY INFORMATION SESSIONS
Wednesday 19 August, 7.30pm, St Paul’s Catholic School, 230 Sunshine Ave, Kealba.
Thursday 3 September, 7.30pm, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne.
Young people interested in joining the Victorian pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Krakow in 2016 are invited to attend their local information session for details on the four Victorian pilgrimage options and how to register. Details: www.wydvictoria.org.au.
The Forgiveing Father, the Wayward Son and Me

I've always had a bit of a problem with the parable of the Prodigal Son. You see, I have always identified more strongly with the other son. You know, the one who does all the right and good things, while his younger brother is off gallivanting around the world doing the wrong things.

When the wayward son finally comes to his senses and heads home full of shame and sorrow for what he has done to himself and his family, his father doesn’t tell him off or punish him, but throws a lavish party in his honour.

Well I have to say at this point I’m very much with the older brother. ‘I’ve been here all day, every day doing what you wanted - the right and good things, where’s my party, where’s my reward, It’s not fair!’ I’ve heard myself say and think these things in my everyday life.

I have sat with this text and these feelings of envy, jealousy, resentment and bitterness for quite a while now, until more recently when I have begun to reflect more on the Father’s message to the faithful son.

‘My son’, the father said, ‘you are always with me, everything I have is yours.’

I’ve begun to question my motivation for doing the ‘right and good’ thing. Was it to prove to myself how much better I was than my siblings, my partner, my colleagues? Was it to get the approval of my boss, my parents, my friends?

Looking outside ourselves for approval and reward leads us to comparison and jealousy. Jealousy and bitterness are very destructive to the human spirit. They poison us from the inside out. We must let go of them and make way for love.

Looking inside and realising that following a path of right and good is what enables us to be always with God and have all that is His. Goodness is its own reward.

So here’s the challenge, when those feelings of envy, jealousy and resentment, come up, when I hear myself saying ‘that’s not fair’, or ‘why bother doing the right thing when you can be rewarded for doing the wrong thing’. I pray for myself and all who recognise this struggle that my reward for doing the right and good thing is to always be with God. I pray we can all continue to grow and become more mature in our approach to doing and being good.

Michelle Buckley