This year our theme is **Getting to Know our Neighbours**. Our speakers are two of our neighbours from the Western suburbs, Laurie Krepp, a teacher at St Theresa’s School and Kaye Cameron. They will speak about their work with **Myanmar/Burmese refugees living in Malaysia** who are hopeful of being Resettled in Australia and of the work they do to help provide services such as education for their children which otherwise may not be available to them. **Tuesday, 8th September at the Italia Club**, Furlong Road, next to the Sunshine Hospital. Come at 6.00pm for a meal and then we will move into a room off the bistro area ready for a 7.30pm start.

**MASS TIMES**

**ST THERESA’S**
Drummartin St, Albion
9.00am Friday
10.30am Sunday

**MOTHER OF GOD**
Blanche St, Ardeer
11.00am Wednesday (Pol)
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).

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

**PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM**
Wednesday 2 September, 7.00pm at St Theresa’s School.

**ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR REired PRIESTS**
Next weekend, Father’s Day, is the annual collection for sick and retired priests. Please give generously for those who now need our care and support. Donation envelopes will be available.

**ROSTER**
Special Ministers Roster for St Theresa’s is available today.

**CLEANERS**
Saturday 5th September (StT) No Cleaning
(MG) J Archabuz, B Wawrowski
(QH) P Farrugia, F Setford

**THANKSGIVING**
Weekly TG Pledge: $1645
Last Week’s Giving: $1099
Presbytery Collection: $499

**COUNTERS**
6 September
Team 2: P Farrugia, D&E Catania, C Xuereb

**READINGS**

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**ST BERNADETTE’S PARISH, SUNSHINE NORTH.**

On Tuesday 1 September at 10.00am, Father Victor Shields, MSSP, eminent Theologist, will be giving a talk on The meaning of Suffering in the light of Christian Values. All Welcome.

St Bernadette’s Parish, 59B Westmoreland Rd Sunshine North Ph 9311 2977

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for various positions advertised through the Archdiocese. Current positions include

- Assistant to the Coordinator, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry - Thornbury
- Support Officer, Catholic Education Office - East Melbourne
- Pastoral Care Worker, Sacred Heart Mission - St Kilda
- Senior Graphic Designer, Design and Print Office - East Melbourne

Further details can be found on either the Archdiocese website at: http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx

**TIMELESS YOUTH CAMP FOR YEARS 7 & 8**

Wednesday 23 to Friday 25 September

Leave behind the ordinary these school holidays and experience all the adventure of a fun, friendly, faith-filled youth camp hosted by the Catholic Archdiocesan Office for Youth.

The Timeless Youth Camp will explore how God's time and our time are connected. Located on the edge of the Dandenong Ranges, the campsite facilities include basketball, netball and tennis courts, a beach volleyball court, a ropes course, table tennis and an archery range, all in a beautiful bush environment—and we plan to make the most of our stay there! Everyone in year 7 and 8 is welcome.

Cost: $60, includes all meals and accommodation. (Any cost concerns, please contact the AOY to receive a concession rate) Details: http://www.cam.org.au/youth/
Many religious leaders have thought that some foods or some people are such a threat to the holiness of their followers that contact with ‘unclean’, ‘defiling’ foods or people must be avoided. Our Lord was totally opposed to the idea that holiness was something secured or gained by being quarantined or separated from any-thing or any-person.

On the contrary, he could touch a leper or have a meal with a prostitute. Rather than defilement flowing from the leper or prostitute to Jesus, his life flowed into them repairing their broken humanity, healing them body mind spirit, holistically, making them holy.

The fact is that God, embodied in Jesus Christ, is contagious. The contagion of Divine Life is meant to flow into the inner depths of personality, into the heart. When this occurs, the Divine Life in the human person causes ‘holiness’.

We have to strive to put ourselves in the way of this contagion. We become holy when we allow ourselves to be touched by our Lord Jesus Christ. How do we do this?

By hearing of His life in the Gospel, by being nourished by His life in Holy Communion, by being touched by the plight of those in whom He is to be found. St James in the second reading describes some who are particularly vulnerable in a patriarchal society with no social security system: the widows and orphans. No doubt, we can identify equivalent groups in our own society and overseas.

We could take a moment to pray that we might be more conscious of the Holy Spirit germinating something in our hearts, making us holy from the inside out, that our holiness be authenticated by good works so that we may be holy as the Lord our God is holy.