Getting to Know our Neighbours from the subcontinent: India.

Our speakers, Roman Thomas and Ashok will share their stories on life in India, their decision to emigrate to Australia and the impact on their lives of that decision.

Venue: Italia Club, Furlong Rd. - next door to Sunshine Hospital.

We encourage participants to support the venue and get to know each other by having a meal there beforehand. If possible, arrive by 6.00pm so meal can be served and enjoyed before time to move to the Function Room for 7.30pm start. Bookings for meals are essential on 9367 4187!

When you book, please let Club Italia know that you are coming to Western Spirituality in the Pub and if you would like to share a table with others who have also booked.

**MASS TIMES**

**ST THERESA’S**
Drummartin St, Albion
- 9.00am 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

**RECONCILIATION**
Saturday 18th July, 10am at Theresa’s.

**WEEK DAY POLISH MASSES**
There will be no Polish Mass on Wednesdays or Fridays for July and August. Fr Josef will be away on holiday.

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

**KAIROS**
On sale this week - $2.00

**CLEANERS**
Saturday 18th July (MG) J No Cleaning
(QH) P Farrugia, F Setford
(STT) M&P Delavaris

**ROSTER**
for Cleaners at St Theresa’s is out this week.

**THANKSGIVING**
Weekly TG Pledge: $1645
Last Week’s Giving: $1189
Presbytery Collection: $569

**COUNTERS**
19th July
Team: 5: J Cammileri, M Buhagiar, J Zammit

**READINGS**

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**BECOMING A LAY MINISTER OF COMMUNION**
This is a special way of participating in the Eucharist and of serving one another in our Parish. If you would like to do this please speak to Father Barry or one of the members of our Liturgy Team. Also, see the notice below.

**WORKSHOP FOR LAY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**
This is for both new lay ministers as an introduction to the role and for current lay ministers as a refresher. Tuesdays 21st and 28th July, 7.00pm to 8.45pm, at the Pastoral Centre at St Francis Church in the City, 326 Lonsdale St. If you would like to go please let Fr Barry know by this Tuesday, 14th July.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**
Sunday 26 July, 11am, St Patrick’s Cathedral

Are you celebrating 25, 40, 50 or 60–70 years of marriage this year? Know anyone who is? Join the Life Family Marriage office of the Archbishop for this Anniversary Mass. Couples who register will receive a commemorative certificate. Registrations close Friday 10 July.

Details: 9287 5587, lmf@cam.org.au or www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily

**SHORT COURSE ON WORLD RELIGIONS**
Wednesdays 29 July, 5, 12, 19 & 26 August, 6–8pm at Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Pde, Fitzroy

Learn about the beliefs and practices of the major world religions with experts from ACU: $80 (certificate of attendance) or $40. Registrations and details: www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses

**DAILY PRAYER ONLINE**
Jesuit Communications provides a great way to keep up with one’s daily prayer & Scripture, contains the Gospel reading for the day & a brief reflection on the reading. You may subscribe by emailing: webmaster@jesuitcommunications.com.au
Casting out demons

To be a disciple of Jesus is to experience a call. It is also to be sent on a mission in partnership with others, a mission invariably expressed in terms of preaching, teaching, healing, and/or driving out of demons or unclean spirits. In other words, it is to be authorised to do what Jesus did and to proclaim what he proclaimed. When we hear of Jesus casting out demons and telling his disciples to do likewise, we tend to think that whatever they did is something that belongs to another time and has little to do with our contemporary society.

In the cosmology of the time, there was a realm between the divine and the human that was inhabited by good and evil spirits (angels and demons). The divide between these realms was conceptualised as porous so that humans could be protected by the angels or “possessed” by the demons. While the cosmology of the twenty-first century has no “place” for such beings, the contemporary imagination allows space for a metaphorical engagement with the angelic and demonic. When we speak of “demons” now, we are talking about something recognisable in human experience, even if somewhat removed from the “demons” that beset the poor in the Roman imperial provinces of the first century.

Today’s parents spend much of their time casting out the “demons” that beset their children, as do our friends when they sit and listen to the pain in our hearts and help us to let go of the “demons” that so often inhabit our psyches. Many health professionals are paid to heal the hurts as well as the cuts and burns. They drive out the demons of fear and hate and prejudice and of paralysing mental illness. Educators also, aware that learning occurs only when students are relatively free from fear and anxiety, know what it means to drive out the demons.

It is significant that Jesus instructs the disciples to travel light. They need the basics to live and to do their job, but if their mission is to be effective, they must be free from the anxiety that comes from excess. Psychologist and social critic John F. Shumaker suggests that societies with the most material goods tend to be the most anxious. “Mutual respect, community-mindedness, an eagerness to share, reverence for nature, thankfulness, and love of life”, it seems, are the major ingredients for a stress- or “demon”-free personal and community life. There would be no need to shake the dust from our feet for want of hospitality if that were the way we all chose to live. What’s more, there would be enough for all on our planet, the human and other-than-human, to live in dignity and peace.

Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.