WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN TOKENS
Do you, or your family shop at Woolworths? Mother of God School is collecting Woolworths Earn and
Learn tokens and would love your support. We will have a collection box at Mother of God Church and
Queen of Heaven for you to donate. Thanks for your support.

CONFIRMATION MASS  Friday 24th July, 7.00pm
All are welcome at Mass at St Theresa’s on Friday when the children of our Parish make
their Confirmation.. Please come along to show your support and celebrate with us..

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
(Syro-Malabar).

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 25th July, 10am at Mother of God

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.

CLEANERS  Saturday  July    (QH) J Tavita
(MG) W Pendecki, M Wolosz    (StT) No Cleaning

THANKSGIVING  Weekly TG Pledge: $1645
Last Week’s Giving:  $1258  Presbytery Collection:  $499

COUNTERS   26th July
Team :1:  M Abela, D Abela, M Poulter, J Poulter

READINGS  Today  Next Week
Jeremiah 23:1-6  2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 23  Psalm 145
Ephesians 2: 13-18  Ephesians 4:1-6
Mark 6:30-34  John 61-15

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.

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE CITY: PUBLIC TALK  Wednesday 29 July, 12noon–1pm.
St Francis Pastoral Centre, corner Lonsdale and Elizabeth Streets, City.
Gavin Dufty, Manager, Policy and Research, St Vincent de Paul Society, will speak on the topic
‘Cost of living impact on households: national and Victorian energy prices.’ Refreshments to
follow. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you at our next SJIC.

MARY MACKILLOP CENTRE OPEN DAY  Saturday 8 August, 10am–4pm.
Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert St, East Melbourne.
Join the Sisters of St Joseph as we celebrate the 125th anniversary of our Victorian foundation, and the
feast day of St Mary MacKillop. Our OPEN DAY commences at 10am & concludes at 4pm. Pray in the
Chapel, take a tour of the Museum, visit the gift shop, and enjoy afternoon tea (1-3pm). All welcome.
16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B

All today’s readings talk about the role of shepherds. We are all familiar with the word, “SHEPHERD”, because Jesus said, “I am the Good Shepherd: and we have sung the hymn, “The Lord is my Shepherd,” countless times. Today we are asked to apply the idea of the role of a shepherd to our own lives to see if our interactions with those about us are similar to the actions of Jesus if he were visible present in our world today.

In Jesus’ time, shepherds were responsible for a small group of sheep; it was their job to lead the sheep to green pastures, to be awake and aware of any dangers threatening the sheep, to herd them at night in to a safe place so that wolves or wild dogs would not attack and kill them. They called their sheep by name, and the sheep felt safe at the sound of the shepherd’s voice.

In the course of any day we will be interacting with other people. We will become aware of the needs of the poor, the young, the elderly, the sick, the abused — the list is endless. Within our own families there are members with special needs. We must not be indifferent or act as the “unreliable shepherds” that are referred to in the first reading.

Sometimes in our zeal to help others we can neglect our own personal needs and Jesus recognises this. “Come aside and rest awhile.” It is up to us to work within our limits and to set aside quality time for ourselves so that we are better able to help others. It is also important that we don’t work out the correct shepherding roles for others and then start criticising them if they do not do what we think is right for them.

Sr Martin