

TEMORA MISSION AREA

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Aria Park

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For our Deceased: Ken Popple, Allen Murphy,



February 17– 18

Aria Park 6 .00 p.m. Sat Liturgy

Mass

Temora 6.00 p.m. Saturday

Mass

Ardlethan **8.00 a.m.** Barellan 10.00 a.m.



Reflection

I am a sinner. In today’s Scripture readings the prophet Isaiah, the apostle Paul and the apostle Peter each acknowledges that he is a sinner: ‘I am a man of unclean lips’, cries Isaiah, ‘I persecuted the Church of God’, confesses Paul; ‘I am a sinful man’, says Peter. They know their need of forgiveness but they are also aware of the power of God at work in them. We too are sinners, but if we have faith in the grace of God working within us, we can be great missionaries as well.

Training of Ministers

There are many within our community who share their gifts in generous service. On Sunday, **10 March**, after our liturgy there will be a general training session for all ministers. You are invited to attend. We will reflect on the call to be of service and if time permits go through the procedure for specific ministries e.g. lector, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion.

The Gospel of Luke, continued Important Themes in Luke

- ◆ The Gentiles as well as the Jews can be part of the church of Jesus.
- ◆ Another theme is Jesus’ great mercy and forgiveness. This theme is especially seen in Jesus’ concern for the poor, the marginalized, and the outcast. In the ancient world, women were often seen as second-class citizens and so it was in the society in which Jesus lived. No other Gospel goes to such lengths to include women as does the Third Gospel.
- ◆ More than any other Gospel, Holy Spirit plays an important role in Luke’s Gospel.

- ◆ Closely associated with this theme is prayer. Throughout the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, people are often seen at prayer. When important events take place, the characters turn to God in prayer. When important decisions need to be made, the guidance of God is sought through prayer.

Our Lady of Lourdes’ Feastday

As we celebrate the Feastday of Our Lady of Lourdes (*11 February*) let us ask Mary to intercede for all those who are sick, especially those for whom we are praying. Following is a prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes by Pope St John Paul II:

Hail Mary, poor and humble Woman, Blessed by the Most High! Virgin of hope, dawn of a new era, we join in your song of praise, to celebrate the Lord’s mercy, to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom and the full liberation of humanity.

Hail Mary, lowly handmaid of the Lord, Glorious Mother of Christ! Faithful Virgin, holy dwelling-place of the Word, teach us to persevere in listening to the Word, and to be docile to the voice of the Spirit, attentive to his promptings in the depths of our conscience and to his manifestations in the events of history.

Hail Mary, Woman of sorrows, Mother of the living! Virgin spouse beneath the Cross, the new Eve, be our guide along the paths of the world. Teach us to experience and to spread the love of Christ, to stand with you before the innumerable crosses on which your Son is still crucified.

Hail Mary, woman of faith, first of the disciples! Virgin Mother of the Church, help us always to account for the hope that is in us, with trust in human goodness and the Father’s love. Teach us to build up the world beginning from within: in the depths of silence and prayer, in the joy of fraternal love, in the unique fruitfulness of the Cross.

Holy Mary, Mother of believers, Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

is a Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

Weekend date: **26th – 28th April** at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

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Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

Our Lady of Lourdes, comforter of the afflicted,

I come to you with my desire for healing. Look upon me with loving kindness.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for me.

Roster: 17 February

Acolyte: John M

Reader: Linda

Minister: Ann

Gifts: O’Brien Family

Welcomer: Mills Family