

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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For our Deceased: Neville Popple, Deceased Family, Friends, victims of coronavirus car accidents and natural disasters.

16-17 Jan

Aria Park 6.00 p.m. Liturgy

Mass

Temora 6.00 p.m.

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Ardlethan **8.00 a.m.** Barellean 10.00 a.m.

Reflection

My Favour Rests on You. Through baptism we are members of Christ's body. God says to us: 'You are my beloved son/daughter; my favour rests on you.' Often we don't hear these words as clearly as Jesus did at his baptism. In this Liturgy and in the events of this day, let us listen for God's assurance that we are loved. Let us listen, that we may have life and joy in God.

Baptism

Fr Richard Leonard sj writes, "For all those baptised in Christ, a curious thing happens. As Jesus fully immersed himself in our world, so we are fully immersed in Christ. But we are not spared from the world as if we are initiated into a reclusive religious sect. We are sent out to the world knowing, because of Jesus, that we are loved by God and are pleasing to God. We are sent out with faith, hope and joy to fall into the arms of the world and discover that here, too, is where Christ dwells."

Today at our Liturgy we will reflect on our Baptism —what does that mean for me?

Pope Proclaims Year of St Joseph – Pope Francis has declared a Year of St Joseph in honour of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. "Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," he wrote. "St Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation." Pope Pius IX proclaimed St Joseph patron of the Universal Church on December 8, 1870, the decree **Quemadmodum Deus.**

Pope Francis has also proclaimed The "Amoris Laetitia Family" year which will run through this year until its conclusion on June 26, 2022, "on the occasion of the World Meeting of Families in Rome," the dicastery said.

Francis already had declared a year of St. Joseph, which began December 8 and ends December 8, 2021.

The Pope said that the **Holy Family** is a model in which "all families of the world can find their sure point of reference and sure inspiration." Through them, he said, "we are called to rediscover the educational value of the family unit; it must be founded on the love that always regenerates relationships, opening up horizons of hope." Families can experience sincere communion when they live in prayer, when forgiveness prevails over discord and "when the daily harshness of life is softened by mutual tenderness and serene adherence to God's will," he added.

"I would like to say something to you: If you quarrel within the family, do not end the day without making peace," the Pope said. "And do you know why? Because cold war, day after day, is extremely dangerous. It does not help." Francis also reflected on the theme of forgiveness, recalling St. Stephen's martyrdom, the Pope said that although it may seem that his death was in vain, among those who witnessed and consented to his stoning was St. Paul, who eventually became "the greatest missionary in history." Stephen's example "was the seed" of Paul's conversion, he said. "This is the proof that loving actions change history: even the ones that are small, hidden, every day."

Christians, he added, can become witnesses of Christ through their everyday actions, "even just by fleeing the shadow of gossip" or refusing to speak ill of others. "When an argument starts at home, instead of trying to win it, let's try to diffuse it," and forgive one another, Francis said. Small efforts and gestures, he said, "change history because they open the door, they open the window to Jesus's light."

"We do not know what 2021 holds for us, but what each one of us, and all of us together, can do is to take care of each other and of creation. "

Pope Francis

Drapes

Next Sunday we return to Ordinary Time which means we hang green drapes. Thank you to those who can remain after our liturgy to swap over the drapes.



Congratulations Paul and Linda as you welcome your granddaughter into your loving family. May this gift of new life be a joy to you and your family.

Roster 17 January

Reader: Mae

Welcomer: Sr Maureen