11 September 24th Sunday, Year C

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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In our Prayers: Barry Carroll, Neville Caldow, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,
For our Deceased: Queen Elizabeth 11, Gwen Fairman, Eileen Gaynor, Jack Gaynor, Helen Gaynor, Jim Prentice, Des Gaynor, Elaine Hanrahan, (*Anniv..ries)*

September 17—18 Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. *(Liturgy)*

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

Mass Ardlethan **NO LITURGY** Barellan 10.00 a.m.

Reflection
Parables of mercy. The parables in today's gospel all speak of the mercy of God. When we stray from the right path, God comes looking for us, not to condemn us but to offer us forgiveness. If we are contrite, God will lift us up and carry us back to the community, as a shepherd carries a stray sheep back to the flock. What great rejoicing there will be in our reunion with God and with the community.

Safeguarding Sunday
This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported.
You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:
www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

2022 Season of Creation Prayer
Creator of All,
From your communion of love your Word went forth to create a symphony of life that sings your praise.
By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of creatures who praise you in their being. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.
You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us into right relationships with each creature so that we could listen to their voices, and learn how to safeguard the conditions for life. But we turn in on ourselves and away from our co-creatures.
We close our ears to the counsel of our fellow creatures. We fail to listen to the cries of the poor and the needs of the most vulnerable. We silence the voices of those who hold the traditions that teach us to care for the Earth. We close our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that calls to us through the Scriptures.
We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats that will never speak again. We grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and livelihoods that have been displaced or perished. Creation cries out as forests crackle, and animals alike flee the fires of injustice that we have lit by our unwillingness to listen.
In this Season of Creation, we pray that you would call to us, as from the burning bush, with the sustaining fire of your Spirit. Breathe upon us. Open our ears and move our hearts. Turn us from our inward gaze. Teach us to contemplate your creation, and listen for the voice of each creature declaring your glory. For ***"faith comes from hearing."*** Give us hearts to listen for the good news of your promise to renew the face of the Earth. Enlighten us with the grace to follow the Way of Christ as we learn to walk lightly upon this holy ground. Fill us with the hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of your healing love that sustains our common home. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.
https://seasonofcreation.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/SOC-2022-Celebration-Guide-Final-English.pdf

Christmas Shoe Boxes
Shoe Boxes are available in the foyer for your collection. You might like to make donations, for boy or girl *(label box girl/boy and age; 2-4, 5-9, 10-14)*. Please include something from each of the 6 categories but nothing religious.

- Something to wear,
- Something to play with, * Something for school,
- Something to love , * Something special,
- Something for personal hygiene e.g. washer and soap

Return by Sunday 9 October All donations go to support children in Australia and overseas.

Father's Day Appeal
Collection for our retired priests: There are 26 priests in our Archdiocese. We remember our retired priests as we celebrate the theme for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly *"In old age they will still bear fruit"* (Psalm 92:15). ***Thank you for taking care of our priests in their retirement.***

Reflection
"If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home".
Pope Francis

Roster 25 September Leader: Suzanne Reader: Andrina
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