

11 August 19th Sunday , Year C

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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For our Deceased: Elaine Barry, Alan Litchfield, Jim Tuckett, *(Anniversaries)*



17—18 August Liturgy Aria Park 6 .00 p.m.

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

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



Reflection

“Keep awake till he comes.” The early Christians applied this teaching of Jesus to their expectation of his second coming. More generally speaking, today’s Gospel parables should encourage us to be morally vigilant at all times and ever ready to encounter, in the midst of daily life, the ‘God of surprises’. Paul has similar advice for us: ‘keep alert, stand firm in your faith’ (1 Cor 16:13).

Feast of the Assumption

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated. Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337). By then it had been a pagan city for two centuries, ever since Emperor Hadrian (76-138) had levelled it around the year 135 and rebuilt it as Aelia Capitolina in honour of Jupiter. For 200 years, every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and Resurrection became pagan temples. After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem. One of the memories about his mother centred around the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived. On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," where she had died. The "Tomb of Mary" was where she was buried. At this time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it was to become our feast of the Assumption.

Wishing you a day of joy as we celebrate the feastday of Mary on Thursday.

(There will be NO liturgy here on the feastday.)

Adapted from Fr Kevin Walsh cp

National Vocations Awareness Week

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

The film Fatal Flaws

(<https://fatalflawsfilm.com/> exploring the dangers of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide) will be screened in the Haydon Hall Manuka (behind St Christopher’s Cathedral) on Sunday 18th August. Straight after 11am Mass for a cup of soup. 12.30-1.30 for the film. \$5 donation at the door appreciated. Enquiries lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869

Plenary Council Update

Over a period of six weeks, the Plenary Council team, in partnership with the National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR), published a series of "snapshot reports" relevant to each of the six National Themes for Discernment. This past Sunday, the NCPR published the final report to summarise the Listening and Dialogue phase of the Plenary Council. In the coming weeks, we will be inviting you to share your voice again by participating in a new Listening and Discernment resource that will be launched on the Plenary Council website. This resource invites you, together with your community, to discern how God is calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is: ***Missionary and evangelising; Inclusive, participatory and synodal; Prayerful and Eucharistic; Humble, healing and merciful; A joyful, hope-filled and servant community, open to conversion renewal and reform.***

Catholic Voice

The August edition of the Catholic Voice is available.

Some great stories include interviews with a

1. trauma psychologist who explains how to deal with the impact of trauma in our lives,
2. a SAS Army Colonel who has taken several steps back professionally to follow a calling to be a Catholic Chaplain,
3. a mother of four shares the immense sorrow of losing her five-year-old son,
4. Fr Lachlan Coll as he prepares for retirement
5. and Fr Frank Brennan shares a potted history of the Jesuits as they close shop after 51 years in Canberra.
6. And lastly subscription to the Daily Voice is free at <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/daily-voice/>

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