

12 February, 6th Sunday Year A

**TEMORA MISSION AREA**

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

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**St Therese Barellan**

**In our Prayers:** Alicia Bonny, Frances Vince, Jim Bonny, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Kashaya Kuemmel,

**For our Deceased:** Ray Fairman, Fr Neville Drinkwater, Leo Griffin, Edna Griffin, Margaret Gaynor, Eliza Clark, Ken Wykes, Darcy Lucas, *(annives)*

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Aria Park 6 .00 p.m. Sat *Liturgy*

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

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

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**Reflection**  
***Follow God's Law.*** The vast wisdom of God is revealed in the law God has given to us, a law designed to lead us to the fullness of life and happiness. In today's gospel, Jesus reminds us that law is not only about external behaviour. Our inner attitudes are also important; it is from within, from the attitudes of our hearts, that good or evil actions flow.

**Reflection Day**  
You are invited to join the people of the parish of Temora for their reflection day on Thursday, 23rd February, starting at 9.30 a.m. for 10.00 a.m.  
Place: Southern Cross Village Meeting Room  
No charge. Bring something to share for morning tea and lunch.  
The reflection day will conclude about 2.30pm  
Theme ***"God is thirsting for Me"***

**Reflection**  
A Cherokee Indian elder was teaching his grandson about life. "A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy. "It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil – he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego." He continued, "The other is good – he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you – and inside every other person, too."  
His grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked: "Which wolf will win, grandad?"  
The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

**Reflection**  
*"It's up to you." When you hear that, do you believe it's true? Advertisers hawk phrases like this to imply that the "right choice" is available for a price you can't afford to pass up. When my mother would say "It's up to you," the consequences for making the wrong choice were predictably unpleasant.  
How much freedom do we really have? That's the question of today's readings. ...Today's Scriptures invite us to lay claim to the freedom to live in love. We cannot control others, but we can choose how to respond to them. In Baptism and every celebration of the Eucharist we say yes to Christ's way. Let our yes be yes!"*  
**Sr Mary McGlone csj**

**For your interest:**  
"Pius XII was elected Pope months before the outbreak of World War II. His response to the war, and public silence with regard to the Holocaust, have often made him the subject of historical controversy. Emilio Artiglieri is the president of an association promoting the study of Pius XII's life and pontificate. He says that more than two years after the Vatican opened its archives from the World War II era to scholars, it emerged that the Pope opted for silence to avoid persecution from the Third Reich so as to allow the Church to covertly provide humanitarian aid to those in need.

There was already a precedent. Pius IX was forced into captivity at one point. That's why it was a possibility that the Pope not only be stopped from carrying out his ministry, but that his condemnations would not lead to anything beneficial to these persecuted people in this unfortunate situation.  
One such way the Pope supported persecuted persons was by establishing an office within the Vatican to use the Church's network to connect both Jewish and non-Jewish individuals to their families after separations caused by deportations, deployments, and forced migration. This information office for prisoners of war was very important to give families the chance to track down their loved ones. We have many very moving letters from mothers, fathers, who wrote to the Pope to ask him for their help, to try to track down their loved ones which they have no news of.  
In the Vatican and in the Lateran [basilica], many, many Jews were hosted, but also non-believers. In the Lateran, Pietro Nenni was hosted, the leader of the socialist party who at that time was very anti-clerical, but even being against the influence of the Church he was harboured in the Lateran basilica, and they put him in priest's clothes to hide him, as they did with many others."  
<https://www.romereports.com/en/2023/01/27/why-did-pius-xii-stay-silent-on-the-holocaust/>

**Roster:** 19 February Reader: Bernard