

12 August, 19th Sunday, Ordinary Time, Year B

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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For our Deceased: Alan Litchfield, Jim Tuckett, Anne Trevaskis,



August 18—19 Liturgy Arian Park 6.00 p.m. Sat;

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m. Sat,

Mass Ardlethan **8.00 a.m.** Borellan 10.00 a.m. Sun



Reflection

Whoever believes has Eternal Life. Throughout John's Gospel many people struggled to understand who Jesus was. Despite the signs he performed, they simply could not believe his claim that he has come from God. Certainly, this claim of Jesus is remarkable, even scandalous. We need the gift of faith to accept it. Our faith in Jesus, the Bread of Life, is expressed and deepened by our participation in the Eucharist.

Plenary Council

After our liturgy today we will spend a little time sharing our responses to the questions in relation to the Plenary Council. I hope you can stay for about fifteen minutes or so to respond to the survey and listen to one another.

International Youth Day is held each year on the 12th of August and is an initiative that celebrates the qualities of young people and that recognises the challenges that today's youth can face. International Youth Day began in 2000 and was organised by the United Nations to celebrate the contribution that young people make in education, employment, conflict resolution and social justice to name a few. The theme for International Youth Day 2018 is **Safe Spaces for Youth**. Let us keep in our prayers the youth of our world, especially in Australia. **The Year of Youth** invites the church into dialogue about the importance and life-giving presence of young people in the Church and society. It calls for dialogue and active engagement focused on the reconnection and renewal of a new generation of young people in the life of the Church.

Mission Assembly Mass has been postponed for now. When a new day is set by our

new parish priest, please join the Mission for this special gathering - We are a Mission, and so to be able to gather as one for the Mass is an important moment in our faith life and recognising our identity. More information to follow. Masses will now be as normal on this weekend.

Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) Mission Group

Will next meet on the Solemnity of the **Assumption, 15th of August** at 2:30 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church Hall, Arian Park. This is an opportunity to gather with many from all over the Mission for a short time of prayer with the scriptures.

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

Liturgy in Our Lady Help of Christians Church on **Wednesday 15 August at 8.30 a.m.**

First Reconciliation

Preparation for First Reconciliation has begun with three children (*two from Arian Park and one from Ardlethan*). May Britany, Georgia and Theo experience ever more deeply the merciful and forgiving love of God in their lives.

Catholic Voice Website

As well as the monthly edition of the Catholic Voice you can now access stories and other items of interest on the website: <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/>

Used Stamps:

In mid September I will be with our Sisters at the annual rural conference. Sr Helen Saunders who coordinates the stamp appeal with the Associates on behalf of Mary MacKillop Today, will be at the conference. If you have any stamps it would be great if you would leave them in the 'stamp box' for collection please? It is through your efforts that the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop continues in Peru today. Cut stamps from the envelope, leaving a generous margin around the edge.

Thank you. *Sr Maureen*

To gaze is to be drawn into the object that one sees. We may liken a gaze to a visual experience of embrace. We become what we love. Gazing is not simply a physical sight like other physical senses that help situate oneself in an environment. Rather gazing is of the heart by which the heart "opens its arms", so to speak, to allow the Spirit of God's love to enter. Gazing requires a space within the heart to receive what we see and to embrace what we see.

Ilio Delio OSF: Franciscan Prayer

This week take a long, loving, lingering look at what is around you.

Take time to gaze as you do the ordinary things of your life.

Dates

- **15th August**, Liturgy 8.30 a.m.—Feast of the Assumption
- **15th August**, Lectio Divina, 2.30 p.m. Arian Park
- **15th August**, Session with Sr Carmel, 6.00 p.m. for 6.15 p.m.

Roster: 19 August

Acolyte: Bruce

Reader: Linda

Extra Mins: Ian

Gifts: Andrina and Eileen

Welcomer: Robyn,