

12 July, 15th Sunday, Year A

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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For our Deceased: John Stout, David Kerin, Billie Mowitch, Valma Cowell, Frances Popple, Graeme Stout, (*anniversaries*)

18—19 July

Aria Park 6.00 p.m. Liturgy

Mass

Temora 6.00 p.m.

Mass

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

Reflection

Listen, Anyone who has Ears. Do we really listen when the Word of God is proclaimed at Mass? Do we allow it to take root in our hearts and yield a rich harvest? If we try to listen at Mass, we will learn to listen also to the many voices that cry out to us in the midst of our busy lives—the voices of our children, of our parents, of our spouse, of those who need us to hear them.

Words of Appreciation

Thank you John and Bruce for attending to the church driveways and all the other maintenance jobs you do so silently and well. A special word of gratitude to Brenda and John for their fidelity in preparing the First Sunday morning tea. May our loving God grace your life in ways that are just right for you.



2016 Parish Social Profile

This profile is based on 2016 Australian Census data about the parish's Catholic population. If it is available in electronic form on: <https://ncpr.catholic.org.au/2016-Parish-Social-Profiles/11-Canberra-Goulburn/Ardlethan.pdf>

The information is prepared by the National Centre for Pastoral Research, part of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

Annual Sea Sunday – Sunday 12 July 2020

This year marks the centenary of the Apostleship of the Sea (**Stella Maris**). For one hundred years, the Church has been active in this global Apostleship serving the spiritual and welfare needs of seafarers, including through world wars and economic

depressions. In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic confronts seafarers with the real threat of illness while separated from loved ones as evidenced by recent media reports about the 'Ruby Princess' cruise ship in Port Kembla and the live export ship 'Al Kuwait' in the Port of Fremantle. In late April, it was reported that approximately 100,000 seafarers were at sea due to the coronavirus closures worldwide that were preventing seafarers from either entering or leaving countries or finding airline flights to return home. Isolation on a ship is very different to isolation on land. According to the International Labour Organisation, about 90 per cent of global trade is moved by maritime transport thanks to the work of the world's two million seafarers. In addition, commercial fishing is a major source of the world's food.

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Lectors—A Reminder

1. Take the bulletin sheet with you to use as you proclaim the readings;
 2. At the end of the second reading, move away from the lectern— this provides time for the priest to move in readiness for the Gospel. Congregation knows to stand and proclaim the Alleluia and Verse before the Gospel.
- Thank you!**

Reflection

Today's Gospel is the familiar parable of the sower. What would it be like if I imagine that I am the soil on which the seeds are sown. What am I like? Am I a rich, well-manured loam, or a very thin, rocky topsoil? Are there other plants already growing there? I ponder. I may come to realise that the quality of my soil has changed over the years. Who or what has led to these changes?

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"The parable of the sower challenges us to check the "thinness" of the soil in our hearts that results in our faith withering in the noonday heat; the "rockiness" of self-centeredness and avarice that prevents God's "seed" of generosity and peace from taking root in us; the "thorns" of bigotry and self-righteousness that "choke" the possibility of providing for the poor, healing the broken, lifting up the fallen. Our own response to the coronavirus is a good measure of the "richness" of our faith and its potential for the "seed" of God's Word to take root and realize in our lives the harvest of justice and compassion that is the Kingdom of God." **Connections**

Roster 19 July

Reader: Linda

Welcomer: Robyn

