

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: Bernard Gaynor, Garry Lubke, Ray Fairman, Margaret Kerin, Robert Stewart, Veronica Jardine, (*anniversaries*)

March 18—19

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.

Reflection

The Water of Life. Jesus is the saviour of the world. In today's Gospel he offers the water of life to a Samaritan woman who, in turn, becomes the first missionary of Jesus. She hurries to tell the people of her town about him. We, who have received the life of God in baptism, are also called to be missionaries inviting others to come and see Jesus.

Project Compassion



Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming

provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought. While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

Reflection

"The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realise it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for God."
CCC N 2560 (Catholic Catechism)



WHAT SHOULD WE
LEARN FROM THE
WOMAN AT THE WELL?

800Questions.org

God thirsts for me.

What is Prayer?

Prayer is where my desire for God meets God's desire for me.

Fr Jerome Kodell osb

Prayer Tips

that will improve your life—whether you're a person of faith or not.

So much of what we call "prayer" in the Catholic Church involves some kind of talking. I say my prayers every night; I pray to God asking for help with X, Y or Z. It is an activity we do that involves us communicating.

But there's a whole other way of thinking about prayer that is rather about giving God the chance to communicate with us, to tell us something. That might sound like supernatural priesthood mumbo jumbo, but I'm not talking about visions or God whispering "Take a dance class" in our ears. It is more about "actively being," which is to say stepping back from the hustle and bustle of our lives for a few moments."

Fr Jim McDermott sj

Lenten Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost, God of all peoples and nations, as you accompany us on our Lenten journey, may our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in solidarity, our almsgiving be an act of justice, and our prayers anchor us in love and compassion.

Awaken our hearts and minds that we may be one human family, as we all go further together. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Roster: 19 March

Reader: Bernard