

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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St Therese Barellan

In our Prayers: Barry Carroll, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldwell.

For our Deceased: Jack Wood, Archbishop Francis Patrick Carroll, Sharon Kober, 3 men murdered in Mexico, Victims stabbings, Deceased Family, Friends, Victims of war, violence, accidents and natural disasters



May 18-19

Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. *Liturgy*

Mass

Temora 10.00 a.m.

Liturgy

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



Reflection

Taken up into heaven. The feast of the Ascension assures us that the risen Jesus, who was taken up to heaven, is still very close to us. We are called to recognise the signs of his presence in the goodness, love and forgiveness of the community in the healing of souls and bodies and in the great and small miracles of life. The ascended Jesus is not an absent Jesus.

At Mass the priest says, "Lift up your hearts," and the people respond, "We lift them up to the Lord." Indeed. Today we marvel at the spectacle of the God-Man Jesus Christ ascending to heaven and to home. From that high place, and only from there, can we properly gauge our dignity. The Ascension should not invite speculation about the number of rooms in the Father's mansion, or how exactly the Lord zoomed up into the clouds. The Ascension is about what comes next. It's about our dignity. It teaches us that self importance is nothing. It is union with God that makes us great and makes us happy.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, You were from Mary biologically but from the Father theologically. On this Feast of the Ascension, You return to the Father's house. Help all who

believe in You and who belong to You in the Church to one day join You in that heavenly home forever and ever. Amen.



Mother's Day

Today as we celebrate Mother's Day we give thanks for our mothers, for those who have 'mothered' us into wholeness and for God who 'mothers' us in love and tenderness.

"Your Mother is always with you. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street. She's the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick, the fragrance of life itself. She's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well. She's your breath in the air on a cold winter's day. She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, the colours of a rainbow: she is Christmas morning. Your mother lives inside your laughter. She's the place you came from, your first home and she's the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love, your first friend, even your first enemy but nothing on earth can separate you not time, not space ... not even death."

"A society without mothers would be an inhuman society, as mothers always know how to show tenderness, devotion and moral strength, even in the moments of greatest difficulty. Mothers often also transmit the deepest sense of religious practice. ... It is a message that mothers who believe know how to transmit without much explanation; this arrives later, but the seed of faith is planted in those first precious moments. Without mothers ... faith would lose a good part of its simple, profound warmth". **Pope Francis**

Let us continue to pray for all Mums...

and the need for tender, gentle and loving mothers in the world,



Roster 19 May

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