

## TEMORA MISSION AREA

### Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Ariah Park

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St Therese Barellan

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**For our Deceased:** Terry Quinane, Tom Pursehouse, Sr Gerardine Agnew rsj, Dorothy Allen, John Stout, Graeme Stout, (*anniversaries*)

← - - - - - August 19—20 Ariah 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 ← - - - - -

**Jesus Went up into the Hills to Pray.** The prophet Elijah and Jesus both went up a mountain to pray. Many people have experienced the presence of God in the wonder and solitude of a mountain top. But God is also to be found at sea level, in the ups and downs of our daily lives. When we are swamped by troubles and cry out, **‘Lord, save me,’** we allow God to reach out and hold us.

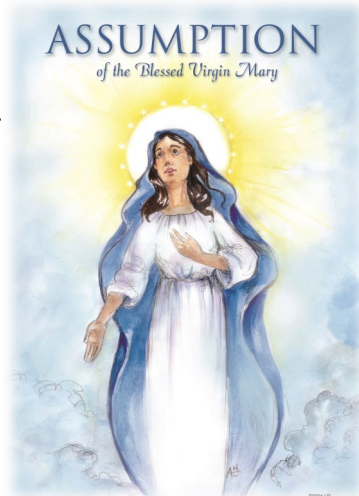
### **The Assumption of Mary, 15 August**

*“May this Assumption Day see us stop ransoming the image of Mary to the distortions of the past and find in her creative and free self-giving, a pattern for our Christian lives, and a beacon of hope to which we can hold firm.”*

**Fr Richard Leonard sj**

“**Mary of the Assumption** teaches us to keep our eyes on the things of heaven; to free ourselves from the fetters of anything lesser; to develop a vision outside of ourselves; and to allow ourselves to be lifted up beyond the petty and the transient to the eternal and the unalloyed. Mary of the Assumption is a sign of what we can become if we are willing to let go of what we have planned for ourselves.”

from **In Pursuit of Peace: Praying the Rosary Through the Psalms,**  
by Joan Chittister osb



### Reflection

“None of us can credibly claim to be wishy-washy disciples and followers of Jesus. By jumping overboard Peter demonstrated in action that discipleship of Jesus calls for nothing less than total commitment. But one does not switch on total commitment. Rather one grows into it. It’s comforting, however, to know that Jesus can cope with our human weakness, with out moments of doubt. In fact, if we don’t experience doubt, we will not grow into mature, adult faith. However, we can be sure that Jesus will not ignore us whenever we are courageous enough to call to him: *“Jesus, save me. I’m going under.”* Lastly, our faith in God will be seen at its best when we find the courage to take the risk of reaching out to the stranger, of daring to go against the crowd when adhering to truth and integrity demand nothing less than that.”

**Br Julian McDonald cfc**

### **Pope Francis, August Prayer Intention**

Let us remember the young people who attended the recent World Youth Day as we join with Pope Francis in his August prayer intention.

*Our Lady of the Visitation,*

*you who left in haste towards the mountain to meet Elizabeth,*  
*lead us also to meet all those who await us*

*to deliver them the living Gospel:*

*Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord!*

*We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or delay,*  
*but with readiness and joy.*

*We will go peacefully, because those who take Christ, take peace,*  
*and well doing is the best wellbeing.*

*Our Lady of the Visitation,*

*with your inspiration, this World Youth Day*

*will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we take, as You once did.*

*Make it a time of testimony and sharing,*  
*fraternisation, and giving thanks,*

*each of us looking for the others who always wait.*

*With you, we will continue on this path of gathering,*  
*so that our world will gather as well,*

*in fraternity, justice and peace.*

*Help us, Our Lady of the Visitation. Australian Catholics*

“Most of us are caught somewhere in Peter’s story, living within the courage of Christian commitment and the doubts that unsettle our faith. Peter’s cry is our cry, **‘Lord save me!’** And Jesus reaches out his hand to Peter and to us.”

**Mary Coloe pbvm**

**Roster:** 20 August

**Reader:** Bernard