

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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St Therese Barellan

In our Prayers: Edna Griffin, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Margaret Gaynor, Fr Laurie Blake, Robert Stewart, Ken Wykes, Joy Carroll,

Leo Griffin, Betty Tyndall, Darcy Lucas *(anniversaries)*

19—20 February ← Aria Park 6.00 p.m. *(Liturgy)* →

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

Mass Ardlethan 8.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.

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Reflection

Trust in a Year of Drought. It is hard to imagine families on the land having no worries in a year of drought. They are fortunate if they are able to put their hope and trust in God in such a difficult time. Happy also are the poor, the hungry and the sorrowful if they turn to God in their plight. Today’s scripture readings call for an heroic trust in God, a trust that will bring great rewards in heaven and surprising rewards on earth as well .

Plenary Council

What does Pope Francis mean by synodality?

In a nutshell, Pope Francis is leading us to rediscover a reality that has been at the heart of the Church’s life from the very beginning. Echoing both Scripture and ancient Christian writers, he speaks of synodality not as a recent innovation but rather as a constitutive part of the Church’s life. It goes to the heart of being “the Body of Christ” and “the People of God”. It’s at the core of the Church as a “communion” of believers, united to one another eucharistically, in Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Synodality touches the essence of a diverse Church that is rooted in and manifests the unity of the distinct persons of the Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Synodality emerges from all these ways of looking at the Church, and it means that we participate in the faith, not as isolated individuals, nor as ideological factions, but rather as fellow believers united by “one Lord, one faith, one baptism” (Eph. 4:5). Synodality requires us to build a “culture of encounter” in the grace of the Holy Spirit. It means creating an atmosphere of hospitality and welcome wherein we learn how to live our faith together, in patience and charity.

Synodality means a deep respect and openness to our fellow Catholics coupled with a willingness to listen, dialogue, and discern with fellow believers . . . including those with whom we disagree, theologically, philosophically, and politically. True to form, Pope Francis does not want synodality to remain just an idea, but rather he wants us to learn how to put it into practice and to make it habit. It’s as if he’s saying to us, “*To learn how to swim, you’ve got to jump into the water!*”

-- From a homily Baltimore **Archbishop William Lori** gave about synodality and Pope Francis’ vision of synodality

Used Stamps, Thank You

Sr Helen sent her message of appreciation for the stamps you share. In the message Helen wrote, “*We’ve had another wonderful year, raising approximately \$34, 600. A great effort from many, many people! From 2001 till now the total raised is \$443,500. It is through your efforts that the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop continues in Peru today.*”

Sr Helen Saunders rsj

Thank you

To each of you for all you did in preparation of the church and grounds for the funeral of Margaret tomorrow. Special thanks to Andrina for the vacuuming and care of the garden in which she was assisted by John. May God bless you.

World Day of Prayer

Tentative date—Friday, 18 March.

Reflection

“It is not good enough to be simply appalled at the widening gap between rich and poor in our own country and around the world. Today’s Gospel places at our feet the challenge to do something about it, in our prayer, in our careful use of resources, in what we spend our money on and how we vote for governments which might affect international change.

The Beatitudes and warnings call us to become so transparently attentive to justice, development and peace for all people that what others see in the followers of Christ is precisely what they get.”

Richard Leonard sj



Roster 20 February

Reader: Bernard

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