13 January—Baptism of the Lord, Year C

## **TEMORA MISSION AREA**

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**For our Deceased:** Patrick O'Dwyer, Elizabeth Wilson, (Sally' Cassidy's Nan), Peter Price, Deceased relatives, friends, parishioners, those who have died as result of natural disaster, famine and war

January 19—20 Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Sat Liturgy

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m. Saturday

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

#### Reflection

The Cleansing Waters of Re-Birth. In Luke's Gospel, the baptism of Jesus marks the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of a new era, that of the saving ministry of Jesus. This feast, which occurs early in the new year, is a good time for us to resolve to begin a new era in our own lives. Putting the past behind us, let us commit ourselves to making a fresh start in our service and love of our brothers and sisters.

### **Baptism**



Today in our liturgy we will **renew** our own **Baptismal Promises** – what are we renewing?

- Who is at the heart of our Baptism?
- ♦ How can we be true to our Baptismal calling?
- ◆ To what is God inviting me?

May our faith be strengthened as we continue to grow deeper in our relationship with God who has called us to Himself and says to us, "You are my Beloved. My favour rests on you."

#### Thank you

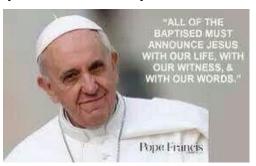
The crib was packed up and put away ever so quickly and quietly thanks to those *(especially John and Ian)* who completed the task with no fuss. Thank you John and Brenda for setting up for morning tea and for those who share with us. Each of you is appreciated.

### **Drapes**

Next Sunday we will return to Ordinary Time which means we hang green drapes. Thank you to those who can remain after our liturgy to swap over the drapes.

# **Plenary Council Update**

The Plenary Council 2020 received more than 2000 submissions during November, matching the number of responses the landmark process had received in the previous five months combined. According to the latest figures from the National Centre for Pastoral Research, more than 31,000 people have shared their stories and engaged with the Plenary Council since the Listening and Dialogue stage launched at Pentecost in late May. Most of the 1300 groups, some of several hundred people, to have responded took part in a Listening and Dialogue Encounter, which is grounded in prayer and contemplation. "While the sheer number of people demonstrating their interest in the future of the Catholic Church is impressive, we're really pleased to see new groups of people participating as we prepare for the final three months of Listening and Dialogue," said Lana Turvey-Collins, the Plenary Council facilitator.



Hope

"We must not let hope abandon us ... Optimism disappoints, but hope does not."

**Pope Francis** 

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