### 13 June, 2021. 11th Sunday, Year B,

## **TEMORA MISSION AREA**

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

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## **St Therese Barellan**

In our Prayers: Linda Grinter, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldow, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Ian Bonny, Iney Lynch, Norah Green, Joyce Baker, Cecily Breust, Marie Golden, (anniversaries)

**•** • Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Easter Vigil 19-20 June 6.00 p.m. Mass Temora Ardlethan 8.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m. Mass

#### Reflection

The Laws of Growth. We would love to be able to plant a seed today and have a magnificent tree tomorrow. But that is not possible. It will take many years for the tree to grow to its full height. Likewise, the Church is nourished in its growth by the Eucharist and the Word of God. The church is like a growing tree, already bearing fruit and giving comfort, but always open to further growth.

## Plenary Council ~ Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

'What can we say the kingdom of God is like?' Mark 4:26-34

This love cannot be mere words because it is an imitation of Christ's own love for every person, a love that forgives, transforms, and brings those who hear him into the fullness of life.

(Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal – Discernment Paper p. 6) www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheflame/

### **Rural School of Faith**

Sponsored by the Sisters of St Joseph, a weekend for women will be held in Dubbo from Friday 30th July - Monday 2nd August. Some assistance with petrol costs can be arranged. Brochures with program details are available at the church entrance.

### A Reflection

As we enter into this liturgy the readings invite us to imitate the farmer of Jesus' least popular parable and watch for the wonders God is working — hidden in plain sight. We can no more predict what the harvest will be than we can cause its growth. This is how it is with the kingdom of God. Mary McGlone csj

# Happy Birthday John and Brian



With great joy we give thanks for the life of twins, John and Brian. Thank you John for the many ways you have been life giving to us in our parish and community. As you celebrate your gift of life with family and friends may you be immersed ever more deeply into the love God has for you.



#### Year of the Family ~ Let us pray ...

Heavenly Father, you bless us with the gifts of life and love so powerfully present in our midst through families. In praise of your gifts we offer you in return our commitment to love and care for one another as family – as our own family, as church family and as part of the great human family. In whatever state of life we find ourselves, whether married or single, widowed or divorced, clergy or religious, young or elderly or in complicated situations, may your love be real and deeply felt. Bestow your blessings on mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers. Bless brothers and sisters. Embrace those who are alone and feel that they are abandoned. Make us one family for you are Our Father/Mother, and we your children. Make our home a dwelling place of love, respect, understanding, forgiveness and support. In sickness and in health, in poverty and plenty, in joy and in sorrow, may we never give up on each other, may we never give up on our families, may we never give up on your extraordinary gift of family life. We ask the intercession of Mary, our mother and Joseph, her spouse, who cared for Jesus in Nazareth, who is our Lord for ever and ever, Amen.

https://www.pp.catholic.org.au/ files/f/5445/Year%20of%20the%20Family% 20Prayer%20.pdf

### Reflection

Today's Gospel is about those everyday miracles we can work if we possess "mustard seed" faith: the conviction that, in the smallest acts of compassion and generosity, we can transform the most barren stretches of our lives into great gardens of hope and possibility. We may have little or no expectation of a harvest; nurturing what we have planted may be a frustrating and futile undertaking — but Christ calls us to embrace the faith of the Gospel farmer and the hope of the mustard seed: to be willing to plant whatever "seeds" of Gospel hope and compassion we possess, wherever and whenever we can, in the certain knowledge that it will, in some way, result in its own "miracle": the revelation of the kingdom of God in the everyday blessedness of our lives.

# Connections SUNDAY June 2021

Roster 20 June

Bernard Reader:

Welcomer: Sr Maureen

