13 May, Ascension, Year B

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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For our Deceased: Our deceased mothers, family, friends and parishioners

May 19 20 Liturgy Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Sat;

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m. Sat,

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

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.

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 Mother's Day 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**

Plenary Council - Listening to God by listening to one another.

Together, we are on a journey of listening to God by listening to one another. We invite all Australians to engage in an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. There has been much interest in news of the Plenary Council 2020. The Council will be launched on 20 May, the Feast of Pentecost. You are encouraged to accept the invitation to engage in an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

2018 Marian Procession and Youth Pilgrimage

Save the Date When: Sunday, 14 October 2018 Where: St Clement's Retreat and Conference Centre Galong. Youth Pilgrimage: 8.30 a.m. Sacrament of Penance: 10.30 a.m. Mass: 11.30 a.m. Procession: 2.00 p.m

Batehaven and Beyond—Sr Carmel Drew rsj

You're invited to the reflective time for prayer and sharing led by Sr Carmel at 24 Warri Street, Ardlethan, commencing, **6.00 p.m.** for 6.15. on **Thursday 17 May**. Earlier in the day Sr Carmel will be presenting a session entitled, **'The Spirit's surprises—a way to happiness'** at Southern Cross Village, Temora.

Fr Trenton will be at Galong this week for the Clergy Assembly.

Confirmation Meeting

Wednesday, 3.30 p.m. 16 May in the Library of Ardlethan Central School.

Do we really need much more than this? To honour the dawn. To visit a garden. To talk to a friend. To contemplate a cloud. To cherish a meal. To bow our heads before the mystery of the day. Are these not enough? Kent Nerburn

Let us continue to pray for all Mums... and the need for tender, gentle and loving mothers in the world,

Roster: 20 May	Acolyte: John O'Brien	Reader: Lucas Family
Extra Mins: Ian	Gifts: Lucas Family	Welcomer: Lucas Family