13th October, 2024, 28th Sunday in Ordinary time, Year B

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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For our Deceased: Deceased Family, Friends, Victims of war, violence, accidents

and natural disasters

Oct 19-20 Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. *Liturgy*

Mass Temora 10.00 a.m.

Liturgy Ardlethan 8.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.

Reflection -

Who Can Be Saved? In Jesus' time people saw wealth and prosperity as signs of God's blessing. Today we can still covet these things. We can embrace the message of our consumerist society that happiness lies in having more. The wise person knows that the greatest richness of all is the saving love of God in Christ Jesus, and it is ours for free. If our primary attachment is to Jesus, we will not covet material goods but use them as necessary.

Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.

Mark 10:24-25

The second week of the Synod Assembly begins this week and participants will delve deeper into the *Instrumentum Laboris*.

The Second Week of the Second Assembly

The second week of the Synod Assembly brings a focus on two parts of the *Instrumentum Laboris* document. From Monday 7 October until Thursday 10 October, participants will examine the section on "Relations". From the afternoon of Thursday 10 October until early the following week, the participants will look at the section titled "Pathways".

The *Instrumentum Laboris* is available on the Australian Synod website: https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch.

Reflection

The readings for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us into deeper understandings of what is possible with God, and the meaning of true wisdom and wealth. God's gift and invitation to transformation of life is not focussed on building up a large property portfolio or bank balance. A relationship of love and companionship with the trinitarian God leads to people growing in ways that can make the impossible possible in their own lives, and in the lives of others.

We often recognise this ourselves when we take the time to look back and reflect on our journey of life and faith. Moving beyond the markers of success in the world, the Synod moves us towards a Church that more reflects the home and family envisioned and found in the reign of God. This process can often be painful, but it is also ultimately freeing. Reciprocal listening, dialogue, community discernment and the creation of consensus lead us forward into the newness waiting for us. Knowing and accepting that God's loving gaze rests upon each of us, how might our lives and Church be different?

The word of God, as the second reading reminds us, is something alive and active. As we move into this week of our synodal journey, we pray with the psalmist for the wisdom of heart that reflects the compassionate heart of our generous and loving God.

Reflection written by Fiona Dyball

What we are, what we have, even our salvation, all is gift, all is grace, not to be achieved but to be received as a gift freely given.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu



Roster Oct 20th Leader: Reader: Andrina Norden

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