14 March, 4th Lent., Year B

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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

For our Deceased: Monica John, Fr Kevin Barry Cotter, Veronica Jardine, Leo Griffin, Sr Janet Quade rsm, Lawrence Stout, *(anniversary)*

20 –21 March Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Liturgy

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

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

Reflection

God Loved the World So Much. During the season of Lent we humbly acknowledge the ways in which we have failed to respond to our Christian vocation. We do this before God who is infinitely rich in mercy and grace, who sent the Son into the world not to condemn it but to be its saviour. Acknowledging our failings and accepting healing and forgiveness from Christ prepares us to celebrate the feast of Easter with great joy.

Project Compassion

Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet in his home, so he had to walk into the forest to the open defecation area, even at night or in the rain. Around 17 percent of Indonesia's rural population practice open defecation, with many unaware that it contributes to spreading diseases. Arsad's family was often sick and open defecation caused neighbourhood disputes. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner, Laz Harfa, he took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. He decided to fund the building of a toilet in his house and facilitated others in his neighbourhood to save up for toilets.

Now, Arsad and his family are healthier and

have reduced their medical expenses. Their community no longer practices open defecation and is more harmonious. A community event, called 'Declaration of Open Defecation-Free' was even held to acknowledge their achievements.



Improved hygiene practices helped Arsad's community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Caritas Australia, through Laz Harfa, also shared prevention measures and distributing soap and masks. Arsad has inspired his neighbourhood to '*Be More*'. "We help each other, the 'togetherness' is growing. Our solidarity had increased," Arsad says.



St Joseph's Feastday

On Friday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of St Joseph in this the *Year of St Joseph*. You may like to pray the prayer that has been suggested for this year as we focus on St Joseph.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

On his recent visit to Iraq
Pope Francis stated,
"fraternity is more durable
than fratricide,
that hope is more powerful
than death,
that peace more powerful
than war."

Pope Francis

During this year, the Sisters of St Joseph will mark each of its primary feasts with special prayers and celebrations. The first of these will be a week of prayer in preparation for the Feast of St Joseph on 19 March, followed by other events on 1 May the feast of St Joseph the Worker; 8 August the feast of St Mary MacKillop and 7 October the anniversary of the death of Fr Julian Tenison Woods. For more details: http://www.sosi.org.au/yearofstioseph/

Easter Triduum Timetable Good Friday

10.00 a.m. Stations of the Cross, *Ariah Park*

3.00 p.m. Solemnity of the Lord's Passion, *Ardlethan*

Easter Vigil

6.00 p.m. Easter Vigil, *Ariah Park*

Easter Sunday 8.00 a.m.

Easter Sunday, Ardlethan

Fr Bernard Hennessy will be celebrating the

Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass with us.

Roster 21 March Reader: Bernard

Welcomer: Sr Maureen