#### 14 May, 6th Easter, Year A

# TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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In our Prayers: John Hogan, Jack Wood, Alicia Bonny, Frances Vince, Jim Bonny, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldow, Kashaya Kuemmel, For our Deceased: Our mothers who are deceased; John Stewart, Joan Cox, Lloyd Trevaskis, Ron Williams, Dorothy Allen, Penny Vince, James Lewis, Anne Maher, Bill Shea, Ian Bonny, *(anniversaries)* 

May 20—21Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Sat LiturgyMassTemora 6.00 p.m.MassArdlethan 8.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.

## Reflection

**Proclaim the Good News.** The early Christian community could not remain as an enclosed, self-contained group in Jerusalem. Its members felt impelled by Christ to bring the Good News to Samaria and then to the ends of the earth. Christians in every age are called to be fully involved in the life and joys and pains of the world. At times this can be difficult but the Spirit of God is always with us to help us.

## Mother's Day

Today we celebrate Mothers' Day, a day loaded with memories! It is a day when we remember the gift of our own mothers and grandmothers who have given us life and love; and perhaps even those "spiritual mothers" who supported us in the faith and helped shape us into the women we are today. I am sure we will celebrate those members of our own families, living and deceased, who have shared in the tasks of



motherhood, our sisters and nieces, especially those awaiting the birth of their child. Let us be mindful of mothers across the world who will sit with sick children or strive to save their children from harm as they flee for safety amid war and famine. We pray too for mothers estranged from their families or who mourn the loss of their child.

Loving God,

we thank you for mothers everywhere for all they mean or have meant,

for the love they have shown and the care they have given. We thank you for this day of remembering And we bring you our grateful praise, Amen.

God our Creator, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility; for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; for those who are tired, stressed or depressed; for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family; for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty; for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; for those who have children they do not want; for those who raise children on their own: for those who have lost a child: for those who care for the children of others: for those whose children have left home: and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled. Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen.

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# A Story of Hope: Sleeping with Bread

During the bomb raids of World War 2, thousands of children were orphaned and left to starve. Some were rescued and placed in refugee camps. But, even though they now had food and care, many of these children could not sleep at night. They were afraid of waking up to find themselves once again homeless and without food. Nothing seemed to reassure them. Finally someone hit upon the idea of giving each child a piece of bread to hold at bedtime. Holding their bread, these children could finally rest. The bread reminded them, "*Today I ate and I will eat again tomorrow*." Most of us do not need to hold a piece of bread in our hands at night, to rest assured that we will be able to eat tomorrow. Most of us cannot fathom what it's like to be a refugee in the time of war.

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**God Bless** OUR MOTHERS A mother defends herself with a heart filled with love before doing so with words.

- Pope Francis