

15 August, Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary, Year B

## TEMORA MISSION AREA

**Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Aria Park**

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**St Therese Barellan**

**In our Prayers:** Jeanette Passlow, Barry Carroll, Sr Andre Guthrie rsj, Linda Grinter, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

**For our Deceased:** Rev Annette Hawken, Jim McDermott, Coronavirus Victims, Beverley Crouch, John Stout, Graeme Stout, Peter Haywood, *(anries)*

**August 21 –22**

← - - - - - Aria Park 6.00 p.m. Sat Mass - - - - - →

**Mass** Barmedman 8.00 a.m. Temora 10.00 a.m. Sunday

**Liturgy** Ardlethan 9.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.

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**Blessed is She.** Having completed the course of her earthly life, Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. Her assumption reminds us that heavenly glory is our Christian destiny. As we keep the end of life’s pilgrim journey before us, we join with Mary in praising the greatness of God.

### **Plenary Council ~ Fan the Flame**

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

*‘His mercy reaches from age to age’*

**Luke 1:39-56**

*God is asking us to refrain from putting barriers and obstacles in the way of God’s mercy reaching the least, the lost and those who feel excluded, especially those who do not yet know the love of God. God is asking us to be a Church that walks together and does not leave anyone behind.*

**(Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper p. 6)**

### **Reflections on Mary**

“Luke does not mention the death of Mary in his writings, The New Testament says nothing about the Assumption of Mary. It was not until the sixth century, when Mary became a symbol of faith and hope for all believers, that devout Christians began to celebrate feasts of Mary. The also began to speculate about her death. They were already persuaded of her unique holiness and place in God’s plan, and then began describing her death as an extraordinary event, one that befitted such an extraordinary person.... The dogma of the Assumption, proclaimed in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, has its origins in the popular faith of the Christian community. ... The Church states that Mary, who belongs to Christ in a special way, already enjoys the fullness of new life.”

**Fr Denis McBride cssr**



“In truth, neither church nor society has probably ever been quite ready for Mary of Nazareth and all that she implies for the rest of our race. Rather than celebrate her simplicity as one of us, we typically depict her with crowns and halos, imagining her as the pinnacle of beauty. And we rarely depict her with a skin tone that is anything but white. But what about the Mary of the Gospels? Who was that Jewish woman? ... Luke tells us more than anyone else about Mary, primarily in the infancy narratives. At the Annunciation, Mary spoke in the name of humanity and gave her yes to God's desire to dwell among us. After that, as we read in today's Gospel, she began the down-to-earth activity of preparing for what would happen; she sought out Elizabeth, the elder whose experience came closest to her own. ... The song of the mother of God is Luke's gift to us. As we ponder her assumption into the realm of God, Luke invites us to contemplate the God of real life and history whom she proclaims. Mary's song urges us to recognize God's activity in the everydayness of our world. She points to where we can find God working among us and warns us about the possibilities of losing our way.”

**Sr Mary McGlone csj**

*“May this Assumption Day see us stop ransoming the image of Mary to the distortions of the past and find in her creative and free self-giving, a pattern for our Christian lives, and a beacon of hope to which we can hold firm.”*

**Fr Richard Leonard sj**

### **Thank you**

Recently a ramp has been installed on the side entrance to the church thanks to Bruce. John assisted Bruce in setting it up. How blessed we are to have such generous members who care for our parish in many varied ways.

### **National Day of Prayer For the Pandemic, 22nd August 2021**

The team at the National Day of Prayer & Fasting, in consultation with many church leaders and prayer networks, is calling Australia to united prayer in the light of the current COVID-19 crisis. If you would like daily reminders to remind you there is a registration link: [REGISTER FOR AUSTRALIA PRAYS BELOW – National Day of Prayer & Fasting](#)

### **World Humanitarian Day—19 August**

This day was designated in memory of the **19 August 2003** bomb attack on the Canal Hotel in Baghdad, Iraq, killing 22 people, including the chief humanitarian in Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello. In 2009, the United Nations General Assembly formalized the day as World Humanitarian Day. Each year, WHD focuses on a theme, bringing together partners from across the humanitarian system to advocate for the survival, well-being and dignity of people affected by crises, and for the safety and security of aid workers. ***This year, we highlight the immediate human cost of the climate crisis by pressuring world leaders to take meaningful climate action for the world’s most vulnerable people.***

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/humanitarian-day>

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