15 November, 33rd Sunday, Year A

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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In our Prayers: Bill Dunn, Neville Caldow, Pauline O'Brien, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,
For our Deceased: Margaret Davies, Lindsey Litchfield, Iney Lynch, Eileen Gaynor, Our deceased family members, parishioners, those who have died from war, violence, bushfires and the coronavirus

November 21-22 Ariah 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.

Reflection
Well done, Good and Faithful Servant! We all have our unique gifts and talents. When we use them well, we enrich our community. We bring joy to ourselves and to others. Let us encourage each other to develop our gifts. Then, together, we will hear our Master say: 'Well done, good and faithful servants. Come and join in my happiness forever.'

Blessed Carlo Acutis
Recently a young teenager was declared Blessed—the final step before Canonisation. His life is a witness to young people.
"Acutis died of leukemia in 2006 at the age of 15, but not before he had the chance to make an impact on this world. The Italian teenager was an example of holiness to those around him, and he used his computer skills to create an online database documenting eucharistic miracles. On October. 10 of this year, his beatification Mass was held in the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy.
Before his beatification, his mother, Antonia Salzano, described him as an "influencer for God" who spread light in an online landscape clouded by darkness. Pope Francis encouraged young people to follow Acutis's example in "Christus Vivit," his address to young people after the meeting of the Synod of Bishops in 2018, because he "knew how to use the new communications technology to transmit the Gospel, to communicate values and beauty. … More than ever, we need a vision of how to stay connected better rather than tear each other down, to encounter each other rather than sell ourselves, online and off. We need a saint who knew what it is like to live online, because that is where so many of us go searching for ourselves."
https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2020/10/23/blessed-carlo-acutis-pokemon-saint-millennials

NAIDOC Week ***Always Was, Always Will Be.***
As you are aware, last week we celebrated NAIDOC week. The 2020 theme, ***Always Was, Always Will Be,*** recognises and celebrates that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the ancient history of this country – a history which dates back thousands of generations. It is stated, "We are spiritually and culturally connected to this country. This country was criss-crossed by generations of brilliant Nations. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists.

Australia has the world's oldest oral stories. The First Peoples engraved the world's first maps, made the earliest paintings of ceremony and invented unique technologies. We built and engineered structures - structures on Earth - predating well-known sites such as the Egyptian Pyramids and Stonehenge. Our adaptation and intimate knowledge of Country enabled us to endure climate change, catastrophic droughts and rising sea levels.

Always Was, Always Will Be acknowledges that hundreds of Nations and our cultures covered this continent. All were managing the land - the biggest estate on earth - to sustainably provide for their future. Through ingenious land management systems like fire stick farming we transformed the harshest habitable continent into a land of bounty.

The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples. Our coastal Nations watched and interacted with at least 36 contacts made by Europeans prior to 1770. Many of them resulting in the charting of the northern, western and southern coastlines of our lands and our waters. For us, this nation's story began at the dawn of time.

NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the true history of this country – a history which dates back thousands of generations. It's about seeing, hearing and learning the First Nations' 65,000+ year history of this country - which is Australian history. We want all Australians to celebrate that we have the oldest continuing cultures on the planet and to recognise that our sovereignty was never ceded."
https://www.naidoc.org.au/get-involved/2020-theme

Thank you
Once again, my appreciation goes out to you for the way you reached out in welcome to the families who were able to be with us for our Ritual of Remembering.

Prayer for Harvest
The season of harvest has started; may we commend it to the care of our God:
God of the heavens and earth, we thank you for the richness of harvest time and for food. May the fruitfulness of this time make us thankful for your constant love and care for us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Roster 22 November	Leader: Sr Maureen	Reader: Andrina
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