16 August, 20th Sunday, Year A

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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In our Prayers: Brianna Papworth, Neville Caldow, Pauline O'Brien, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel, All those affected by the Coronavirus,
For our Deceased: Beverley Crouch, Beirut and Coronavirus victims, John Stout, Alan Litchfield, Jim Tuckett *(anniversaries)*

August 22—23 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
Woman, You Have Great Faith! The Canaanite woman in today's Gospel enjoyed no status in the eyes of the Jewish people of her time. She was someone to be scorned and ignored. Yet, in her deep love for her daughter and her great faith, she is a model of the true disciple of Jesus. She reminds us that what identifies us as Christians most fundamentally is our faith, our hope and our love.

The Pope Reflects on Social Problems brought on by the Pandemic
The Pope lamented personal and collective individualism, selfishness and indifference, which damage human relationships and create a throwaway culture. He said human beings are social beings, created in the image and likeness of God. That's why Pope Francis called for respect for the dignity of every person, regardless of race, language or condition.

"The pandemic has made us more aware of the spread within our societies of a false, individualistic way of thinking, one that rejects human dignity and relationships, views persons as consumer goods and creates a "throw away" culture. In contrast, faith teaches that we have been created in God's image and likeness, made for love and for communion of life with God, with one another and with the whole of creation. Jesus tells us that true discipleship consists in following His example by spending ourselves in service of others. ... In responding to the pandemic, we Christians are called to combat all violations of human dignity as contrary to the Gospel, and to work for the well-being of our whole human family and our common home." **Rome Reports**

Women's Reflection Afternoon
You're invited to the time of reflection that will be livestreamed to all corners of the Archdiocese 2-4:30 pm Saturday **29th August.** Gather with friends at home or in the parish, wherever you have internet access. Connect with women from Lake Cargelligo to Pambula to hear inspiring talks and participate in short guided prayer experiences. Hosted by the Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce. Register at www.bit.ly/WomensReflectionAfternoon Enquiries email catholic.women@cg.org.au or ring/text Lara on 0429 192 869

Plenary Council Update
The postponement of the first assembly of the Plenary Council by 12 months might have seemed like a slowing down of the Council journey, but lots of work continues to proceed.

Groups around the country are unpacking the six discernment papers that were published at Pentecost. One diocese is making that task easier with the provision of podcasts of the papers' text. The group preparing the **instrumentum laboris** -- *or working document* -- for the Council is also hard at work, leaning on the voices captured so far as well as wisdom from within and beyond the Church. New resources are also being developed to support the ongoing engagement of people across the country.

What will be on the agenda for the Plenary Council?
The agenda for the Plenary Council will be developed over the months leading up to the first assembly in October 2021 and in response to the fruits of discernment. At Pentecost 2020, discernment papers were prepared for each of the six national themes for discernment, drawing upon the submissions during the Listening and Dialogue phase, Church teaching and tradition, Scripture and additional wisdom from inside and beyond the Church. The discernment papers and the subsequent **instrumentum laboris** will be the foundation for the agenda for the first assembly of the Plenary Council.

Further Reflection
In today's Gospel, it is the Canaanite woman pleading for her daughter who reflects God's vision of our shared humanity. Despite the ridicule and abuse she endures, she believes in the idea that "we are people" all held in the hand and heart of God. In honouring the goodness and love of the Canaanite mother for her sick child — who, as a Canaanite, represents one of Israel's most despised enemies — Christ opens our eyes and hearts to see one another as God sees us. The call to discipleship demands that we look beyond labels and stereotypes to realize that every one of us is a child of God, brothers and sisters all. *Adapted from* ***Connections SUNDAY***

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