

16 February, 6th Sunday Year A

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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In our Prayers: Tracey Passlow, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel, Maxine Keshan,

For our Deceased: Dianne Stout, Fire fighters, Gerard Gaynor, Betty Tyndall, Ken Popple, Darcy Lucas ((*Anniversaries*))



February 22—23 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.** Barellean 10.00 a.m.



Reflection

Follow God's Law. The vast wisdom of God is revealed in the law God has given to us, a law designed to lead us to the fullness of life and happiness. In today's gospel, Jesus reminds us that law is not only about external behaviour. Our inner attitudes are also important. It is from within, from the attitudes of our hearts, that good or evil actions flow.

Welcome

Fr Bill Milsted, welcome to our Parish and Mission whilst Fr Sijo is on leave. Fr Bill is from Sydney. May his time among us be a blessing to us all.

A Message from Fr Bill

Ministers of Holy Communion, please come to the sanctuary after the priest has received Communion from the chalice (not before). I will give you a signal at the time. Ministers at the altar, I will dress the altar at the Offertory and do the Ablutions after Holy Communion. Please assist as required.

Deanery Plenary Council Meeting

The planned Deanery gathering has been postponed. The new date will be set at the Deanery Meeting on 25 February.

World Day of Prayer

You are invited to join with our local community at the Uniting Church on **Friday 6 March** for the World Day of Prayer. More details to follow.

World Day of Social Justice

The theme for 2020 World Day of Social Justice is '*Closing the inequalities gap to achieve social justice*'. The day on **20 February** marks the start of a week dedicated to respect in, and of, our world. We all have an instinctive sense of what is fair. It can be very sharp when we assess what people or governments owe to us, less sharp in judging what we owe to others, and quite blunt about what our duties to people distant and different from us.

We often need to be shocked into broadening our vision.

This year the bushfires have shocked us into recognising freshly what justice demands of us in the many relationships that make up our lives.

Justice demands respect, requiring us to recognise the value of our world, of ourselves and of others and to respond to them respectfully. As we become more aware of our significant relationships, so the demands of justice on us deepen and become more complex.

Andrew Hamilton SJ

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Background to the Readings

Today's readings reveal *God's law* as something different from human-made laws, which are imposed on people to keep them in check. God's law is born in love and given in love, and is fulfilled by our loving response to it.

Because God does not impose the law, we are always free to choose our response. God's loving and wise care (*Second Reading*) means that we are supported in our response (*First Reading*).

When we do respond lovingly, we will experience happiness on earth (*Psalms*) and know greatness in God's kingdom (*Gospel*).

Let's ask for the grace, in the coming week, to really seek the Lord with all our hearts. And to respond to the circumstances of our daily lives with loving wisdom, knowing that in everything we are being guided, held and encouraged by God's law of love.

For Reflection

"*I don't pray,*" people say to me. And I say back, "Neither do I. I just breathe God in and hope somehow to learn how to breathe God out, as well." The purpose of prayer is simply to transform us to the mind of God. We do not go to prayer to coax God to make our lives Disneyland. We don't go to prayer to get points off our sins. We don't go to suffer for our sins. We go to prayer to be transfigured ourselves, to come to see the world as God sees the world, to practise the presence of God, to put on a heart of justice, of love, and of compassion for others. We go to become new of soul.

Roster 23 February

Leader: Andrina

Reader: Bernard

Minister: Paul

Welcomer: Robyn