

16 January 2022, 2nd Sunday, Year C

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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St Therese Barellan

In our Prayers: Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Frank Gaynor, Family, friends, parishioners and community members.

January 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.** Barellan 10.00 a.m.

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Reflection

‘Do whatever he tells you’. At the marriage feast of Cana Jesus turns water, set aside for washing, into wine of great quality. A new richness and abundance flows to the people from Jesus. We will partake of this richness if we, like the attendants at the wedding, follow Mary’s instruction to ‘do whatever he tells you.’ As we receive the gifts he offers we are transformed in turn into a new creation.

A Reflection

“The Gospel story has more symbolic depth than just a simple story of an amazing miracle would. Mary says modestly to Jesus, “They have no wine” [symbolically, the human race has no real life left in it]. Jesus replies, strangely, “woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.” Explicitly, his public life has not yet come. In that life he will preach, heal, suffer, die and rise again, as we will see in the coming weeks. But Mary knew him too well. She did not take seriously all the reasons God’s promise could not be fulfilled. She knew that the people needed the full, rich wine of life, which is love. She trusted her son. She says to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” And, of course, water becomes wine. On this Sunday we begin to watch Jesus make us into “his delight.”

John Foley, SJ

Thank you ... to those who with no fuss or bother changed over the drapes last Sunday.

5th Sunday Donation

\$373-10 has been transferred to Fr Sijo to distribute the money to those in need who are cared for by members of his Ls Salette Congregation. This is a combined donation from Aria Park and Ardlethan. *Thank you for your ongoing generosity.*

New Year’s Prayer

Lord, you make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our spirits to be born again

Thank you for this new year

For all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us

A mighty flame

So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God

And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen.

A Further Reflection

In his “first sign” in the Gospel of John, Jesus’ changing simple water into choice wine is a fitting sign of what Jesus has been sent by God to do: to transform our world from the brokenness of sin and the deadness of self-centeredness into God’s banquet table of generosity, hope and healing.

How can we be ‘new wine’ to those around us?

How can we pour out compassion and care for others?

“As long as there are people,
Christ will walk the earth as your neighbour,
as the one through whom God calls you, speaks to you,
makes demands on you.

That is the great seriousness and great blessedness
of the [Christmas] message.

Christ is standing at the door.

He lives in **the form of** a human being
among us.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*“Do your little bit of good where you are ... It is those little bits of good
put together that overwhelm the world.”*

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

*We wish Fr Sijo an
enjoyable break
as he returns to his
community for
meetings and time
with his family in India.
May God grant you,
Fr Sijo, safe travels
and relaxation. We
look forward to your
return to us, Fr Sijo.*

Roster: 23 January

Leader:

Reader:

Minister: *Volunteers for all*