

**TEMORA MISSION AREA**

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

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**For our Deceased:** May Rayment, Heather Symth, Billie Mowitch, Valma Cowell, Frances Popple, Frances Popple, (*anniversaries*)

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**22—23 July** Aria Park 6 .00 p.m. Mass

**Mass** Temora 6.00 p.m.

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

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**Reflection**  
*Listen, Anyone who has Ears.* Do we really listen when the Word of God is proclaimed at Mass? Do we allow it to take root in our hearts and yield a rich harvest? If we try to listen at Mass, we will learn to listen also to the many voices that cry out to us in the midst of our busy lives—the voices of our children, of our parents, of our spouse, of those who need us to hear them.

**Reflection**  
Today’s Gospel is the familiar parable of the Sower. *What would it be like if I imagine that I am the soil on which the seeds are sown. What am I like? Am I a rich, well-manured loam, or a very thin, rocky topsoil? Are there other plants already growing there? I ponder. I may come to realise that the quality of my soil has changed over the years. Who or what has led to these changes?* **Australian Catholics**

“The parable of the Sower challenges us to check the *“thinness”* of the soil in our hearts that results in our faith withering in the noonday heat; the *“rockiness”* of self-centeredness and avarice that prevents God’s *“seed”* of generosity and peace from taking root in us; the *“thorns”* of bigotry and self-righteousness that *“choke”* the possibility of providing for the poor, healing the broken, lifting up the fallen. Our own response to the needs of the world is a good measure of the *“richness”* of our faith and its potential for the *“seed”* of God’s Word to take root and realize in our lives the harvest of justice and compassion that is the Kingdom of God.” **Connections**

**The Synod of Bishops on Synodality**  
“Pope Francis has appointed more than 450 participants, including religious men and women and laypeople from around the world, to attend the Synod of Bishops on Synodality, with the first session this October.

And that list is not complete, Cardinal Mario Grech, secretary-general of the Synod of Bishops, told reporters at a Vatican news conference on Friday. More names will be added to the list of non-voting members, such as experts and representatives of non-Catholic Christian communities, he said.

For now, the list of voting members is complete, numbering 363 cardinals, bishops, priests, religious and lay men and women — a first in the history of the synod. Pope Francis made significant changes to who can be a voting member of the synod on synodality and he gave women the right to vote in the synod.

Out of the 364 members who can vote, which includes the pope, 54 are women — either lay or religious; the number of cardinals appointed as members also is 54.

More than a quarter of all the voting members, that is 26.4 per cent, are not bishops, according to the 21-page list of the appointments released on Friday by the Vatican.

Those the Pope appointed to take part in the October 4-29 synod include 169 cardinals or bishops representing national bishops’ conferences; 20 cardinals or bishops representing Eastern Catholic churches; five cardinals or bishops representing regional federations of bishops’ conferences; and 20 heads of Vatican dicasteries, which includes one layman, Paolo Ruffini, prefect of the Dicastery for Communication.

The Pope also appointed five religious men and five religious women to represent the International Union of Superiors General and the Union of Superiors General.

There are an additional 50 papally appointed members, the majority of whom are cardinals and bishops, but they include 11 priests, religious and 1 layman and 1 laywoman.

Another novelty is a large group of non-bishop voting members who represent the *“continental assemblies”* and are named *“witnesses of the synodal process.”* The theme of the synod is: **“For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission,”** and synod members will be called upon to continue to carry forward a *“process of spiritual discernment”* that was begun in 2021 and continue with a second synod assembly in 2024.

<https://cathnews.com/2023/07/10/pope-appoints-hundreds-to-attend-synod-of-bishops-on-synodality/>

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