

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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St Therese Barellan

In our Prayers: Bernard Jardine, Barry Carroll, Robyn Richards,
Neville Caldwell.

For our Deceased: Bill McDermott, Jack Wood, Archbishop Francis Patrick Carroll, Sharon Kober, Deceased Family, Friends, Victims of war, violence, accidents and natural disasters



April 22-23

Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Sat Mass

Mass Barmedman 8.00 a.m. Temora 10.00 a.m. Sunday

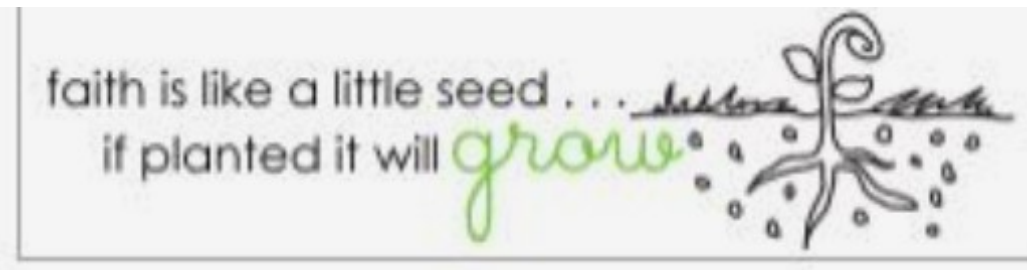
Liturgy Ardlethan **9.00 a.m.** Barellan 10.00 a.m.



Reflection

The laws of growth. We would love to be able to plant a seed today and have a magnificent tree tomorrow, but that is not possible. It will take many years for the tree to grow to its full height. Likewise, the church is constantly growing towards fuller maturity. The church is nourished in its growth by the eucharist and the word of God. The church is like a growing tree, already bearing fruit and giving comfort, but always open to further growth. *“The message is clear: the Kingdom of God, though it requires our collaboration, is above all a gift of God, a grace which precedes man and his works. Our weak strength, if united to that of God, fears no obstacles, because the victory of the Lord is certain.”*

Pope Benedict XVI



WORD—PERSON

By Tony Percy

Jesus taught by way of metaphors and parables. This way we receive truth and sureness, yet freedom to explore the levels of meaning in the stories.

What is the key to the parables?

The sower is Jesus. The seed scattered around the place is the Word. Our hearts are the earth – fertile, fruitful or otherwise.

What is the seed – the Word – scattered?

Remarkably, it is a **Word-Person**. Let’s put it this way:

It belongs to persons to express themselves. God does just this. He expresses himself – he speaks – and the speaking is so perfect that it is a Word-Person.

God is love. The Father and Son (Word) love each other so perfectly that we have a Love-Person – the Holy Spirit.

So, we made in God’s image and likeness, are to act with truth and love:

We are to speak and act in truth; we are to speak and act with love.

Naturally enough, this leads to a deepening of hope in our families, our communities, our places of work.

That seed-word is powerful. Almost invisible:

Yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub, putting out big branches, shading the birds of the air (Mark 4).

Amen.

Reflection—Today’s Gospel is about those everyday miracles we can work if we possess “mustard seed” faith: the conviction that, in the smallest acts of compassion and generosity, we can transform the most barren stretches of our lives into great gardens of hope and possibility. We may have little or no expectation of a harvest; nurturing what we have planted may be a frustrating and futile undertaking — but Christ calls us to embrace the faith of the Gospel farmer and the hope of the mustard seed: to be willing to plant whatever “seeds” of Gospel hope and compassion we possess, wherever and whenever we can, in the certain knowledge that it will, in some way, result in its own “miracle”: the revelation of the kingdom of God in the everyday blessedness of our lives.

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