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TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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

For our Deceased: Tania Gillett, Jessie Druce, Terry McMahon, our deceased family and friends, Sandra Werner, Colin Drysdale, Graham Lewis Bull, Marie Golden, James *(Kelly)* Griffin, Elaine Barry, Jim Daniher, *(anniversaries)*

<u>April 23-24</u>

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

Christ is risen. alleluia! The empty tomb, and the neatly folded burial cloths, were signs that led the beloved disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles, and the faithfulness, courage and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: *'alleluia!*

Project Compassion

Your generous support of Project Compassion is appreciated. Boxes/envelopes can be returned this Sunday or next Sunday.

Baptism

Today we welcome Lance to the Catholic Community as he is baptised in the company of family and friends. We rejoice with his parents, Emily and Mitch, and their families. May the Light of Christ be his guide as he grows into the fullness of the life God desires for him.

Thank you

To each of you for all you did to ensure the ceremonies of Holy Week were celebrated meaningfully. Gratitude also for the preparation of the church and grounds. May Risen Jesus assure you of his companionship.

Season of Sowing

May God bless your efforts as you once again sow your crops with hope and trust for a fruitful harvest.

Easter Messages

The Easter Message from Archbishop Prowse has been sent via email which he finishes with these words, "May the Easter Jesus bless and protect you always! He is truly risen! Alleluia!"

Dear Parishioners,

As St. Paul says, the Resurrection of Jesus is the foundation and cornerstone of our faith - 'if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless and your faith too is in vain' (*1Cor 15:14*).

Let us find strength and hope from the Risen Lord as we move forward. Easter brings so many promises of God to us - life is stronger than death, love can overcome hate, goodness, ultimately triumphs over evil and eternity and glory with God in Heaven are our destiny. Thus the joy of new life through our Lord's resurrection is for us to experience throughout the whole year.

I pray that Jesus may live in all our hearts, that we may always embrace Him with love and gratitude. May His love and His peace fill our hearts, our lives, our homes and our families.

Have a blessed and joyful Easter.

Fr. Sijo.

Dear Parishioners,

With all that has been happening in our world as well as in our own country in recent weeks it seems to me that we need the Easter Message of Hope more than ever. Fr Daniel O'Leary writes, "*Resurrection, in fact, is the deepest meaning of everything that brings a smile to our face, a tear to our eyes, a vitality to our bodies, a softness to our voices and a tenderness to our touch. Resurrection is as real as that.*" As bearers of hope may we be people of resurrection joy as we continue to respond generously to those in need, listen to the lonely, pray for those who are suffering in any way, offer a gesture of kindness to another and trust in the companioning presence of Jesus Risen who walks with us every day. May Easter blessings gift you with peace, love and hope. *Sr Maureen McDermott rsj*

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Reflection



"The resurrection does not deny the reality of suffering, illness, violence, pain, loss and death. The resurrection holds out to us, and to those to whom we reach out in times of loss and devastation, a message of hope that goodness

will ultimately triumph. The resurrection of Jesus gives us reason to be agents of resurrection for those who are suffering loss, grief and disaster." **Br Julian**

Roster: 24 April

Leader: Tracey R

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