

17 January, 2nd Sunday, Year B

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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For our Deceased: Neville Pople, Deceased Family, Friends, victims of coronavirus and natural disasters.

January 23—24

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.

Reflection

Called by Name. It can be hard to believe that God knows each of us by name. Sometimes we need a wise guide, like the old priest Eli or John the Baptist, to help us recognise the voice of God in our life. Let us try to hear God's personal call to us in this Mass and in the events of this day, a call which says in different ways, 'come and dwell with me, share my life'.

Mary MacKillop

Close to 180 years ago Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne. Last Friday, 15 January, is the day of her birth. Sue and Leo Kane, in their book, **A Daily Cuppa with Mary and Julian** write, "Mary's birthday is a time to celebrate the beauty at the heart of who she was. This reflection could have been written with her in mind."

"The most beautiful people we have known are those who known defeat, known suffering, known loss and have found their way out of the depths. These persons have an appreciation, a sensitivity and an understanding of life that fills them with compassion, gentleness, and a deep loving concern. Beautiful people do not just happen."

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

Sue and Leo continue, "We share a toast to the workings of grace within her, this woman who showed us that holiness comes wrapped in the ordinary.

I seem in my prayer to be finding so many corners in my own heart for one place after another, and one person after another.

Mary MacKillop, 1873

The Summer Day

Mary Oliver

Who made the world?

Who made the swan, and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper?

This grasshopper, I mean--

the one who has flung herself out of the grass,

the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,

who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down --

who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.

Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.

Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.

I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down

into the grass, how to kneel in the grass,

how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields

which is what I have been doing all day.

Tell me, what else should I have done?

Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?

Tell me, what is it you plan to do

With your one wild and precious life?

http://www.phys.unm.edu/~tw/fas/yits/archive/oliver_thesummerday.html

What do you Want?

John 1:38-39

"When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (*which translated means Teacher*), "where do you live?" He said to them, "Come and see."

Jesus responds to the two disciples by inviting them into deeper dialogue through the question, 'what do you want?' Jesus calls each of us into a personal relationship with him, just as he did with the two disciples. To the simple, yet real question, 'where do you live?' Jesus welcomes the disciples with the words, 'come and see'. What powerful dialogue in this encounter between Jesus and the disciples! As you hear Jesus ask you, 'what do you want?', what is your response?

As a disciple of Jesus, do I spend enough time simple being with him?

Roster 24 January

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