

17 October, 29th Sunday, Year B

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, Linda Grinter, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Coronavirus Victims, Jenny Shannon, Mary Lucas, Joan Thompson, 'Masso' Adams, Iney Lynch (*anniversaries*)

October 23—24

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.

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Reflection

A Servant Leadership. Some people use their authority to oppress others and win glory for themselves. They make their authority felt. Good leaders exercise their authority lightly, using it to help people live and work together. In today's Gospel Jesus describes his authority in terms of service and self sacrifice: he 'came not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many.' How do we exercise authority within our family, workplace, society and Church?

Plenary Council

In Wednesday's edition of **Catholic Voice** Fr Tony Percy shared a little of his experience of the Plenary Council:

"The new buzz word is 'Synodality.' It means 'walking together.'

'Walking' is, as we well know, a symbol of the moral life. The letters of Paul are helpful in this regard. According to St. Thomas Aquinas, without a reasonably developed emotional life, the moral life – the integration of emotions, will and mind – becomes difficult. You might have experienced this 'integrating process' while walking physically? The other part of synodality is 'together.' The virtual Plenary Council rendered this difficult. But there was a lot of goodwill and with goodwill much can be done."



Combined Service—Ritual of Remembering

Sunday, **31 October** being the fifth Sunday will be the Combined Liturgy. The focus of the Liturgy will be remembering those who have died in the past twelve months as well as our own deceased family and friends. After our Liturgy next Sunday we will prepare the church for the combined Liturgy on 31 October.

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17 October)

The theme this year is: **"Building Forward Together: Ending Persistent Poverty, Respecting all People and our Planet"**.

The COVID-19 pandemic that gripped the world during the past year has resulted in over 3.7 million deaths and is reversing decades of progress in the fight against poverty and extreme poverty. According to the World Bank report on "Projected poverty impacts of COVID-19," "between 71 to 100 million people are being pushed into poverty as a result of the crisis, with the majority of the new extreme poor being found in South Asian and Sub-Saharan countries where poverty rates are already high". In 2021, this number is expected to rise to between 143 and 163 million. ... These 'new poor' will join the ranks of the 1.3 billion people already living in multidimensional and persistent poverty who saw their pre-existing deprivations aggravated during the global pandemic. As a matter of fact, the impact of COVID-19 has been the hardest on the people who – for generations – have lacked equal access to public goods and services, quality healthcare systems and strong social protection, making it harder to cope with any shocks. In addition, the measures imposed to limit the spread of the pandemic often further pushed them into poverty – the informal economy which enables many people in poverty to survive was virtually shut down in many countries. <https://www.un.org/development/desa/socialperspectiveondevelopment/2021/08/30/international-day-for-the-eradication-of-poverty-2021/>

Anniversary of the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop

Today we remember that day in 2010 when Mary MacKillop was declared a saint in Rome. "In her Ministerial Statement made to the New South Wales Parliament that day, the then Premier, Kristina Keneally, pointed out that while Mary MacKillop's canonisation was significant for the universal church, it spoke to Australians in particular: *"She will be forever a reminder that our nation is at its greatest when we care for all in our communities, especially the most vulnerable. She will always be known as a great pioneer of egalitarianism, mateship and compassion that we now call a fair go. Her life is inspiring to any Australian."* ... In past days the Catholic Church in Australia has been listening in Plenary Council to the voices of those responding to questions about how the Church can be a credible sign and instrument of God's saving work in this country. Like Mary MacKillop in her time, we experience a Church in need of conversion. ... Mary MacKillop did not shy from the challenges of her time. Neither must we. We, too, must inform ourselves and take whatever steps are necessary within our ambit of influence, so that the Church can be recognised as an authentic voice proclaiming the reality of God's Love. ... As we recall the universal celebration of what God achieved for the people of our land and beyond through Mary MacKillop, we are reminded to see and hear again God's promise that life comes out of death and that Love's power transforms our lives.

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<https://www.sosj.org.au/lets-take-a-stand-for-the-church-today-its-what-mary-mackillop-would-do/>

Roster 24 October

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