

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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St Therese Barellan

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

For our Deceased: Isabelle Aitken, Marge Rees, those killed from violence, famine, etc, Leo Langtry, John Stout, Graeme Stout, Peter Haywood, (*anniversaries*)

July 23—24

← Ariaiah 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 better part.' Hospitality entails not only serving others but also listening attentively to them. Often, this is the better part. What people need most of all is to be heard and to hear. To grow in the Christian life, we need to combine the good works of Martha with the contemplative attitude of Mary.

Combined Service

ACAT's Combined Service for the fifth Sunday in July will be celebrated here in Our Lady Help of Christians on Sunday 31 July at 9.00 a.m.. It will be our normal liturgy with the focus on **Gratitude**. Morning tea will follow the liturgy.

Plenary Council

The nine-month celebration phase of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia ended last week. Almost four-and-a-half years after preparations for the Council began, Members met for a final session to bring to a conclusion the second general assembly, held across six days in Sydney. In addition to celebrating the final Mass on Saturday morning, Members also approved a concluding statement signed by all Members of the assembly, reflecting on the discernment that took place over those days.

Acknowledging that while some moments during the week had been *"calm and harmonious"*, others were *"tense and difficult"*, the statement also said *"every moment has been blessed; the entire week has been grace-filled, though never a cheap grace"*.

"The Holy Spirit has been both comforter and disrupter." After a dramatic day on Wednesday, when a pair of motions did not pass, Council Members commenced *"new patterns of listening and dialogue, which are nascent but real"*. The statement agreed with Pope Francis' assessment that synodality is *"an easy concept to put into words, but not so easy to put into practice"*. *"Embedding these practices of listening and*

discernment will continue to be essential dimensions of the implementation of this Plenary Council," the statement said. ...

On Friday evening, Members approved a motion about the implementation phase of the Plenary Council. The steps outlined include the establishment of terms of review for implementation by the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council, the publication of interim reports in 2023 and 2025, and the publication of a final review report in 2027.

Find out more about the Plenary Council at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au
<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/fifth-plenary-council-of-australia-closes/>

The World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

Next weekend the church once again celebrates the elderly in our community. Pope Francis writes, *"In old age they will still bear fruit"* (Ps 92:15).

St Mary Magdalene

On Friday 22 July we celebrate the feast of Mary Magdalene, the apostle to the apostles—the first person to whom the Resurrected Jesus appeared, as Tradition tells us. *"In 2016, Pope Francis elevated the annual memorial of Mary Magdalene on July 22 to that of a Feast, the same status as celebrations of the apostles and evangelists. In light of the fact that she announced the good news of the resurrection to the Twelve on Easter Morning, she is fittingly called "Apostle to the Apostles."*

<https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/mary-magdalene-apostle-to-the-apostles/>

World Meeting of Families

When the tenth World Meeting of Families came to a close in Rome, Pope Francis encouraged families; *"The gamble on family love is courageous. You must have courage to get married. We see so many young people without the courage to get married. Many times, some mother tells me, "do something, talk to my son who won't get married, he's 37 years old." But, ma'am, don't iron his shirts, start sending him out a bit, so he may leave the nest. ...* The Pope also told couples, constantly rediscover their love for one another in order to endure the most difficult moments of the relationship together, rather than seeking separation. In difficult moments of crisis, every family has crises, please, do not take the easy path. *"I'm going to mom's." No. Go forward, with this courageous gamble. There will be difficult moments, hard moments. Go forward, always."*

<https://www.romereports.com/en/2022/06/25/pope-francis-at-world-meeting-of-families-take-the-courageous-gamble-on-family-life/>

Thank you

To each of you for all you did while I was away recently. May our good God bless you.



Confirmation

Next weekend four children will celebrate their Confirmation at Ariaiah Park. May we pray for Grace, Henry, Jobe and Ruby as they prepare to confirm their faith sacramentally. May the grace of this Sacrament be life giving for them and their family.

Roster: 24 July

Leader: Tracey

Reader: Suzanne

Minister: Ian