

17 June, 11th Sunday, Year B

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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For our Deceased: Kellie O'Brien, Sr Valerian Corbett rsj, Des Popple,
Cecily Breust, Billy Dance (*Anniversaries*),

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June 23—24 Aria Park *No Liturgy*

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m. Sat

Confirmation Ardlethan **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**

Confirmation

After the ceremony at **10.00 a.m.** next **Sunday, 24 June** you are invited to celebrate with the newly confirmed and their families in the Mullins Centre. After Mass today, we will clean the Church in preparation for Confirmation. If you can manage to stay for a while to assist, be assured your contribution will be appreciated.

Let us pray with our Candidates, Alice and Josephine.

Come O life giving Spirit, transform us.

Stir up in us the flame of love which is your gift.

Give us wisdom to see as you see.

Give us understanding to hear as you hear.

Give us courage and strength to walk the way of love.

Holy Spirit, fill us with your love and guide us in the choices we will make.

This we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.



Plenary Council Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, *pray for us.* St Mary MacKillop, *pray for us.*

Refugee Week, 17—23 June, is a time to gather heart and to look at the small things that bless the lives even of desperate people: the visits to detention centres, the supportive letters in the daily papers, the march for refugees that people in detention glimpse on the television news, the letters to politicians, the conversation that turns another person from problems to persons, the encouragement we give to people who have opened their hearts to asylum seekers for the long haul. These small things do not free people from detention, close Manus Island and Nauru as overseas prisons, nor change the minds of the majority of Australians who believe that we should punish asylum seekers in order to stop the boats. But in doing these things we dig the small channels that, when the season changes and the rain comes, will irrigate the parched fields. **Andrew Hamilton SJ**

What small thing can I do this week for refugees?

Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) Mission Group will meet for the first time on the **4th of July at 2:30pm** in Sacred Heart Church Hall **Ariah Park**. This is simply an opportunity to gather with Fr. Trenton, Sr Janet and Sr Maureen and many from all over the Mission for a short time of prayer with the scriptures.

All are encouraged to come along.

Kingdom/Reign of God

Jesus came to announce the presence of what he called "the kingdom" or the "reign" of God. He kept saying "it is like" or "it may be compared to" and he used stories, parables, and metaphors so that we could recognize what was obvious to him but not so obvious to us. The reign of God is not about a world without pain or mystery but simply a world where we would be in good relationships with all things, where we would be connected and in communion with God and one another. *Adapted from Richard Rohr OFM*

Shine Student Gathering with Fr Trenton: Canberra – Sunday 5th August, 2018.

Join hundreds of other young people from around the Archdiocese who have answered the call to serve Jesus in an incredible affirmation of life and faith. Everyone from across the Archdiocese is invited to join Archbishop Prowse for the SHINE Youth Mass and Youth Rally. *Let us keep this gathering in our prayer.*

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| Roster: 24 June | Gifts: Confirmation | Reader: Confirmation |
| Minister: Confirmation | Acolyte: Bruce | Welcomer: Frances |