

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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St Therese Barellan

In our Prayers: Robyn Richards, Jack Wood, Alicia Bonny, Frances Vince, Jim Bonny, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Nobby Clark, Eileen Gaynor, Jack Gaynor, Jenny Shannon, Gwen Fairman, Jim Prentice, Des Gaynor, Elaine Hanrahan, Jim Prentice and Peter Quade (*Anniversaries*)



September 23—24 Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Mass

Mass Temora 10.00 a.m.

Liturgy Ardlethan 9.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.



Reflection

How Often Must I Forgive? There is much truth in the proverb, ‘to err is human, to forgive divine.’ We all make mistakes. We all do or say things we later regret. And yet, when others wrong us, we can find it beyond our human strength to forgive. As we celebrate the mystery of Christ’s love today, let us ask Jesus to heal our divisions and fill our hearts with his spirit of forgiveness.

Reflection

“In the 5th Century St Augustine said that forgiveness was like a mother who has two wonderful daughters named justice and compassion. In using such a metaphor Augustine knew that forgiveness was not a once-off event, it was a process that involved other virtues as well. Jesus teaches a similar lesson in today’s Gospel, where he uses the image of the King settling his debts. Because the King is just, compassionate and forgiving, he rightly expects that, in turn, his steward will be so as well. ...For when we stand before God with the weakness and sinfulness of our own life, God will not settle old scores, take revenge and exact retribution. Rather God will be perfectly just and completely compassionate. When we choose forgiveness over revenge, and love over hate we begin to glimpse God’s creative goodness coming to perfection in us, because forgiveness is a participation in the very heart of God.”

Fr Richard Leonard sj

As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn’t leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I’d still be in prison.

Nelson Mandela

Pope Francis and Our Lady, Undoer of Knots

Pope Francis has a special devotion to ***Our Lady, Undoer of Knots***. While studying in Germany in the 1980s, he discovered this devotion at the Church of St. Peter am Perlach in Augsburg. In the church, there is a painting from about 1700 that depicts Mary in heaven surrounded by angels. She stands on the crescent moon crushing the head of the serpent, Satan. She holds a long ribbon and is untying a large knot, one of several on the ribbon. ... This devotion had a profound impact on the devotional life of Pope Francis. As archbishop of Buenos Aires, he introduced and encouraged the devotion to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots. The devotion was so intensely popular throughout Argentina and Brazil that the **British Guardian** called it “a religious craze.”



<https://catholicstraightanswers.com/why-does-pope-francis-have-a-special-devotion-to-our-lady-undoer-of-knots/>

Prayer

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me. Virgin Mary, Mother of fair love, Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of a child in need, Mother whose hands never cease to serve your beloved children because they are moved by the divine love and immense mercy that exist in your heart, cast your compassionate eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exists in my life. Mary, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life. No one, can take it away from your precious care. In your hands there is no knot that cannot be undone. Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power with Your Son and My Liberator, Jesus, take into your hands today this knot. [Mention your request here] I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once for all.

Season of Creation, Week 3

Pope Francis continues, in his message for Care of Creation Month, “**Let Justice and Peace Flow**” is the theme of this year’s ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: “**Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream**” (5:24). The evocative image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires. God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as God’s children made in his likeness as water is essential for our physical survival. ... When we “**seek first the kingdom of God**” (Mt 6:33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures.”

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