17th March, 2024, 5th Sunday of Lent, Year B

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, Neville Caldow.
For our Deceased: Archbishop Francis Patrick Carroll, Sharon Kober, Kath Kenny, Janice Lewis, Bruce Baker, Ken Horan, Deceased Family, Friends, Victims of war, violence, accidents and natural disasters

March 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.

Reflection

The hour has come. Jesus was greatly troubled as the hour of his suffering and death approached. He was tempted to ask the Father to save him from this hour. But he knew that his death would be a source of new life for all. Today's liturgy invites us to share in Jesus' self sacrificing love. For ourselves, as for Jesus, the grain of wheat must die in order to produce a rich harvest.

In 1967 in the USA, Thomas Hart Benton painted simple yet very powerful American agricultural scenes. This painting illustrates what happens when, as Jesus says in today's reading, a '*grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest'* At the very bottom of the painting we see a harvested row of wheat where only the stubble remains. The rest is yet to be harvested.

Wheat by Thomas Hart Benton 1967 © Smithsonian American Art Museum

We are all grains of wheat with so much potential to grow and produce food that could nurture the souls of our fellow human beings. However, to achieve this we have to 'die to ourselves'. Easier said than done. Dying to ourselves is hard, but not impossible. Each time we put someone else first, each time we go through hardships, each time we give up a bad habit, each time a relative or friend dies, each time we lovingly help someone by giving something of ourselves, etc… all these moments help us to die and become more and more reliant on God… and that is exactly when new life is emerging.

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This week our drapes need to be changed to **red** in readiness for **Palm Sunday**. Thank you.

Reminder: If you can not make it to mass you can find the bulletins on the website www.cg.org.au/ardlethan for you to view, they are located on the left hand side of the page.

Thank you to everyone who makes our services each week possible, our congregation is very thankful for you all.

St Patrick's Day

As we celebrate St Patrick's Day today let us pray the prayer attributed to St Patrick:

Christ be with me, Christ within me,

Christ behind me, Christ before me
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,

Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me,

Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.
(390-461 A.D.)

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