

18 April, 3rd Easter, 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:** Linda Grinter, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

**For our Deceased:** Sandra Werner, Colin Drysdale, Graham Lewis Bull, Marie Golden, James (*Kelly*) Griffin, Elaine Barry, Jim Daniher, (*anniversaries*)

April 24—25

← - - - - - Aria 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

**Understanding the Scripture.** The disciples of Jesus had great respect for the Jewish Scriptures: the Law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms. They came to full belief in the resurrection of Jesus only after he had opened their minds to see that his shameful death and glorious resurrection were prefigured in the sacred texts. The ancient Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament provide valuable witness for us also, strengthening our faith.

### The Servant-Girl at Emmaus

She listens, listens, holding her breath. Surely that voice is his—the one who had looked at her, once, across the crowd, as no one ever had looked?

Had seen her? Had spoken as if to her?

Surely those hands were his, taking the platter of bread from hers just now? Hands he'd laid on the dying and made them well?

Surely that face—?

The man they'd crucified for sedition and blasphemy.  
The man whose body disappeared from its tomb.  
The man it was rumoured now some women had seen this morning, alive?  
Those who had brought this stranger home to their table



don't recognize yet with whom they sit.  
But she in the kitchen, absently touching the wine jug she's to take in,  
a young Black servant intently listening,  
swings round and sees  
the light around him  
and is sure.

*Denise Levertov*

### Sowing

As that time of year begins to approach when the farmers once again sow seeds in hope of a harvest, we entrust those who sow the seeds into the loving care of our Creative and Bountiful God. We pray that the ground be prepared to welcome the new life that is entrusted to its care, to give it the nourishment required for growth.

At this time, it is an opportunity to ask ourselves what seeds are we sowing—will they be seeds that will produce a harvest of kindness, love, care, compassion, .... ?

### Professional Development for Your Marriage!

Parish couples of every age and stage are warmly invited to participate in a 7 week course designed to strengthen your most important relationship. The Marriage Course is a highly regarded course from the UK which will be run by the Archdiocese, via zoom from 7:15pm-9:30pm every Tuesday evening starting May 11th.

You and your spouse can participate over a glass of wine from the privacy and comfort of your own home. Many couples will join the zoom call but there is no group sharing. All discussion happens privately between you and your spouse. The cost is \$70 including two workbooks but no one will be excluded because of cost. For general info about the course visit <https://themarriagecourse.org/> To enquire about participating in May contact [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) or 0429 192 869.

### A Reflection

In the Easter Gospels, the Risen Jesus appears, greeting the disciples with “peace” — but the “peace” of Easter is nothing like our understanding of “peace.” We often settle for peace that’s merely the absence of conflict, peace that settles for nothing bad happening, peace that is equated with the status quo — but too often fear and tension lie just below the surface of such “peace.” True peace is rooted in the Gospel of justice and mercy; lasting peace is possible only when the reasons for fear and doubt are confronted. Peace — Christ’s peace — is realized when all are respected and honoured as sisters and brothers in the light of the Risen One. Thomas Merton wrote that “instead of loving what you think is peace, love others and love God above all. And instead of hating the people you think are warmongers, hate the appetites and the disorder in your own soul, which are the causes of war. If you love peace, then hate injustice, hate tyranny, hate greed — but hate these things in yourself, not in another.” May we become “witnesses” of Christ’s peace in our families and communities, our churches and workplaces — and may the work of peace begin within ourselves.

Connections SUNDAY

**Roster 25 April**

Leader: Tracey

Reader: Mae

Minister: John

Welcomer: Sr Maureen