

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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In our Prayers: Brianna Papworth, Neville Caldwell, Pauline O'Brien, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel, All those affected by the Coronavirus,

For our Deceased: Leo Langtry, John Stout, David Kerin, Billie Mowitch, Valma Cowell, Graeme Stout, Peter Haywood, (*anniversaries*)

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July 25—26

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. Barellean 10.00 a.m.
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Reflection

Wheat Among the Weeds. The world in which we live is a mixture of wheat and weeds. Wonderful acts of heroism and self-sacrifice occur alongside shocking acts of violence and abuse of power. In the midst of a world tainted by sin we are called to live the values of the kingdom of God. This can be difficult, but the Spirit will help us in our weakness and God, the just and merciful judge, will reward us.

Pope Francis

in **Laudato Si** 48 reminds us that from the majestic mountains to the tiniest living form, the natural world is 'a continuing revelation of the divine'. Jesus in the Gospels uses images of nature to teach the mystery of the **Reign of God**. According to Pope Francis what is the important lesson that comes from the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven? Our cooperation is required, but are we in control?

"God's Kingdom requires our cooperation, but it is above all the initiative and gift of the Lord. Our weak effort, seemingly small before the complexity of the problems of the world, when integrated with God's effort, fears no difficulty. The victory of the Lord is certain: his love will make every seed of goodness present on the ground sprout and grow. This opens us up to trust and hope, despite the tragedies, the injustices, the sufferings that we encounter. The seed of goodness and peace sprouts and develops, because the merciful love of God makes it ripen."

Pope Francis, Angelus, June 14, 2015

Archdiocesan Protocols for Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Reception of Holy Communion in the Hand

The protocols for reception of Holy Communion that the Archdiocese has adopted are informed by the best medical expertise. In issuing these protocols, the Archbishop has acted according to Canon 837 of the Code of Canon Law which recognises that liturgical actions are "celebrations of the Church itself as the 'sacrament of unity,' that is, the holy people united and ordered under the bishops."

The sensitive issue of asking all members of the faithful to receive Holy Communion in the hand – and not on the tongue – is in accord with sound reason, unity in our communities and the good of the faithful – in this case their physical health.

Given the living tradition of the Church, which highlights the most ancient practice of receiving Holy Communion in the hand, the Archbishop has the authority to instruct the faithful to receive Holy Communion in the hand during this time of Pandemic, with no exceptions.

From the earliest of times, the Church has always honoured our Eucharistic Lord with deep, and somewhat graphic faith, combined with practical piety. For instance, St. Cyril (313-386), in commenting on a 1st Century church document, teaches:

In approaching Holy Communion, come not with your wrists extended, or your fingers spread, but make your left hand a throne for the right, as for that which is to receive a King. Receive the Body of Christ, saying over it, Amen. So then after having carefully hallowed your eyes by the touch of the Holy Body, partake of it. Be careful lest you lose any portion of it, for whatever you lose, is evidently a loss to you as it were from one of your own members.

Then after you have partaken of the Body of Christ, draw near also to the Cup of His Blood, not stretching forth your hands, but bending and saying with an air of worship and reverence, Amen. And while the moisture is still upon your lips, touch it with your hands, and hallow your eyes and brow and the other organs of sense. Then wait for the prayer, and give thanks unto God, who has accounted you worthy of so great mysteries (Catechetical Lecture 23).

The faithful should be assured that in receiving Communion in the hand they are acting in accord with past generations of believers.

Father Anthony Percy VG

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May God the Gardener bless you.

May you be planted in God's deep rich earth, nourished with God's grace and wisdom and refreshed by the dew of God's love.

May you know the experience of breaking through and of flowering with compassion, justice, and mercy.

May God the Gardener be with you.

Maxine Shonk, OP

Roster 26 July

Leader: Suzanne

Reader: Jeromy

Minister: Ian

Welcomer: Robyn