

19 November, 33rd Sunday, Year A

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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In our Prayers: Mark Doyle, Reckell Jones, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Eddie Slobim, Jeanette Passlow, Muriel Thomson, (Anniversary) All those we remember during this month of November.

← · · · · · Nov 25—26 Aria Park 6.00 p.m. (Mass) · · · · · →

Mass Temora 10.00 a.m.

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

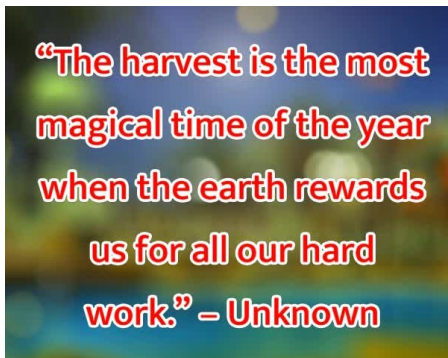
Reflection

Well done, Good and Faithful Servant! We all have our unique gifts and talents. When we use them well, we enrich our community. We bring joy to ourselves and to others. Let us encourage each other to develop our gifts. Then, together, we will hear our Master say: *'Well done, good and faithful servants. Come and join in my happiness forever.'*

Prayer for Harvest

As the season of harvest continues may we commend it to the care of our God:

God of the heavens and earth we thank you for the richness of harvest time and for food. May the fruitfulness of this time make us thankful for your constant love and care for us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Christmas Cards

Available in the foyer—\$5.00 a pack.

Change of Drapes

Next Sunday we will celebrate the feast of Christ the King. Thanks for changing the drapes to white.

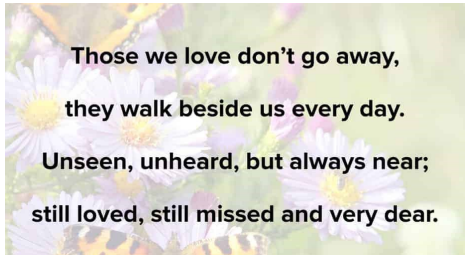
November, Remembering those who have died

Mary MacKillop writes,

"Gratitude is the memory of the heart." 1907.

"I read about an old Hungarian custom of leaving an empty chair at the Christmas table for the beloved dead. We need ways to express the memories that fill our hearts. Melissa Musick Nussbaum writes about

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Synod, Fr James Martin sj who was a participant at the Synod writes:

"We preach the gospel of friendships that reach across boundaries," said Timothy Radcliffe, O.P. during the retreat he led for members of the Synod of Bishops outside of Rome, a few days before our deliberations began. This image informed and illuminated my experience of the XVIth General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which concluded a few weeks ago.

So the foundation of all we shall do in this synod should be the friendships we create. It does not look like much. It will not make headlines in the media. *"They came all that way to Rome to make friends. What a waste!"* But it is by friendship that we will make the transition from "I" to "We."

To my mind, that was the most important thing that occurred at the synod: Friendships were built across boundaries, within the boundary of our love for Christ, whose love knows no boundaries. ...

Now What?

This was only the first session of the synod. Moreover, our synthesis is what one member of the synod office called a "martyr document," which means it will only last for 11 months and then die, to be replaced by a new one and then, perhaps, an exhortation from the pope. In the coming months, we hope that Catholic parishes and dioceses experiment with conversations in the Spirit, that the faithful provide feedback to synod members and to pastors and bishops' conferences in any way that they can, that any of the recommendations contained in the synthesis that make sense to church leaders are explored (in other words, if there are good ideas that can be instituted, why wait?) and that people pray for us.

Retreat Day, Temora

You're invited to a reflection day in preparation for Advent at Southern Cross Village Victoria Street, Temora on Thursday 30 November, entitled, **God Waits for Us.**

Roster: 26 November	Leader: Suzanne	Reader: Mae
	Minister: Ian	