

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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St Therese Barellan

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

For our Deceased: Elaine Miller (*Shirley's sister*), Terry Quinane, Tom Pursehouse, Sr Gerardine Agnew rsj, Marge Rees, Annie Davies, Jim McDermott, Dinah Woods, John Stout, Alan Litchfield, (*anniversaries*)

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August 26 –27 Ariah Park **6 .00 p.m.** *Mass*

Mass Temora 10.00 a.m.

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

Woman, You Have Great Faith! The Canaanite woman in today's Gospel enjoyed no status in the eyes of the Jewish people of her time. She was someone to be scorned and ignored. Yet, in her deep love for her daughter and her great faith, she is a model of the true disciple of Jesus. She reminds us that what identifies us as Christians most fundamentally is our faith, our hope and our love.

Reflection

“The reason for prayer begins with a recognition that God is calling and that we want to respond. The Holy Spirit is always working for our benefit. We trust that the Holy Spirit is groaning, is longing to be with us. Might we continue to grow in awareness of God's constant calling.” **Fr. Kevin Schneider, SJ**

Further Reflection

In today's Gospel, it is the Canaanite woman pleading for her daughter who reflects God's vision of our shared humanity. Despite the ridicule and abuse she endures, she believes in the idea that “we are people” all held in the hand and heart of God. In honouring the goodness and love of the Canaanite mother for her sick child — who, as a Canaanite, represents one of Israel's most despised enemies — Christ opens our eyes and hearts to see one another as God sees us. The call to discipleship demands that we look beyond labels and stereotypes to realize that every one of us is a child of God, brothers and sisters all. *Adapted from **C o n n e c t i o n s SUNDAY***

Praying

It doesn't have to be the blue iris, it could be weeds in a vacant lot, or a few small stones; just pay attention, then patch a few words together and don't try to make them elaborate, this isn't a contest but the doorway into thanks, and a silence in which another voice may speak.

Mary Oliver, Thirst

Vocations Awareness Week

Archbishop Prowse has nominated 24 – 31 August as **Vocations Awareness Week** in the Archdiocese. To begin the week, a special prayer vigil for Vocations will occur in the Cathedral on Thursday, 24 August, at 6 pm.

Reflection

“The challenges these readings give us today are almost too obvious to mention. They have to do with how we identify ourselves in relation to others. They pose questions that include the following: *Do we see the world in terms of clear divisions or in a process of growing unity? Where are the boundaries of our sense of solidarity? How does our membership in the body of Christ condition our relationships? Whose burden is also our own? Who is calling us to enlarge our perception and participation in the body of Christ today?*

Beyond that, we might ask, *"If Jesus himself needed a persistent stranger to call him beyond a limited viewpoint, to whom should we be listening today?"* A hint: We might look to people with two or more strikes against them. They, more than others, can remind us that as human beings we share one and the same birthright and vocation: to love and be loved as God's chosen.”

Sr Mary McGlone csj

*May I be loving, open, and aware in this moment;
If I cannot be loving, open, and aware in this moment,
may I be kind;
If I cannot be kind, may I be nonjudgmental;
If I cannot be nonjudgmental, may I not cause harm;
If I cannot not cause harm, may I cause the least harm.*

Larry Yang

Roster 27 August

Leader: Suzanne

Reader: Ian

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