20 January, 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C

# **TEMORA MISSION AREA**

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

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**For our Deceased:** Family, friends, parishioners and community members, and those who have died tragically in recent times.

January 26—27 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

'Do whatever he tells you'. At the marriage feast of Cana Jesus turns water, set aside for washing, into wine of great quality. A new richness and abundance flows to the people from Jesus. We will partake of this richness if we, like the attendants at the wedding, follow Mary's instruction to 'do whatever he tells you.' As we receive the gifts he offers we are transformed in turn into a new creation.

#### Welcome

With joy, we welcome you, Fr Tony Percy, as you celebrate and share with us this weekend.

**Thank you ...** to those who with no fuss or bother changed over the drapes last Sunday.

## **Prayer for Australia Day**

God of Australia .... We bring you our gratitude for the diversity and wealth of this land and its people; for its weathered old mountains, fertile valleys, and vast plains; for its riches of mine and agriculture, forest, and grazing lands; for the first Australians, who know and love this continent with an intimate, profound sensitivity; for the courage, vision and sacrifice of the early settlers; for the diverse races who now call Australia home: For these and all your gifts we offer you, O Lord, our joyful, thankful hearts.

\*\*Bruce Prewer\*\*



# Fire Blessing

An ancient Prayer... 40,000 years old...

Handed down through the Aboriginal culture and translated into the English language.

### May the fire be in our thoughts

Making them true, good and just, May it protect us from the evil one.

#### May the fire be in our eyes;

May it open our eyes to share what is good in life.

We ask that the fire may protect us from what is not rightfully ours.

## May the fire be on our lips,

So that we may speak the truth in kindness; that we may serve and encourage others. May it protect us from speaking evil.

### May the fire be in our ears.

We pray that we may hear with a deep, deep listening

So that we may hear the flow of water, and of all Creation and the dreaming. May we be protected from gossip and from things that harm and break down our family.

#### May the fire be in our arms and hands

So that we may be of service and build up love.

May the fire protect us from all violence.

# May the fire be in our whole being -

In our legs and in our feet, enable us to walk the earth

With reverence and care; so that we may walk in the ways of goodness and truth And be protected from walking away from what is truth.

A gift from Burnum Burnum

# **Indigenous Prayer**

The late Burnum Burnum, Australian Aboriginal Elder, gave this prayer to Helen Summers on January 26, 1995 (Australia Day) in New York.

Posted here with kind permission of Marelle and Umbarra Burnum Burnum.

The Catholic Voice is now online and has some very interesting stories on their website which is https://www.catholicvoice.org.au. Of particular interest at the moment is an article about a new Missal smartphone app that is tailored to Australia.

"A wedding feast without wine is an embarrassment to the newlyweds, just you imagine drinking tea at your wedding reception!

Wine is a must for the feast."

Pope Francis

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