

**TEMORA MISSION AREA**

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

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**In our Prayers:** Those affected by the bushfires in the USA, Neville Caldwell, Pauline O'Brien, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

**For our Deceased:** Eileen Gaynor, Beau Hilton, Jenny Shannon, Sarah Downey (*Margaret Sculley's daughter*), Des Gaynor, Peter Rayment, Bob Maslin, Elaine Barry, Jack Gaynor, (*Anniversaries*)

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**September 26—27** 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.

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**Reflection**

***My Ways are Above Your Ways.*** Those who had laboured in the vineyard all day were angry when the owner paid the latecomers the same wage. Like the story of the prodigal son, this parable reminds us that the kingdom of heaven is not characterised by our limited concepts of justice but by a compassion that knows no limits. May we not be envious at the good fortune of others but rejoice that we too are loved deeply by God.

**A message from Archbishop Christopher**

*Dear Friends,*

*I'm so grateful for your generous and important gift to the Father's Day Appeal 2020. Your gift, joined by many others, will help provide for the material and medical needs of our retired, elderly, and unwell priests. Through your gifts we have been able to provide critical services such as accommodation support, transport assistance, health care, prescription medication and skilled nursing care.*

*Thank you for your generosity.*

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn

**Archbishop's Visit to Temora**

On Tuesday evening a sizeable group gathered to celebrate Eucharist with Bishop Christopher as well as enjoying a chat over a cuppa. One of the desires of the Bishop was to assure one and all of the closeness of Christ to each during this time of the pandemic.

**A Reflection:**

O God, please stay in your lane . . .

In an essay in **The Christian Century** [August 14, 2019], Rabbi Shai Held writes that much of our worship and religious practice amounts to a "hoax we try to perpetuate on God."

We say to God in effect: "We'll give You worship, and You just mind your own business. Your place is the church, the synagogue, or the mosque; butt out of our workplaces and our voting stations. You're the God of religion, not politics or economics.

And, Rabbi Held writes, "And God laughs. If you want to worship me, God says, you're going to have to learn to care what I care about — and who. And as the Bible never tires of telling us, God cares about the widow, the orphan, and the stranger; the poor, the oppressed, and the downtrodden. If those people don't matter to us, then God doesn't really matter to us either."

Today's Gospel does not square with the "deal" we believe we have with God. God's generosity strikes us as "unfair." We begrudge God's "extravagant," almost irresponsible mercy. But the parable of the generous vineyard owner exposes our tendency to evaluate everything in terms of dollars and cents, about getting the best deal possible — for me. But notice what's missing in the attitude of the workers in Jesus' story: grace. While we're pursuing fairness, God bestows grace in the form of generosity and understanding and second chances to the point of, in our estimation, foolish extravagance. Discipleship is to trust in the goodness of God despite our judgement of what is "fair" and "just." To trust in the mercy of God enables us to appreciate all that we have received at God's hand, compelling us to experience the joy of sharing all that we have been given with those who have not realized such blessings in their lives.

**C o n n e c t i o n s S U N D A Y**

**Christmas Shoe Boxes**

All donations go to support children in Australia and overseas.

Thanks for returning boxes by Sunday 11 October.

**Season of Creation—Focus of this Sunday is *Outback Sunday***

*We pray, Jesus Christ, teach us to empathise with Earth. Make our spirits sensitive to the cries of creation, cries for justice from the hills and the trees. Jesus Christ, make our faith sensitive to the groans of the Spirit, groans from the deserts, the salt plains, the winds. Jesus Christ, make our souls sensitive to the songs of our kin, Songs of celebration from the sea, the land and the air. Christ, teach us to care. Amen.*

<https://seasonofcreation.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/liturgy-outback-sunday-1.pdf>

<b>Roster 27 September</b>	Leader: Linda	Reader: Mae
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