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## TEMORA MISSION AREA

### Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Arian Park

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### St Therese Barellean

**In our Prayers:** Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman,

Kashaya Kuemmel,

**For our Deceased:** Edna Griffin, Eliza Clark, Margaret Gaynor, Anne Morton,

John Desmond O'Donoghue, Fr Henry Byrne, Fr Laurie Blake, Ken Wykes

Leo Griffin, Frank Kuemmel, Darcy Lucas (*anniversaries*)

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**February 26—27** Arian 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**

**'Love your enemies.'** The words of Jesus we hear in today's Gospel are very challenging: 'love your enemies, do good to those who persecute you, freely part with your possessions and money, do not judge, forgive.' In brief, we are asked to imitate the unconditional compassion and love of God. The challenge is great but so is the reward. The more we give to others, the more richly we are blessed.

### **World Day of Prayer**

We, members of the Catholic Church community will be hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday 18 March at **9.30 a.m.**

### **Welcome Back Fr Sijo**

We are happy to welcome you once again Fr Sijo into our parish life. We trust that the time you have experienced with your community and family was enjoyable, renewing and relaxing.

### **Recent Beatification**

On January 22, 2022, Cardinal Gregorio Rosa Chávez of El Salvador celebrated the beatification ceremony for Rutilio Grande, S.J.—the Jesuit priest whose assassination by a right-wing death squad, is said to have sparked Archbishop Romero's bold stance against El Salvador's government, military and wealthy elites.

A humble Jesuit, Rutilio Grande, was the youngest of seven children, born into a poor family in El Paisnal, the same Salvadoran city where he would later serve as a priest. His parents separated, and his father went to look for work on a banana plantation in Honduras, leaving him to be raised by his mother and, later, his grandmother.

*"Pope Francis told me that the great miracle of Rutilio was Monsignor Romero,"* said Rodolfo Cardenal, S.J., a friend of Rutilio Grande and the author of the biography, **The Life, Passion, and Death of the Jesuit Rutilio Grande**, published in 2020. ...

Mr. Rivas, Father Grande's former parishioner, remembers what happened that day: *"The village women heard the chaos and the gunshots, and they went to see what had happened, but they found nothing except the car. They came and told us that our pastor had died."* That day, Archbishop Óscar Romero, rushed to the countryside when he heard the news. Father Grande and Archbishop Romero were old friends: one a Jesuit involved in farmworker organizing, the other a fairly conservative man who tried to stay out of politics. But the day Rutilio Grande died, that began to shift. Archbishop Romero celebrated a Mass for Father Grande's community that lasted until midnight, and then stayed listening to the stories of the campesinos until the early hours of the morning.

The next day, Archbishop Romero announced that he would boycott all government events, which he was often invited to and attended as a courtesy, until Father Grande's death was investigated. It never was. Instead, he began offering sermons that were broadcast across the country, listing the names of disappeared campesinos and preaching against the injustices they faced."

Three years later, Archbishop Romero was shot while celebrating Mass.

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2022/01/21/rutilio-grande-beatification-podcast-salvador-242252>

### **Reflection—How the Deceased our Near to Us**

"I imagine that one of the great store houses of blessing is the invisible neighbourhood where the dead dwell. Our friends among the dead now live where time and space are transfigured. They behold us now in ways they never could have when they lived beside us on earth. Because they live near the source of destiny, their blessings for us are accurate and penetrating, offering a divine illumination not available according to the calculations of the given visible world. Perhaps one of the surprises of death will be a retrospective view of the lives we lived here and to see how our friends among the dead clothed us in weave after weave of blessing."

*John O'Donohue* **To Bless the Space Between Us**

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