

20th July, 2025, 16th Sunday/ C

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In our Prayers: Lee Jackson, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldwell.

For our Deceased: Mervyn Smith, Terri O'Hare, Rita Whyte, Deceased Family, Friends, Victims of war, violence, accidents & natural disasters.

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July 26-27

Arian Park 6.00 p.m. Sat Mass

Mass

Barellan 8am. Temora 10am & 5pm Sunday

Liturgy

Ardlethan **9am** Barellan 10am Sunday

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Reflection - *The better part.* Hospitality entails not only serving others but also listening attentively to them. Often, this is the better part. What people need most of all is to be heard and to hear. To grow in the Christian life, we need to combine the good works of Martha with the contemplative attitude of Mary.



Youngcatholics.com

Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.

Luke 10:41-42

The readings today remind us to make time for God. Life can be full of tasks and worries. But we need quiet moments to listen, pray, and be with Jesus. Being busy is not bad, but we also need rest in God's presence. This Sunday also teaches the value of hospitality. Welcoming others, serving with kindness, and being present are ways we show love. The readings call us to balance action with stillness. It invites us to care for others and also make space for God in our hearts. (young-catholics.com)

Before the Collar : Simon Falk

Work experience for a priest? Nobody does work experience for a priest! That was Fr Simon Falk's teenage response when a family member suggested he give it a go. But he gave it a go. So much so that this year he celebrates 25 years since his ordination to the priesthood by Archbishop Carroll on 17 November 2000.

Looking back, Fr Simon reflects on the pivotal roles priests played in shaping his calling. Born at Harden-Murrumburrah, the youngest of five. He had an uncle, also a priest, Fr. Simon was just four when he was ordained, but even then, "something clicked in me." More "clicks" came with priests at the family dinner table, at church, and during school in Griffith, Broken Hill, and Wagga Wagga. "I always felt at home with them. I could see myself doing this sort of thing."

Still, the priesthood was one interest among many until Year Seven, when his father had a serious car accident. It prompted deeper thinking about life and its meaning. "The school chaplains and Christian Brothers were very, very good. That made an impression on me." The death of Fr Simon's older brother, tragically by suicide, marked another turning point. "I went into a fog for about two years after he passed. I was just going through the motions." In the midst of grief, he did that work experience with a priest who took him to an RCIA meeting.

As school ended, he weighed the options of teaching, journalism, while still discerning a call to the priesthood. He completed an Arts degree at CSU, studying sociology, psychology, and comparative religions. After university, he considered joining a religious order but felt more drawn to parish ministry. He contacted Archbishop Carroll, who invited him to visit. "The rest, as they say, is history," Fr Simon said.

After studies at St Patrick's Manly and the Seminary of the Good Shepherd in Homebush, he was ordained at St Christopher's Cathedral, Canberra, in 2000. Today, he's the parish priest of Canberra's Corpus Christi parish. Before and after donning the collar, he's met countless people. "I think a lot of it's about the significance of the people we meet. I've met extraordinary people—some wonderful, some challenging—but God's presence has worked through them all." "For me, it's very profound and very moving for that to happen."

(Excerpt from The Catholic Voice - 7th July)

Roster July 27th

Leader: Tracey Passlow

Reader: John Mills

Ex. Minister : Bruce Barry

Acknowledgement of Country - With respect, we acknowledge the country, the skies, the waterways and spiritual systems of the Wiradjuri people on whose land we gather. We acknowledge the elders for the passing on of knowledge, language and spiritual connections to country.

Parish Safeguarding Commitment — Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Arianah Park is committed to safeguarding and upholding the rights of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing Fr Alex Osborne at alex.osborne@cg.org.au. Parishioners are also welcome to contact Maria Hicks, manager for the Archdiocesan Institute for Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) at ipss@cg.org.au or phone 02-62399806.