21—22 April, 4th Easter, Year B

## **TEMORA MISSION AREA**

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

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We remember our friends in need, those suffering throughout the world and the deceased.

April 28-29 Liturgy: Ariah Park 6.00 p.m.

Mass Sat: Temora 6.00 p.m. Barmedman, 8.00 a.m. Sunday

Liturgy Ardlethan 9.00 a.m. Barellan 10. 00 a.m. Sun

#### Reflection

'I am the Good Shepherd.' Though few shepherds remain in our modern world, the image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, continues to bring comfort to us. It reminds us that we are not alone. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, watches over us always. He lays down his life for us. He leads us to pasture, to water, to safety. He searches for us when we stray and bandages our wounds. Today, let us listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd.

"If we pray and act in the name of Jesus the Good Shepherd, then we are already coming to a deeper understanding of all our brothers and sisters, and to more compassion and generosity towards them, and especially towards those who are like lost sheep, those with whom nobody falls in love, and who first need great love, encouragement and respect before we can expect from them a satisfying response." *Bernard Haring,* Prayer: **Integration of Faith and Life** p 36

## **First Communion**

We congratulate Angus, Jimmy, Maya and Sophie and their families on this memorable day of their First Communion. May each of them know how much Jesus loves them and desires to be united with him/her. It is hoped that you will be able to join the First Communicants and their families in the hall after Mass this evening.

# Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal — Collection for Formation of our Seminarians:

This weekend we are called to support the future priests of our Church through our prayers and the Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal.

Please give a generous donation today or begin a monthly donation to support the education of our seminarians. Special envelopes are provided in the church or donations can be made on-line through the website www.cgcatholic.org.au.

### **Anzac Day**

As we commemorate Anzac Day this week may we give thanks for all who have served our country and with the help of God strive to create a world where peace may reign.

#### What is the Mass?

In Temora at 7:00 p.m. Friday 4th of MAY (after Evening Mass in the Church) How much do we understand about the Mass? Why do we call it a Sacrifice? Have you ever wondered what the Mass really is? Why Jesus instituted it and why it is the centre of our Christian Lives? ALL are invited to this Evening of Reflection. Fr Trenton

# **Prayer of the Faithful**

### **Priest**

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for a world that longs for unity and love:

- For the whole church, the Body of Christ: that we may be a viable sign of unity among all people ... we pray to the Lord,
- For leaders charged with the responsibility of those in their care, whether they be world leaders or those within the church: that they may imitate the example of the Good Shepherd ... we pray to the Lord,
- For unity in a world and within families torn apart by religious, political or economic differences ... we pray to the Lord,
- For our First Communicants, Maya, Sophie, Jimmy and Angus and all our parish members: that we may understand the Eucharist as a source of our nourishment and unity in Christ and with one another ... we pray to the Lord,
- For priests and seminarians, especially Fr Trenton, that they minister, to those in their care, like our Good Shepherd, with love, compassion and integrity ... we pray to the Lord,
- For a deeper awareness of our need to work for peace as we celebrate Anzac Day this week ... we pray to the Lord,
- For our parish ministries that promote unity and love by feeding, embracing, consoling, teaching, assisting and forgiving others; and for those who are served ... we pray to the Lord,
- On this International Earth Day, for all who are devoting themselves to the care of the planet for the sake of future generations, may they succeed in their efforts. ... we pray to the Lord,
- For those for whom we have promised to pray, for the sick and suffering and those who have died ... we pray to the Lord,

### **Priest**

Loving God, we thank you that in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, you revealed to us how you care for and love us. Help us to live with the compassion, faith and commitment of Jesus. We ask this in the name of your Son, who is our Good Shepherd. Amen.