

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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For our Deceased: Leo Griffin, Sr Janet Quade rsm,

Frank Kuemmel, Darcy Lucas (*anniversaries*)

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February 27 –28 Aria Park **6.00 p.m. Sat Mass**

Mass Barmedman 8.00 a.m. Temora 10.00 a.m. Sunday

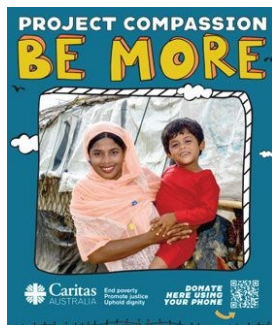
Liturgy Ardlethan **9.00 a.m.** Barellan 10.00 a.m.

Reflection

Driven into the Wilderness. The Spirit of God, who descended on Jesus at his baptism, drove him into the wilderness. In the Jewish Scriptures the wilderness is both the place where Israel meets God and the place where it is tempted to worship idols made of stone. The season of Lent is a good time to examine whether we are responding to the Spirit of God in our lives or succumbing to the allurements of false idols.

During Lent we do not proclaim the Gloria and the Alleluia Verse.

Project Compassion



The theme for Project Compassion 2021 is: **Be More**
We are inspired by the quote from St Oscar Romero, “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” Instead of aspiring to have more, we can focus on how we can BE more kind, more green, more involved, more aware, more giving. This Lent, let us consider how we can ‘BE MORE’ for our neighbours around the world.

We begin our annual Lenten Project Compassion journey by learning about the story of Jamila and her family. Jamila, 22, is a Rohingya woman, living in the world’s largest refugee camp in Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh. A single mother, she fled armed conflict in Myanmar to save herself, her elderly mother and eight-month-old baby.

With the support of Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh,

Jamila was able to access emergency food and shelter. She also received counselling, emotional support and learnt sewing skills, to help her earn an income. Jamila now feels less alone, with a sense of community around her. She is able to ‘Be More’ to her little family. 860,494 people remain in the densely populated camps, in desperate need of humanitarian assistance, especially due to COVID-19. (UNHCR)



Eileen O’Connor’s Prayer

Gracious God, you have poured out your love on all people and shown your compassion for the sick and dying. Through the intercession of Eileen O’Connor, we ask you to look lovingly on our friend (*name*) and if it be your will, to return them to health. Let your healing power work, so that they may be restored to us. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Pope’s Lenten Message

The People’s Lenten Message for this year has for its theme, “*Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love*”.

Catholic Education—200 Years Young, *From the Bishops’ Statement*

Two hundred years ago the first official Catholic school opened in Australia. Since then Catholic education has grown to the point that it now educates around 770,000 primary and secondary school students, in more than 1,750 schools, with nearly 100,000 staff. ... The extraordinary success of Catholic education did not occur by chance: it is fruit of the sacrifice of past generations and divine grace. We are heirs to that rich legacy, borne out of sincere belief, inspiring vision and unwavering resolve. The bicentenary of Catholic education in Australia invites us to remember the past with gratitude, be inspired by that story in the present, and look forward with faith in the future.

A Reflection

Lent is the season to rediscover the “earthy” virtue of humility. The word “humility” comes from the Latin word “humus” — “of the earth.” True humility is not about negating ourselves or avoiding the spotlight or hiding our abilities and gifts but recognizing that every one of us is made by God from the same “dirt” and, therefore, other’s needs and dreams are as important and of the same value as ours, that we all stand as brothers and sisters before God. It’s the “dirt” of humility that Christ asks us to “dig into” this Lent to realize new growth and renewed hearts this Easter.

Connections SUNDAY

True humility is to know deep down in ourselves that we are from God and depend on God for everything.

Roster 28 February	Leader: Tracey	Reader: Suzanne
	Minister: John	Welcomer: Bruce