

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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For our Deceased: Peter Haywood, Billie Mowitch, Elaine Barry,

July 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.** Barellean 10.00 a.m.

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.

Baptisms

It is with joy that we, the parish community of Ardlethan, welcome **Henry and Ruby Prentice** into our Catholic Community. Through the grace of the Sacrament and the prayers of we, their brothers and sisters, may Ruby and Henry grow ever more closely into the image of Jesus. We congratulate both Henry and Ruby as well as Ben, Lucy and Maya on this special day for their family. May God bless them today and always.

Why Should We Bother with Baptism?

“The church believes that children and adults have a spiritual life, or a soul, that needs as much care and nurture as their body, mind and emotions. First, baptism recognises that all of us are more than we can see and touch, that we have a creative and loving spirit that equally defines who we are, and that this spiritual life within us shares in God and is God in us. We don't have to use any imagination to look in the face of our infants and children to recognise that something greater than we can see and touch is going on. If we recognise this spiritual dimension in our lives, then we want to nurture it.” ... Baptism begins this nurturing.

Richard Leonard sj, Hatch, Match and Dispatch p 7

Footprints on the Moon: a story of faith

As we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of man landing on the moon, there are a couple of little known facts that remind us it is a story about faith. Amongst all of the other firsts recorded for the moon landing, a few may have been overlooked. The first food eaten on the moon was communion. The first liquid drunk was communion wine.

“Each Astronaut was permitted to take a very small amount of personal effects on the mission, and Buzz Aldrin, a Presbyterian elder, took a kit that had been blessed by his pastor, containing communion, wine and a chalice. NASA advised that they weren't allowed to broadcast the religious observance due to a legal case, but Buzz took the communion and the wine anyway – the first food and liquid ever eaten and drunk on the moon – and said, as it turned out, to no audience: “I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours, and to give thanks in his or her own way.” ... For Aldrin, it was a recognition and a demonstration that he believed God is present in all our endeavours, and that no matter how mighty the achievement, God is there with us.” *Chris Jordan, <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/footprints-on-the-moon-a-story-of-faith-and-faith/>*

Sometime later Aldrin wrote: *“Hello! My name is Edwin “Buss” Aldrin. Do you remember? I was one of the first two men on the moon, and I made that giant step for mankind. There are many thousands of things that God and human beings have made here on earth, and, before I blasted off, I got thinking and wondering what I would choose to take to the moon. So I said: What's our greatest treasure here on earth? And I thought: It's Christ's gift of himself. So shortly after touchdown, I opened two little plastic packages, one containing bread and the other wine. I poured the wine into the chalice which our home church had given me, and I read what St John tells us Christ said: “I am the vine, you are the branches.” In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup. It is interesting to remember that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon and the first food eaten there, were what Christ chose when he gave himself to be our close friend.”*
From the words of astronaut, Buss Aldrin

Save the Date –

2019 Marian Procession & Youth Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 27th October 2019 at St Clement's Retreat Centre Galong. Youth Pilgrimage: 9.00 a.m. Sacrament of Penance: 10.30 a.m. Mass: 11.30 a.m. Procession: 2.00 p.m.

Roster: 28 July

Leader: Ann

Reader: Linda

Minister: Paul

Welcomer: Brenda