22 January 2023, 3rd Sunday, Year A

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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In our Prayers: Jack Wood, Alicia Bonny, Jim Bonny, Frances Vince, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldow, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,
For our Deceased: Will Mills, Deceased family, community members, those who have died from accidents and tragic events, Tony Moore *(anniversary)*

February 4-5	Ariah Park 6 .00 p.m. Sat *Liturgy*
Mass	Temora 6.00 p.m.
Mass	Ardlethan 8.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.

Reflection
Jesus, our Light. At times we can find ourselves *'walking in darkness'*. We get caught up in difficulties and cannot see a way out. Today's liturgy reminds us that Jesus is our light and our salvation. In the Gospels we have the Good News that brings light into the dark moments of our lives.

A Prayer for Australia Day
Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies,
so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new,
and by saving grace, transform our lives.
For from ancient times you made this land a home for many peoples,
and became their rock of strength; when they were hungry, you gave them food,
and when thirsty, water even in the desert.
May God who formed our southern land be for you a rock of strength.
May God who rules the great seas keep you safe in every storm.
May God who made the skies above turn your darkness into light.

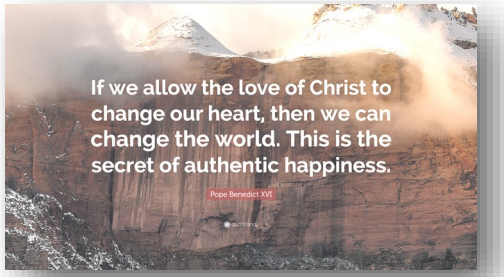
May you always stand tall as a tree
May you be as strong as the rock Uluru,
as gentle and still as the morning mist.
May you hold the warmth of the campfire in your heart
And may the Creator Spirit always walk with you.
(from "**An Australian Blessing"** E. Pike. 1997)

Acknowledgement of Country: With respect I would like to acknowledge the country, the skies, waterways and spiritual systems of the Wiradjuri people on whose land we gather. I'd like to acknowledge the elders for the passing on of knowledge, language and spiritual connections to country.

5th Sunday
There will be ***NO*** Liturgy here in Ardlethan on Sunday 29 January.

Ministry of the Phone
She had been an active member of the parish for over 40 years. She was a mainstay at many of the parish's family ministries. Her four children had gone through the church's religious education program and celebrated their weddings there; the parish rallied around her when her husband's Parkinson's was diagnosed and he died three years later. Now she could no longer be alone: the family home was sold and her children moved her into an assisted living facility. Her days of service to the parish she loved were pretty much done. Or so she thought.
Her pastor — a wise man who never passed up an opportunity put someone's abilities to work — asked her to take on a new ministry: the ministry of the phone. Would she take on the task of calling parishioners to remind them of meetings and events and check the availability of lectors and ministers of Communion for the weekend liturgies? She knew many of the parishioners already and just about everyone knew her.
At first, she thought she would leave a message and move on — but those who knew her would chat for a moment, asking how she was doing; she, in turn, would keep up with what was going in their lives. Those who didn't know her before her calls quickly became friends. The pastor checked in regularly, as well. In the process, she found herself keeping a small notebook of prayer intentions.
The time she spent on the phone with parishioners was the best time of her day.
We may not see ourselves as "fishers" of humanity, but the reality is that we all possess "nets" that can catch the falling, rescue the endangered, gather in the lost and forgotten. Christ calls each one of us to use whatever "nets" we possess, in whatever oceans and seas we find ourselves, to "fish" for those who are working hard to build fulfilling and meaningful lives for their families; to "fish" for those who are struggling to survive; to "fish" for those have lost all hope. **Connections**

"We don't have the answers but we know that Jesus suffered just like you, because He too was innocent. The true God who comes to life in Jesus is with us. Even in sadness, when we don't have all the answers, God is on our side and that will help us."
Pope Benedict XVI



Roster: 5 February Reader: Tracey