22 July, 16th Sunday, Ordinary Time, Year B

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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For our Deceased: Anne Trevaskis, Graeme Stout *(Anniversary)*

July 28 29 **Mass** Temora 6.00 p.m. Sat,

Mass Combined Service—Ardlethan **11.00 a.m.**

Ariah Park 11.00 a.m.

Reflection

He took pity on them. In today's Gospel Jesus shows great care for his disciples. After a busy mission he takes them off to a quiet place to rest. He also takes pity on the crowds who follow him. Recognising their spiritual hunger, he teaches them at some length. Jesus takes pity on us as well. Like the crowds and his disciples, we need to periodically step aside from our many chores and activities to be nourished by his life-giving word and fed by the Eucharist.

ACAT Combined Service

You're invited to the ACAT Combined Service next Sunday in the Hall at **11.00 a.m.** followed by a sausage sizzle.

Plenary Council

A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country. Fr Brian McCoy SJ, Provincial of the Jesuits writes, "There are good reasons why some might question how a clear, strong voice can or will be heard in the Australian Church in the coming years. This is only the fifth such Australian Plenary Council. We clearly have much to learn about listening to the voice of the laity, about developing structures of governance that are inclusive, and about being more open and transparent. Can sensitive points be raised and put on the table for further discussion? Can we be people who deeply listen and discern how the Holy Spirit is guiding us at this time? I believe and hope we can."

You might like to consider how we as the Ardlethan community can respond?

The E Conference will provide more information of what a plenary council is and why we need to be involved. *You're most welcome to come to any or all of the sessions.*

Pope Francis—Call to Holiness

Earlier this year Pope Francis released his exhortation on the call to holiness. In this excerpt he reminds us of: **Our Mission in Christ**

19. A Christian cannot think of his or her mission on earth without seeing it as a path of holiness, for "this is the will of God, your sanctification" *(1 Thess 4:3).* Each saint is a mission, planned by the Father to reflect and embody, at a specific moment in history, a certain aspect of the Gospel.

20. That mission has its fullest meaning in Christ, and can only be understood through him. At its core, holiness is experiencing, in union with Christ, the mysteries of his life. It consists in uniting ourselves to the Lord's death and resurrection in a unique and personal way, constantly dying and rising anew with him. But it can also entail reproducing in our own lives various aspects of Jesus' earthly life: his hidden life, his life in community, his closeness to the outcast, his poverty and other ways in which he showed his self-sacrificing love. … "Christ enables us to live in him all that he himself lived, and he lives it in us".

2018 Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has generously donation $36,836.10 for the 2018 Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. This money will be transferred to the Custody of the Holy Land. It will be used to provide local Christians with health care, education, employment and housing. The collection will also be used to maintain over seventy churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. The Franciscan Friars are grateful for the generosity of Australian Catholics.

Dates

- **29th July, 11.00 a.m.** ACAT Community Service, Ardlethan.
- **1st August** 3.30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation Introductory Session. Library, Ardlethan Central School.
- **8th August,** 10.00 a.m.—3.00 p.m. BBI E Conference, Synodality in Practice: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change, 24 Warri Street.
- **15th August, 2.30 p.m.** Lectio Divina, Ariah Park
- **15th August, 6.00 p.m. for 6.15 p.m.** Session with Sr Carmel
- **19th August,** 11.00 a.m. Temora Mission Mass and Gathering – at Beckom Hall.

The word apostle is a Greek word meaning "one who is sent."
We ,who are Jesus' disciples today, have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

Roster: 5 August	Acolyte: John	Reader: Mae
Extra Mins: Ian	Gifts: Barry Family	Welcomer: Frances