

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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St Therese Barellan

In our Prayers: Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman,

Kashaya Kuemmel, Gillett Family

For our Deceased: Garry Gillett, Joan Cox, Lloyd Trevaskis, Tania Gillett,

Jan Trevaskis, Iney Lynch, Penny Vince, Ian Bonny, *(anniversaries)*

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June 4—5

Aria Park 6.00 p.m. *(Liturgy)*

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

Mass Ardlethan 8.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.
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Reflection

The Holy Spirit will teach you. Shortly before his death Jesus assured his disciples that he would not abandon them. In his name, the Father will send the Holy Spirit to be with them and guide them. The early Christian community experienced the Spirit's presence as they sought to discern God's will on various issues: *'it has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves'*, the apostles and elders would say. As we face difficult decisions today we also can be at peace, confident that God's Spirit is with us.

Soup Luncheon

You are invited by the members of the Sacred Heart Ladies, Temora, to their annual soup luncheon on Thursday 2nd June at the Temora Bowling Club. *"We are privileged to have Mai Pham as our guest speaker, our thanks in advance to Mai for accepting our invitation. We have a great raffle on the day of \$100 1st prize of a Temora Gift Card and \$50 Temora Gift Card as our 2nd prize. Reservations can be made by ringing Margaret Sleigh on 0269781260 or Nola Drum on 0448436046. Tickets are \$10 each, so lock the date into your diary for the 2nd June."*

5th Sunday Liturgy

There will be **NO LITURGY** here in Our Lady Help of Christians, Church on Sunday 29th May.

Change of Drapes

After liturgy today it would be appreciated if the drapes are changed to red in preparation for the feast of Pentecost.

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.

Our Lady Help of Christians

This week, as we celebrate the feast of Mary Help of Christians, Patroness of our Parish and our country, let us ask Mary to intercede for all of us: *Loving God, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary, help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

It is not insignificant that Mary, Queen of Peace, is also Mary of Nazareth and not Mary of Jerusalem, or Mary of Caesarea. The most significant woman of all time came from one of the area's most insignificant of places. Mary made nothingness visible. It takes a lot of human growing to find value in the valueless—in small places and simple things and powerless people. But that is the basis for peace, both inside of us and in the world around us.
Sr Joan Chittister osb

Sorry Day (26 May), National Reconciliation Week (27 May-3 June)

Every May 26 in Australia, **National Sorry Day** reminds the colonist-descended people of the nation to remember the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The first National Sorry Day was observed in 1998, a year after the first **"Bringing Them Home"** report ... National Sorry Day is a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how Australians can all play a part in the healing process for the people and nation. While this date carries great significance for the Stolen Generations and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, it is also commemorated by Australians right around the country.

<https://nationaltoday.com/national-sorry-day/>

The **National Reconciliation Week 2022** theme, **"Be Brave. Make Change."** is a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to **Be Brave** and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can **Make Change** for the benefit of all Australians.

<https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/>

Recent Canonisations

On Sunday, 15th May, Pope Francis declared ten blessed of different nationalities saints. From the Dutch Carmelite murdered in a concentration camp, to a layman from India martyred in the 18th century, the universality of the Church was on full display in St. Peter's Square. In his homily, Pope Francis recalled that *holiness is not just for heroes, but for everyone, and that it is something within everyone's reach. "Sometimes, by basing ourselves too much on our efforts to do good works, we generate an ideal of holiness that is too dependent on ourselves, on personal heroism, on the ability to renounce, to sacrifice ourselves in order to win a prize."* The Pope explained that the path to holiness does not come from one's capacity to do good, but from an awareness of God that transforms our lives. While the world often wants to convince us that our value depends on the results produced, the Gospel reminds us of the truth of life: we are loved. And this is our value. This is why the Pope invites each person to discover what it means that God loves each one of us.

Roster 5 June

Reader: Bernard