

23 February, 7th Sunday, Year A

## TEMORA MISSION AREA

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**In our Prayers:** Eileen Gaynor, Tracey Passlow, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel, Maxine Keshan,

**For our Deceased:** Frank Kuemmel, Dianne Stout, Darcy Lucas (*Anniversary*), Domestic Violence and Coronavirus victims and those from racist attacks.



### 29 Feb—1 March

Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Liturgy

Mass

Temora 6.00 p.m.

Mass

Ardlethan **8.00 a.m.** Barellan 10.00 a.m.



### **Reflection**

**Be Holy!** The word ‘holy’ can conjure up the image of someone who is always praying and perhaps cut off from everyday earthly realities. Today’s readings, however, remind us that holiness is not measured by the calluses on our knees but by our love for others. Most essentially, holiness is God’s gift. We are a holy people because God loves us and dwells among us making us the temple of God.

### **Ash Wednesday**

An Ash Wednesday reflection sheet is available that can be used for personal prayer as Lent begins on this week.

### **Daily Reflections for Lent**

The booklet that has been gifted to you for Lent is a small book, **Not by Bread Alone**, with daily reflections based on the Scripture Mass Readings of the day. As you ponder each of the reflections allow your heart to be open to the treasure that God has for you in a word or a phrase.

### **Project Compassion Sunday**

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed, **“Go Further Together”**. Your generosity will assist some of the world’s most vulnerable communities to lift themselves out of poverty. When we Go Further Together in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.



**World Day of Prayer**—10.00 a.m. Uniting Church Hall, 6 March.

### **Drapes**

With Lent starting on Wednesday it would be appreciated if the drapes could be changed to purple after our liturgy today and all flowers removed to the working sacristy. *Thank you.*

### **Thank you**

Did you notice how clean the church was last weekend? Thank you once again Andrina for your silent and hidden care of our church. May you know ever more deeply the love that God has for you and the appreciation of each of us.

### **Retreat Opportunity**

**23-27 March** Mini guided retreat. **The Heart’s Memory: Gratefulness.** Led by Sr Maureen McDermott rsj at St Joseph’s House 12 David Ave, Batemans Bay. This can be done as three separate days or the full three days. During these days we will have the opportunity to reflect on the memories of our heart and how they can lead us to a sense of being grateful.

Cost for the full 3 days which includes board and meals \$400.

Daily \$40 per day. Please contact Sr Marie 0429 383 333 before 16th March if you wish to attend. Email: Batehavenretreats@sosj.org.au.

### **Pope Francis Shares his Dreams for the Amazon**

Toward the end of 2019 there was a synod of Bishops in Rome with the focus on the Amazon region. Last week Pope Francis released the follow up document, entitled, **Beloved Amazon**. In “*Querida Amazonía*” Pope Francis presents to the world his dreams for the Amazon regularly using poetry to convey a message which goes beyond mere words. These dreams can be described as social, cultural, ecological and ecclesial:

- ◆ *“I dream of an Amazon region that fights for the rights of the poor, the original peoples and the least of our brothers and sisters, where their voices can be heard and their dignity advanced.*
- ◆ *I dream of an Amazon region that can preserve its distinctive cultural riches, where the beauty of our humanity shines forth in so many varied ways.*
- ◆ *I dream of an Amazon region that can jealously preserve its overwhelming natural beauty and the superabundant life teeming in its rivers and forests.*
- ◆ *I dream of Christian communities capable of generous commitment, incarnate in the Amazon region, and giving the Church new faces with Amazonian features.”*

<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/querida-amazona-a-popes-dreams-for-the-amazon>

**Roster: 1 March**

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