# 23rd May, Pentecost Sunday, Year B,

# TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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**In our Prayers**: Linda Grinter, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldow, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

**For our Deceased:** Ian Bonny, Ron Williams, Dorothy Allen, Iney Lynch, James *(Jimmy)* Lewis, Penny Vince, Anne Maher, Bill Shea *(anniversaries)* 

<u>5—6 June</u>	Ariah Park			
Mass	Temora	6.00 p.m.		
Mass	Ardlethan	8.00 a.m.	Barellan	10.00 a.m.
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# Reflection

*The Time of the Church*. The event of Pentecost marks the beginning of the time of the church. During this time Christ is with us in Spirit, defending and guiding us and leading us to the fullness of truth. We, as Church, proclaim Christ's message in every language and witness to the presence of Holy Spirit by manifesting Spirit's gifts, especially the gift of love.

# Plenary Council—Zoom Meeting

Reminder of the Zoom Deanery Meeting in preparation for the Plenary Council on Tuesday, **25 May at 12 noon**, at 24 Warri Street. Archbishop Prowse is interested in hearing our response to the working papers for the Plenary Council. For our preparation we are asked to read the Working Document "Continuing the Journey" available at plenary.council@catholic.org.au

# **National Reconciliation Week**

The 2021 National Reconciliation Week theme, **More than a Word. Reconciliation takes Action**, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. The Reconciliation movement is at a tipping point: In the past year, with Black Lives Matter protests and huge numbers at Invasion Day rallies across the country, we're seeing people are understanding the truth and speaking up on issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. **More than a word. Reconciliation takes Action** asks people to take this awareness and knowledge, and use it as springboard to more substantive,



brave action. For reconciliation to be effective, it must involve truth-telling, and actively address issues of inequality, systemic racism and instances where the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are ignored, denied or reduced. While we

see greater support for reconciliation from the Australian people than ever before, we must be more determined than ever if we are to achieve the goals of the movement — a just, equitable, reconciled Australia. As history tells us, this will only happen through continued and concerted action from those who are already part of the reconciliation movement to those who are yet to join. Moving towards a braver reconciliation requires a vision for what a just equitable and reconciled Australia looks like. https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/more-than-a-word-reconciliation-takes-action/

# 5th Sunday, May

Next Combined Service will be at the Uniting Church at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 30 May followed by lunch.

#### Pope Francis calls for global rosary 'marathon' for end of COVID-19

We are invited to continue our prayer dedicated to Mary during the month of May to prayer for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. The Pope said that he had prayed for the millions of people who have died from COVID-19 or who are suffering from the illness, as well as their families. *May we unite in prayer*.

#### Drapes

When we return here for Mass on Sunday 6 June we will be celebrating the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ which means the drapes can be changed to white after our liturgy today. *Thank you!* 

#### **A Pentecost Reflection**

It's not the four walls and beautiful artwork that make a church a church — it's the spirit of God's love that forms those souls gathered there into a community of faith, a congregation of disparate souls who are able to see beyond their individual selves to create a community of peace and compassion that includes the vulnerable and powerless. It's that Spirit of God we celebrate today: the



Spirit, the "ruah" or breath of God that "ignites" the ministry of Peter and company in Jerusalem to find its way after a devastating fire. That same Spirit continues to "blow" through today's Church – our church – to give life and direction to our mission and ministry to preach the Gospel to all and for all, to proclaim forgiveness and reconciliation in God's name, to immerse all of humanity into the life and love of God manifested in Jesus' resurrection.

# Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land on which we gather this morning. We pay our respects to Elders, both past and present, of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people.

Roster 6 June

Reader: Linda

Welcomer: Sr Maureen