

23 October 30th Sunday, Year C

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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St Therese Borellan

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For our Deceased: Tom Morwitch, Joan Thompson, Mary Lucas, Isabel Dunn, Barry Hogan, Meg Thomas, (anniversaries) Iney Lynch

October 29-30 ← Aria Park 6.00 p.m. (Liturgy) →

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

Liturgy Ardlethan 9.00 a.m. Borellan 10.00 a.m.
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Reflection

The Prayer of the Sinner. Last Sunday's gospel told of the determined struggle of a good person, a widow, for justice. Through this story Jesus teaches that God hears the persistent cries of the just. In today's gospel it is a sinner who prays to God for mercy and, wonderfully, God hears the sinner's humble prayer also. The only prayer to which God cannot respond is that of the self-righteous who effectively says to God: 'I do not need you.'

GOD IS
merciful

Pope Pleads for Church Unity on 60th anniversary of Vatican II

On Tuesday, 12 October, Pope Francis, "marked the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council by pleading for the Church to "overcome all polarisation and preserve our communion". ... "Let us be careful: Both the 'progressivism' that lines up behind the world and the 'traditionalism' that longs for a bygone world are not evidence of love, but of infidelity." During the Mass, the Pope once more reiterated his support for the reforms of Vatican II. "How timely the council remains!" he said. "It helps us reject the temptation to enclose ourselves within the confines of our own comforts and convictions." <https://cathnews.com/cathnews/45544-pope-pleads-for-church-unity-on-60th-anniversary-of-vatican-ii>

Liturgy of Remembering

On Sunday, 13 November we will have the opportunity to remember in prayer those who have died during the year.

HSC Prayer

Let us continue to pray for students who are sitting the HSC at this time. "God we ask that our students feel your closeness during the HSC exam period. Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand. Bless them with keen understanding and retentive memory. Give them the ability to grasp things correctly, be exact in their explanations and an ability to express themselves clearly. Point out clearly the beginning, direct their progress and help them in the completion of each of their responses. Holy Spirit send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen." <https://waverley.nsw.edu.au/news/prayer-hsc-class-2017/>

Year of Walking Together

It was in August that Archbishop Prowse announced, "With great joy, I announce that the Archdiocese immediately embark on a YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER. Just as the Risen Lord walked alongside (SYNODALITY) the disciples on the road to Emmaus and drew them from anxiety to hope, may we open ourselves up to do the same. In this year we will actively pursue solidarity as an Archdiocese, fostering a "mindset which thinks in terms of community and the priority of the life of all" (Evangelii Gaudium n. 188).



Reflections

Fr Richard Leonard sj writes: "May this weekly Eucharist ground us enough that we open ourselves to being converted again to put all our gifts and talents at the service of Christ's Kingdom. In doing so, we can go home justified that we are truly humble and that after we die we can see the abundant life that awaits us on the other side."

<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2022Oct23/0/HomRiLen>

What are we to learn from this about the language of prayer? Listen to the tax collector: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." This man did not ask for the kind of "mercy" requested by the lepers who saw Jesus pass their way. The phrase translated here as "be merciful" is more properly interpreted as, "be gracious" or "look upon me with kindness." This man's prayer admits that, before God, we are all beggars longing for God's smile. Only those who have begun to understand God's own humility, only those who understand that love is the one invincible power on earth, can begin to speak God's language. When we pray, "God, be gracious to me," we are doing nothing more or less than asking God to be God. What greater praise could there be? The only thing left for us to do is to join Mary in saying, "Let your love take flesh in me, according to your will."

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Roster 30 November

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