

23 April, 3rd Easter, Year A

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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For our Deceased: John Stewart, Ray Fairman, Dianne Long, Sandra Werner, Colin Drysdale, Graham Lewis Bull, Elaine Barry, Mervyn James Stockton, Kai Flagg Stevens, Tania Gillett (*anniversaries*)

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May 6-7 Ariaiah Park 6.00 p.m. Liturgy

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m. Mass

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

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Reflection

He Walked by Their Side. In today's Gospel we meet a person who walks with us, and talks with us, even when we walk away from him. Jesus will never abandon us. Let us invite him to eat with us. He will bring us joy, and give us the enthusiasm we need to continue to proclaim our faith in the resurrection.

ANZAC Day, Lest we Forget

We remember with pride and gratitude the ANZACS and those who have defended our country in any war. As we celebrate Anzac Day this week let us pray for peace and be peacemakers!

Let us pray:

Gracious and loving God, the cross of Christ is the sign of your desire for justice and peace for all. Open our minds to your vision as we remember all who suffered through Australia and New Zealand's involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Grant all servicepersons who sacrificed health and life for the good of all, the gift of your deep peace. May we who inherit the freedom for which they fought become instruments of your peace in our homes, workplaces and world. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Sowing

Let us entrust the sowing of crops to our Provident and Creator God.

Let us pray; Creator God, bless the seeds that we sow, strengthen them in the gentle movement of soft winds, warm sunshine and refresh them with the dew of heaven. Let them grow to full maturity for the good of body and soul. Amen.

5th Sunday

There will be **NO LITURGY** in Ardlethan on Sunday 30 April.

Reflection

"Luke the evangelist gave us these two different renditions of the same story. For the early church, it was a story they heard from participants (who probably each had their own version). Ultimately, the story is that, in Christ, the Holy Spirit is filling Earth and her inhabitants. But, as we and the Emmaus travellers know only too well, it takes a long time for Jesus' followers to understand that.

And so, for us? Because this is the weekend of **Earth Day 2023**, we might listen long and carefully to one particular line from the first letter of Peter. He says, "Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourn."

The author wrote that nearly 2,000 years ago. We hear a modern rendition of it today as Pope Francis tells us in "**Laudato Si'**", on Care for Our Common Home" to show reverence for every bit of creation because "it is our humble conviction that the divine and the human meet in the slightest detail in the seamless garment of God's creation, in the last speck of dust of our planet."

Sr Mary McGlone csj

Prayer

Living God, alive in the Risen Christ, in this Easter Season make your presence ever more vivid for us in the meals we share, in our communities and in the many ways we serve one another.

Let our love and hope engage us with willing hearts, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

On the journey of this day, accompany us.

In the stories we share, inspire us.

In our breaking of bread, sustain us.

In our desire for you, may our hearts burn

and overflow with joy and love,

Gracious Companion, Amen.



Many of us have at times walked the Emmaus road, wondering where God is...
*when all along
He walks beside us.*

RANDY ALCORN



Roster May 7

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