

23 January, 3rd Sunday, Year C

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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St Therese Barellan

In our Prayers: Margaret Gaynor, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Tony Moore, Frank Gaynor, Deceased Family, Friends, victims of coronavirus, accidents and natural disasters

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29—30 January Aria Park 6.00 p.m. (*Liturgy*)

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

Mass Ardlethan No Mass/Liturgy Barellan 10.00

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Latest Protocols see <https://cgatholic.org.au/>

Reflection

This text is being fulfilled today. The Sacred Scriptures that are proclaimed at Mass recall incidents from the past and point to the future but most especially they affirm the presence of God among us now. This day we are called to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to all who are bound up in any way. Today we are called to be the Body of Christ in our world. The Sacred Scriptures have meaning when we can say with Jesus: *'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'*

International Day of Education

International Day of Education 2022 will be celebrated under the theme ***"Changing Course, Transforming Education."*** The celebration, led by the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), aims to showcase the most important transformations that have to be nurtured to realize everyone's fundamental right to education and build a more sustainable, inclusive and peaceful futures. ... International Day of Education 2022 aims to generate debate around how to strengthen education as a public endeavour and common good, how to steer the digital transformation, support teachers, safeguard the planet and unlock the potential in every person to contribute to collective well-being and our shared home.

<https://sdg.iisd.org/events/international-day-of-education-2022/>

Prayer for Australia Day

God of Australia We bring you our gratitude for the diversity and wealth of this land and its people; for its weathered old mountains, fertile valleys, and vast

plains; for its riches of mine and agriculture, forest, and grazing lands; for the first Australians, who know and love this continent with an intimate, profound sensitivity; for the courage, vision and sacrifice of the early settlers; for the diverse races who now call Australia home: For these and all your gifts we offer you, O Lord, our joyful, thankful hearts. *Bruce Prewer*



O God, the wonders of our vast and rugged land reflect your beauty, ever ancient, ever new.

May your blessings flow upon us as a stream in the desert, and may your Spirit prompt us to use your gifts for the good of all.

May God who formed our southern land be for us a rock of strength.

May God who rules our southern seas keep us safe in every storm.

May God who made our southern skies turn our darkness into light.

5th Sunday

There will be **NO LITURGY** here on Sunday, 30 January. Liturgy will be at Aria Park on Saturday, 29 January at 6.00 p.m.

Thank you

Once again we acknowledge Bruce for mowing the lawns as well as his care of the grounds. May our good God surround you with blessings, Bruce.

Reflections

Our faith in the Gospel Jesus enables us to see the Spirit of God in the most difficult and challenging times. The Spirit of God is "upon" us when we rise to challenge injustice and raise up God-inspired good in the midst of the darkest evil. God's Spirit opens our hearts to the possibilities for creating God's Kingdom in our midst: "glad tidings" for the poor, sight to the blind and light to the lost, justice for the oppressed, and a time of peace and fulfillment for all.

Connections SUNDAY

"Jesus reads the passage, which says that *the Spirit of the Lord has sent him to "bring glad tidings to the poor, ... to let the oppressed go free," to proclaim a time of favour from the Lord* (Is 61:1-2). This is what Ezra had done in the First Reading, but Jesus' mission is much, much more. A far greater new era has begun. He sits down now, at the same level as the people. He says almost casually, "today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." His mission is to rebuild their hearts, not just their city, to return them to God, who is their real home. Would they accept this startling new epoch? **Will we?**

John Foley sj

Roster 6 February

Reader: Volunteer

Welcomer: