

## TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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### St Therese Barellan

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

**For our Deceased:** Isabelle Aitken, Marge Rees, Annie Davies, Stan Masslin, Leo Langtry, John Stout, Graeme Stout, Peter Hayward, (*anniversaries*) Iney Lynch, our deceased parents and grandparents

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**July 30—31**

Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. (*Liturgy*)

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

Mass Ardlethan 9.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.  
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### **Reflection**

**You answered me.** From Abraham's example and Jesus' teaching, we learn much about prayer in today's readings. Truly persevering prayer implies more than mere persistence on our part; it should combine peaceful expectation with humble acceptance of God's will. If we are too busy to pray, we are busier than God wants us to be.

### **Combined Service**

ACAT's Combined Service for the fifth Sunday in July will be celebrated here in Our Lady Help of Christians on Sunday 31 July at 9.00 a.m.. It will be our normal liturgy with the focus on **Gratitude**. *Your bringing a plate to the morning tea after the liturgy will be appreciated.*

### **The World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly**

This weekend we celebrate the elderly in our community. Pope Francis writes, **"In old age they will still bear fruit"** (Ps 92:15). These words of the Psalmist are glad tidings, a true "gospel" that we can proclaim to all on this second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This day is an opportunity to proclaim once more, with joy, that the Church wants to celebrate together with all those whom the Lord – in the words of the Bible – has *"filled with days"*. Let us celebrate it together! I ask you to make this Day known in your parishes and communities; to seek out those elderly persons who feel most alone, at home or in residences where they live. Let us make sure that no one feels alone on this day. Expecting a visit can transform those days when we think we have nothing to look forward to; from an initial encounter, a new friendship can emerge. Visiting the elderly who live alone is a work of mercy in our time! Let us ask Our

Lady, Mother of Tender Love, to make all of us artisans of the revolution of tenderness, so that together we can set the world free from the spectre of loneliness and the demon of war. To all of you, and to your loved ones, I send my blessing and the assurance of my closeness and affection."

<https://slmedia.org/blog/pope-francis-message-for-2nd-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly>

*"In old age they will still bear fruit."* This passage from the book of psalms, is the theme for the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. In his message to the elderly for the special day, Pope Francis notes the significance of a new war breaking out in Europe just as the generation who lived through World War II is dying out, and calls on the elderly *"be teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive to those in greatest need."*

The Vatican also revealed this year's logo of an embrace, symbolizing encounter and dialogue between generations.



In instituting the annual celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis chose the fourth Sunday in July so that it would be close to this feast day of Saints Anna & Joachim. And since February this year the Pope has been giving a series of teachings on the meaning and value of old age noting that *"The more developed societies expend large sums on this stage of life without really helping people to understand and appreciate it; they offer healthcare plans to the elderly but not plans for living this age to the full."*

### **Pope Francis' own advice:**

Old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness: a new mission awaits us and bids us look to the future. The special sensibility that those of us who are elderly have for the concerns, thoughts and the affections that make us human should once again become the vocation of many. It would be a sign of our love for the younger generations. This would be our own contribution to the revolution of tenderness, a spiritual and non-violent revolution in which I encourage you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, to take an active role.

### **Prayer for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

I give thanks to you, Lord, for the blessing of a long life  
For, to those who take refuge in You, grant always to bear fruit.  
Forgive, O Lord, resignation and disillusionment,  
But forsake me not when my strength declines.  
Teach me to look with hope to the future you give me,  
To the mission you entrust to me and to sing your praises without end.  
Make me a tender craftsman of Your revolution,  
To guard with love my grandchildren and all the little ones who seek shelter in You.  
Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis and grant Your Church to deliver the world from loneliness. Direct our steps in the way of peace. Amen.

**Roster 31 July**

Leader Linda

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