

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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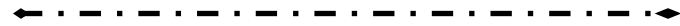
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In our Prayers: Elaine Barry, Sandra Werner, Ray Fairman, Iney Lynch, Kashaya Kuemmel

For our Deceased: Victims of terrorism and violence, Ross McDermott, Betty Tyndall, Lola Litchfield, John Pursehouse



<u>April</u> 6 -7	Arian Park 6 .00 p.m. Sat Liturgy
Mass	Temora 6.00 p.m. Saturday
Mass	Ardlethan 8.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.



Reflection

Unless you Repent. When misfortune strikes people considered to be sinners, others might say: ‘They had it coming! God is punishing them!’ In today’s Gospel Jesus criticises such attitudes on two grounds. Firstly, it is wrong to see the wrath of God in every tragic event. Secondly, we need to recognise that we are all guilty of sin and in need of conversion. Instead of judging others, let us ask God to forgive our sins and help us as we undertake the difficult task of reform.

Lenten Group

While Sr Maureen is away there will be no Lenten Group. The next session will be on Thursday 4 April at 9.30 a.m.—11.00 a.m.

Project Compassion

Peter goes to a boarding school in the Solomon Islands which has experienced water shortages for 60 years. Previously, students would have to walk kilometres each day in search of clean water, which was particularly challenging for Peter who is living with a disability. With Caritas Australia’s support, the school has created a new reliable water system. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 to provide young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future.



Baptism

On Sunday 7 April we will welcome the McDermott family as Bradley and Gemma present Isabella to be baptised during Mass.

The Annunciation of the Lord

On Monday we will celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation when Mary responded with her ‘yes’ that resulted in the birth of Jesus. We also know this event as the **Incarnation**. In the follow quote from Tom Gunning we are offered a glimpse into the wonder-filled mystery of God taking on our humanity and the call for us to become more reflective of the Divinity alive in us. *“The doctrine of the incarnation asks us to believe that God became one of us, not just like us but fully a part of everything that makes us human. In other words, to say that Jesus was God incarnate is to say that, through Jesus, God has become intimately intertwined with the womb and childbirth, childhood and growing up, joy and loneliness, happiness and sadness, old age and the tomb. These fundamental human experiences have become part of what it means to be divine. The very nature and depths of God were revealed in Christ through the hope and the heartbreak, the plenitude and the poverty, the tenderness and the tragedy, the wonder and the worry of a human life. This was the life of Jesus of Nazareth. After Jesus, human life is no longer just human; it becomes a vessel of the divine.”*

Plenary Council

“With the last Plenary Council in Australia having been held more than 80 years ago and with there being no real “prototype” for a national council of this type in the world, it was unclear how the Australian people would participate – especially in the opening Listening and Dialogue phase.

Over the past 10 months, the response has been overwhelming. As of the end of January, 68,700 people had shared their stories with the Plenary Council and feedback from the National Centre for Pastoral Research suggests there was a massive influx in the past five weeks. The final statistics will be published later this month.

The end of the Listening and Dialogue phase marks the completion of the first part of the preparation stage, which will continue in earnest from June 9, when the themes that emerged during Listening and Dialogue will be announced.

That will mark the start of the "Listening and Discernment" phase.”

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No Liturgy here in Our Lady Help of Christians on Sunday 31 March and no Combined Service.

Roster: 7 April

Acolyte: Bruce

Reader: Mae

Minister: Ann

Gifts: McDermott Family Welcomer: Robyn