

24 June, Nativity of St John the Baptist

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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For our Deceased: Anne Trevaskis, Kellie O'Brien, Sr Valerian rsj, Des Popple, Cecily Breust, Billy Dance, Dellah McGrane, Sr Anna Gaha ibvm, (Anniversaries)

← - - - - - June 30—July 1 Liturgy Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Sat; →

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m. Sat,

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

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What will this child turn out to be? The people of the countryside were filled with awe at the remarkable events surrounding the birth of John to an elderly, childless couple. His name is given not by his family but by God who has chosen him to prepare the way for Jesus. We too are specially chosen by God. As our spirit continues to mature, what will we turn out to be?

Confirmation

As we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation today we welcome **Archbishop Christopher Prowse, families and visitors** to our parish. We congratulate the thirteen children who will today renew their Baptismal promises and be anointed with chrism. We continue our prayer for the children and their families that their faith may be deepened, their witness be meaningful and that they trust in the guidance of Holy Spirit who has been 'confirmed' in them in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Pope Francis encourages us:

"The rite of Confirmation recalls and renews the promises made at Baptism and invokes a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Just as Jesus received the outpouring of the Spirit at his baptism in order to carry out his messianic mission, the Church prays that we too may receive the gifts and fruits of the Spirit that enable us to help the Body of Christ grow in unity and missionary zeal. The gift of the Spirit is communicated through the laying on of hands and anointing with sacred chrism. Saint Paul sheds lights on the meaning of these sacramental signs when he says that "God... has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts" (2 Cor 1:21-22). Sealed with the Holy Spirit, we are configured more closely to Christ and strengthened to bear

witness to him in our world. May each of us grow in gratitude for the gift received at our Confirmation and open our hearts ever more fully to the creativity of the Spirit who makes all things new." 30 May 2018

"Let us remember to thank the Lord for the gift of Confirmation, and then to ask him to help us to live as true Christians, to walk always with joy in the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

Pope Francis

Plenary Council 2020

Lana Turvey-Collins, Coordinator of the Plenary Council writes, *"I encourage every person to be a part of this process. You don't need to wait; you can be involved now. It is from your stories, and the questions you raise, that the agenda for the Plenary Council will be shaped. All people connected with the Catholic Church in Australia are invited to speak freely, to share from your heart about your experience of faith and the Church, and listen deeply with an open and humble heart to the stories of others. The listening is the challenging part. Listening deeply can transform our hearts and minds. The lives of those who listened to Jesus were changed forever. ...*

A question for reflection is...

Does my voice, my experience, sharing my story really matter?

Yes, absolutely! Each of us is called as children of God to respond to Pope Francis' invitation to become a "synodal" Church – a Church of faith-filled people who speak boldly and with passion, and who listen deeply with an open and humble heart."

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Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ **4th July—Lectio Divina (Divine Reading)** Mission Group will meet for the first time on the 4th of July at 2:30 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church Hall, Ariah Park. This is simply an opportunity to gather with Fr. Trenton, Sr Janet and Sr Maureen and many from all over the Mission for a short time of prayer with the scriptures. *All are encouraged to come along.*
- ◆ **24th July, 3.45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation Introductory Session** Parish Hall at Sacred Heart Church, Ariah Park
- ◆ **29th July, APCAT Community Service** at Ariah Park—Catholic community is the host church.
- ◆ **29th July, ACAT Community Service, Ardlethan.**
- ◆ **1st August 3.30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation Introductory Session.** Library, Ardlethan Central School.
- ◆ **8th August, 10.00 a.m.—3.00 p.m. BBI E Conference, Synodality in Practice:** Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change,;24 Warri Street. More details to follow
- ◆ **19th August, 11.00 a.m. Temora Mission Mass and Gathering** – at Beckom Hall. More information to follow in coming weeks.

Roster: 1 July	Acolyte: John	Reader: Ann
Extra Mins: Linda	Gifts: Robyn and Tracey	Welcomer: Andrina