25 August 21st Sunday, Year C

## **TEMORA MISSION AREA**

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In our Prayers: Barry Carroll, Jeanette Passlow, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel, Sandra Werner, Maxine Keshan, Iney Lynch

For our Deceased: Jim O"Dwyer, Richard Beaumont, Elaine Barry,

**Liturgy** Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. 1—2 September

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

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

## Reflection

Entering God's Kingdom. It is frustrating to arrive at a shop a few minutes after it has closed, or at an event only to discover that all tickets have been sold. There is nothing we can do about it. We have no automatic right of entry. The same applies to God's kingdom. To join the many people from east and west at the heavenly banquet we must strive to follow Jesus along the narrow and sometimes difficult path of love.

## Father's Day Appeal

Annual collection for retired priests. There are 30 priests of our Archdiocese who come under the care of the Clergy Retirement Foundation. This Appeal raises much needed funds to meet the needs of these priests and to give them security in their retirement years. At next weekend's Masses, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to this Appeal and all gifts are tax deductible. Please give generously as you have in the past. Donations can also be made at www.cgcatholic.org.au/donate

# **Happy Birthday**

It is with joy we extend our prayers and congratulations to Frank Passlow who celebrated his 90th birthday yesterday. Frank, we give thanks for your life and for the way you have touched so many through your faith, goodness and hard work. As you Birthday celebrate this special birthday our prayer is that you will know ever more deeply the reality and depth of God's personal love for you. We trust that Saturday was rich in blessings for you, Frank.



## **World Day of Migrants & Refugees Sunday**

Today as we remember the many refugees worldwide let Pope Francis' message reminds us "the presence of refugees is an invitation to recover some of those essential dimensions of our Christian existence".

#### First Reconciliation

We congratulate Grace, Jobe, Liam, Henry and Ruby who celebrated their First Reconciliation before Mass last night at Ariah Park. May we pray for these children and all children that they be open to the love and mercy of God.

#### **Fatal Flaws**

More than 50 people, including some medical personnel, attended a screening of the documentary film Fatal Flaws at the Haydon Hall. The filmmaker explores the dangers of legalising euthanasia and assisted suicide through personal interviews with patients, their relatives, doctors, legislators & lawyers in jurisdictions where these practices are already legal. The film demonstrates how rapidly the rights and wellbeing of the most vulnerable members of society are undermined when doctors are given the legal right to kill or assist in killing their patients.

In the discussion which ensued after the film, participants agreed on the vital importance of advocating for appropriate funding for aged care, disability services, and mental health. Participants also spoke of how vital it is for each of us to take seriously our responsibility to reach out with love to all who need our care and company. The filmmaker, Kevin Dunn, will be visiting Canberra on Saturday 31st August to give a free public lecture on "Living, Dying and the Power of Presence" 2.30-4.00pm, Haydon Hall (behind the Cathedral) Manuka. No need to RSVP. Inquiries lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869

## On August 22 the UN, for the first time, dedicated this day in Remembrance for Victims of Religiously Motivated Violence.

The resolution was passed on May 28 after the proposal of Poland, the United States, Canada, Brazil, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Nigeria and Pakistan. This initiative is widely applauded by organizations that are aware of the anguish suffered by religious minorities in intolerant countries. Aid to the Church in Need estimates that one in five Christians in the world live in countries where there is persecution or religious discrimination. All these people, who have been victims of violence for religious reasons, not just Christians, were remembered on August 22.

#### **Change of Date**

Mission Mass will be on Sunday 3 November, here in Our Lady Help of Christians, Ardlethan at 11.00 a.m.

> O great Giver of Life Pour your balm of healing, where it most needs to flow.

**Roster: 1 September** Acolyte: John Reader: Suzanne

Minister: lan Gifts: Griffin Family Welcomer: Brenda