

25 July, 2021. 17th Sunday, Year B,

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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St Therese Barellan

In our Prayers: Sr Andre Guthrie rsj, Barry Carroll, Jack Symthe, Linda Grinter, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: John Werner, Iney Lynch, Stan Masslin, Leo Langtry, John Stout, Graeme Stout, Peter Hayward, , (*anniversaries*)

31 July—1 Aug

Ariah Park 6.00 p.m.

Mass

Temora 6.00 p.m.

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

Reflection

The Abundance of God. In the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes Jesus not only *provides* enough food to feed a large crowd but twelve hampers too much! Trusting in the goodness of God, may we love one another in complete selflessness and generosity. May we share freely our personal and material gifts with all who are in need.

Plenary Council ~ *Fan the Flame*

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

'Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready'

John 6:1-15

Grace moves God's people to ask questions grounded in the call we received at Baptism: how do we better nourish, accompany, give witness, support, invite, welcome, engage and be present to others, such that we all grow in holiness?

(**Prayerful and Eucharistic** – Discernment Paper p. 6)

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World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis announced earlier this year that the day will be marked each year around the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. In his message for the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, with the theme *"I am with you always"*, Pope Francis said older people, even if "energy is running out", have a "renewed vocation".

"I am with you always" (*Mt 28:20*): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear



grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. *"I am with you always"* are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first **World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly**. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone! Given this, I want to tell you that you are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow: the world in which we, together with our children and grandchildren, will live once the storm has subsided. All of us must *"take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies"* (ibid., 77). Among the pillars that support this new edifice, there are three that you, better than anyone else, can help to set up. Those three pillars are **dreams, memory and prayer**. The Lord's closeness will grant to all, even the frailest among us, the strength needed to embark on a new journey along the path of **dreams, memory and prayer.**"

Pope Francis

<https://www.romereports.com/en/2021/06/22/full-message-of-the-pope-for-the-first-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly/>

Those of us who live in the affluent West, of course, might wonder when we see grandparents associated with the elderly. Many grandparents are in their 50s, and so little more than halfway through their anticipated life's course. ... Bringing together grandparents and the elderly, however, might make us appreciate two of Pope Francis' consistent concerns. Because he holds so strongly that each human being is precious in God's sight, and is part of a community that should give priority to their needs, he is distressed that elderly people are often neglected and treated as expendable.

Fr Andrew Hamilton sj

Let us pray: *God of mercy, You have given your children the gift of long life, and they ask for your blessing. Let them feel the tenderness and strength of your presence. As they look back to the past, let them rejoice in your mercy. As they look to the future, may they persevere in hope that does not fade. To you be praise and glory for ever, Amen.*

Thank You

Once again I write with a grateful heart, for the flowers that add beauty to our church and the work and 'supervision' associated with the recent sewerage project. Your constant giving, care and support are appreciated greatly. May God bless you abundantly.



Roster 1 August

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