### 25 June, 12th Sunday, Year A

# TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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**For our Deceased:** Franny Stewart, Heather Symth, Joyce Teagle, Adele Murphy, Jack Symth, Billie Mowitch, David Kerin, Norah Green, Joyce Baker, Dellah McGrane, Des Popple, Anne Trevaskis *(anniversaries)* 

July 1 –2Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. LiturgyMassTemora 6.00 p.m.MassArdlethan 8.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.

## Reflection

**Do not be Afraid.** In the face of many attacks Jesus courageously proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom. His courage stemmed from his firm belief in the Father's love for him. Likewise, the prophet Jeremiah was not destroyed by intense opposition because he knew that his cause was with God. May we also be courageous witnesses to the values of the Gospel knowing that God's love for us far outweighs any opposition we may encounter.

### Reflection

"In the early days of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, a unique video went viral. A Ukrainian woman confronted some Russian soldiers, called them invaders and fascists (among other things), and became famous for giving one of them sunflower seeds. She said he should keep the seeds in his pocket so that they would grow once he was buried under Ukrainian soil.

To the Ukrainian woman Jesus might say, "Be careful that your warnings invite the enemy to change for the better. To offer them nothing but suffering only increases the suffering in the world."

And to us? Jesus would probably remind us that our greatest powers do not come from our physical or intellectual prowess but from the attitudes that motivate our actions.

One person's strength can intimidate others. Another's sharp tongue and wit can cut an adversary off at the knees. But such exercises of dominance do nothing more than tip an ugly balance like a teeter-totter; they do not change the world. Real love of the enemy disarms and nourishes everyone involved. As Paul taught the Romans, what changes world history is the gracious gift of Jesus Christ overflowing for the many. May it flower among us!" Mary McGlone csj

"The Spirit of God illuminates our vision to see the world as God sees it and envisioned it: as one human family, each person made in the image and likeness of God, every human being embraced in the love of the God who is Father and Mother of all. So may we resolve to stop to see the world through the joys and sorrows, the wisdom and challenges of others, to see the world and its problems in the light of God's compassion and peace and so begin to heal the broken, bridge the divides, and restore the dignity of all as God sees the "field of play."

### Connections

### Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

On Thursday the Church celebrates the feasts of the Peter and Paul—two different men yet both called, like us, to continue the Mission of Jesus, confident in the power of Holy Spirit. Each of them trusted in the companionship of Jesus to strengthen them for the journey and not allowing fear to overcome their courage.

What can we learn from them?

How can we follow them?

In the words of the Preface for the feast, we reflect: For by your providence the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul bring us joy: Peter, foremost in confessing the faith, Paul, its outstanding preacher, Peter, who established the early Church from the remnant of Israel, Paul, master and teacher of the Gentiles that you call. And so, each in a different way gathered together the one family of Christ; and revered together throughout the world, they share one Martyr's crown.

> "We can choose to cultivate kindness. Those who do so become stars shining in the midst of darkness." **Pope Francis**

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There is no place for selfishness and no place for fear! Do not be afraid then when love makes demands. Do not be afraid when love requires sacrifice.

Pope John Paul II

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