

25th August, 2024, 21st Sunday in Ordinary time, Year B

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### St Therese Barellan

**In our Prayers:** Bernard Jardine, Barry Carroll, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldw.

**For our Deceased:** Graeme Teagle, Judith Litchfield, Ernie Davies,  
Bill McDermott, Archbishop Francis Patrick Carroll, Deceased Family,  
Friends, Victims of war, violence, accidents and natural disasters

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#### September 1st

Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. *Liturgy*

Mass

Temora 10.00 a.m.

Liturgy

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

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**Reflection** - On the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, the readings focus on making a choice. Joshua asks the Israelites to decide whom they will serve. In the Gospel, Jesus' followers struggle with His teachings, and some leave. Peter and the apostles, however, choose to stay, affirming their faith in Jesus as the Holy One of God. This Sunday reminds us to commit to following Jesus, even when it's difficult.

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Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

John 6:68

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**The Holy Name of God.** It was very difficult for the Jewish people to accept Jesus' teaching that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood if they are to have life. The Twelve accepted his teaching, not because they understood it but because they believed in him. Having seen his signs they believed that he was the Holy One of God. May Christ heal our unbelief that we too may accept his saving words even when we do not understand them fully.

## Local ecumenical leaders push for conscience vote on full ban of gambling advertising

In a display of unity, several local ecumenical leaders have lent their support to a push for a conscience vote in Parliament on the potential full ban of gambling advertising in Australia. Viewing the situation as a profound moral issue, prominent local ecumenical leaders, including those from Catholic, Presbyterian, and Baptist communities, attended a press conference at Parliament House to voice their concerns. Catholic Archbishop Christopher Prowse articulated the broader societal consequences, noting how gambling advertising exacerbates addictive behaviours and financial pressures on families.

“As a Catholic leader representing an organisation deeply involved in social welfare, I witness firsthand the corrosive effect of gambling on family consciousness. The pervasive rate of advertising attacks the very dignity of our Australian people, pushing them towards an economy-focused existence at the cost of life’s simple joys. A conscience vote is essential to restore social health and moral integrity.”

“Our nation prides itself on a rich sporting tradition, yet this incessant advertising reduces sport to an economic venture, straying from genuine human connection,” Archbishop Prowse continued.

Statistical data highlights that those most affected by gambling are aged 18 to 35, further underscoring the need for urgent legislative intervention.

Read all about this and more in the Catholic Voice in print or online.



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Roster September 1st

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