

26 August, 20th Sunday, Ordinary Time, Year B

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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In our Prayers: Gwen Fairman, Nikki O'Brien, Elaine Barry, Mari Pople and Andrew Dance, Barry Hogan, those affected by floods and drought

For our Deceased: Deceased relatives and friends, those killed in accidents,



September 1 –2 Liturgy Aria Park 6.00 p.m. Sat;

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m. Sat,

Mass Ardlethan **8.00 a.m.** Borellan 10.00 a.m. Sun



Reflection

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.

Plenary Council

After our liturgy today we will spend a little time sharing our responses to the questions in relation to the Plenary Council. I hope you can stay for about fifteen minutes or so to respond to the survey and listen to one another. Thank you Ann for facilitating this **Listening Session**.

Catholic Voice Website

As well as the monthly edition of the Catholic Voice you can now access stories and other items of interest on the website: <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/>

World Migrant and Refugee Sunday, 26 August

is celebrated by Catholics around the world. It invites us to extend our compassion beyond our own suburb, city and nation, and reminds us that the plight of refugees and immigrants is world-wide. The constant flow of people from the Middle East, the pushing back of refugees from Europe, the hostility shown by governments and people in many countries, the suspicion of migrants from Africa and the punishment of people

already punished by war, are features of many societies besides our own.

Compassion and hospitality are central values of the Catholic Church. They are Jesus' values. He invites us to feed people who seek protection and are left without any support wherever we are. He also invites us to help their children learn, to offer them free medical care, to find them work that will help them support themselves, to demand compassion from politicians, and to weep at and denounce cruelty towards them. These invitations are not made simply to saints in other places and at other times. They are made to people like us around the world.

Pope Francis is often seen as the face of the Catholic Church. His own face has certainly been turned compassionately to people who have sought protection. Early on as Pope he visited Lampedusa, the Mediterranean island to which people seeking protection often came. He prayed with them and lamented the cruelty that led so many of their relatives and friends to die at sea. Last month on the anniversary of his travel to Lampedusa he again prayed for them. *Fr Andrew Hamilton sj*

First Reconciliation

We continue to pray for Britany and her family as they prepare with Britany for the celebration of her First Reconciliation.

Thank you to all who gathered for a cuppa last weekend and the generous gift you all gifted me. I am so appreciative of your friendship and support. Know always of my prayers for you all and of my deep thanks, affection and appreciation. Let us keep each other in prayer, *Fr Trenton*

Diocesan Prayer for Rain

Loving Father, you are the giver all gifts.

You care for us in our needs.

You listen to us in all that concerns us.

We pray for rain to come down abundantly on our drought affected land, particularly in this region of Australia.

We take the many gifts of creation that you have given us so much for granted. We have taken for granted plentiful rain and the importance of abundant harvests.

Please forgive us.

Return now rain to our parched land.

Bless and protect families immediately impacted by this severe drought - especially on our farms.

We pray through the intercession of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop in our special need. We make this prayer and all our prayers through Christ our Lord, the source of all our hope and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dates

- **12 October**, Marian Procession, Galong
- **27 October**, Deanery Assembly, Plenary Council, Joy of the Gospel

Roster: 2 September

Acolyte: Bruce

Reader: Ann

Extra Mins: Andrina

Gifts: Griffin Family

Welcomer: Andrina