

26 January, 3rd Sunday, Year A

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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For our Deceased: Gerard Gaynor, Deceased family, community members, those who have died from fires, accidents, terrorism



1—2 February

Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Liturgy

Mass

Temora 6.00 p.m.

Mass

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



Reflection

Jesus, our Light. At times we can find ourselves 'walking in darkness'. We get caught up in difficulties and cannot see a way out. Today's liturgy reminds us that Jesus is our light and our salvation. In the Gospels we have the Good News that brings light into the dark moments of our lives.

Bushfire Appeal

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has requested that donations be taken up this weekend for the bushfire victims: *"Parishes across the country will be taking up a special collection at Masses on the Australia Day weekend, with all funds to be donated to Vinnies' bushfire appeal."*

Today because of the Appeal there will be no 50 cent Sunday.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pope Francis has established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

The newly established "**Sunday of the Word of God**" is an invitation to Catholics across the world to deepen their appreciation, love and faithful witness to God and his word, Pope Francis said. In his letter, Francis wrote, "A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a yearlong event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers." ... "We need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness," he wrote.

Plenary Council

In October 2020, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather for the first Plenary Council. We continue to seek the wisdom of Holy Spirit as we focus on the six themes identified by the first phase of prayer and listening. These themes invite people to consider *'How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia'*. Completed questionnaire forms can be put on either collection plate during Mass until 9 February. Thank you.

Happy Birthday Bruce

Tomorrow Bruce celebrates a day of special significance for him and his family. May we share in the joy of Bruce as he gives thanks for his life and the blessings that have been his during his lifetime. Bruce, we thank you for your generous service to and among us. May you experience ever more deeply the love that God has for you.



Thank you

Sr Pat and I were overwhelmed by your generosity and thoughtfulness in acknowledging the anniversary of our profession. Indeed I am blessed to be here with people who touch my heart so deeply.

Australia Day

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new, and by saving grace, transform our lives.

For from ancient times you made this land a home for many peoples, and became their rock of strength; when they were hungry, you gave them food, and when thirsty, water even in the desert.

May God who formed our southern land be for you a rock of strength.

May God who rules the great seas keep you safe in every storm.

May God who made the skies above turn your darkness into light.

May you always stand tall as a tree
May you be as strong as the rock Uluru,
as gentle and still as the morning mist.

May you hold the warmth of the campfire in your heart

And may the Creator Spirit always walk with you.

(from "An Australian Blessing" E. Pike. 1997)



Roster: 2 February

Acolyte: John

Reader: Linda

Minister: Paul

Gifts: Lucas Family

Welcomer: Robyn