

## TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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### St Therese Barellan

**In our Prayers:** Alicia Bonny, Frances Vince, Jim Bonny, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Kashaya Kuemmel,

**For our Deceased:** Irene Murat, Garry Lubke, Ray Fairman, Leo Griffin, Edna Griffin, Margaret Gaynor, Eliza Clark, (*annives*)

← - - - - - March 4-5 Aria Park 6.00 p.m. Sat *Liturgy* - - - - - →

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

Mass Ardlethan 8.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.

### Reflection ← - - - - -

**A time of preparation.** The forty days spent by Jesus in the wilderness can be likened to the season of Lent. Jesus' time in the wilderness was a time of preparation for his ministry, a time in which he confronted the temptation to choose self and not the Father. For us Lent is a time of preparation for the feast of Easter. It is a time in which we are invited to examine whether the will of God is central to our lives.

### Project Compassion



Laxmi, 16, lives in in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.

### Message from Pope Francis for Lent

Ash Wednesday, February 22 marked the beginning of the Lenten season. In preparation, Pope Francis released his message and theme for the 40 days: "*Lenten Penance, Synodal Journey.*" In his message, the Pope reflects on the mountain of Jesus' Transformation to bring together the two parts of his message. He says that during Lent the Church is called to "*climb a high mountain,*" but not alone. The Lenten season is part of the Church's synodal journey.

The second path is not to hide behind a piety of extraordinary religious events and avoid facing the challenges of reality. The Pope says Christians must rise to the demands of everyday life with the grace of God.

[Pope Francis' message for Lent: "Lenten season is part of the synodal journey" | ROME REPORTS](#)

### Reflection

"Today's Gospel is about knowledge too. Satan knows who Jesus is. His temptations are an attempt to get Jesus to betray his humanity and not endure the limitations of his daily life. Jesus knows that the only way to be true to his divinity is allow us to see it shine in and through his human life. The rejection of the temptation to compromise his frail human frame gives us the hope that we, too, can glimpse the power of God's greatness in every moment we reject the desire to be directors of our own destiny and to see good triumph over evil in the choices we make. It's a relief to know we don't have to be God! May this Lent see us do what we are created for: to use all our knowledge to praise, reverence and serve the Loving One who willed us into being."

*Fr Richard Leonard sj*

### Prayer for those affected by the Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria

God of mercy, we pray for the people of Türkiye and Syria following the recent earthquakes. We mourn the death and destruction and pray for those who have died and those who grieve.

***God of mercy, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.***

We hold in our hearts those who are injured, and those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods, and homes.

***God of mercy, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.***

Sustain and guide all responding to this disaster.

Grant those affected courage and resilience, as they rebuild their lives and communities.

***God of mercy, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.***

Inspire us to unite in solidarity, acting swiftly and generously, so that help may reach all who need it.

***God of mercy, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.***

Amen.

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/turkey-and-syria-earthquake-prayer>

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