

## TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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### St Therese Barellan

**In our Prayers:** Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

**For our Deceased:** Edna Griffin, Eliza Clark, Margaret Gaynor, Anne Morton, John Desmond O'Donoghue, Fr Henry Byrne, Fr Laurie Blake, Leo Griffin, Darcy Lucas, (*anniversaries*)

### 5—6 March

← ..... Aria Park 6.00 p.m. (*Liturgy*) ..... →

**Mass** Temora 6.00 p.m.

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

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**Latest Protocols** see <https://cgcatholic.org.au/>

### **Reflection**

**'Take the plank from your own eye first.'** Let us not presume to pass judgement on other peoples' shortcomings without first subjecting our own conduct to honest scrutiny. Perhaps we expect higher standards of moral behaviour from others than we require from ourselves. Criticism of the sinner is not infrequently a subtle form of self-condemnation in which pride is joined to lack of charity.

### **Project Compassion**

With Lent starting this week Caritas once again invites us to support their major fund raising project through Project Compassion. Boxes and donation envelopes are available for you to collect to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all. As St Pope John Paul II said, **"The future starts today, not tomorrow."**



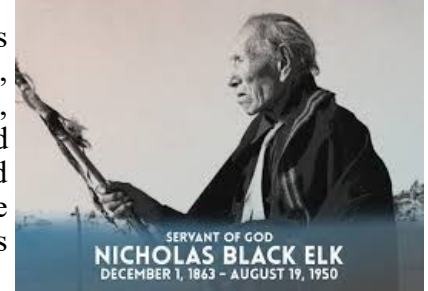
Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes or by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

### **Ash Wednesday**

With Ash Wednesday this week on 2 March it would be appreciated if the drapes can be changed to purple please. If there are any flowers could they be removed too? Thank you ever so much.

### **Lakota Saint**

It isn't often that a Native American is considered for sainthood in the Catholic Church, much less one who was a cousin to Crazy Horse, toured with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show and was involved in the Battles of Little Bighorn and Wounded Knee. Nicholas Black Elk may be better known for all of these things, yet his Catholic faith is undeniable. ...



Sister Judith sees Nicholas Black Elk as an extraordinary example of sainthood today. She relates how, with all of the suffering of his people, Black Elk could have become bitter and distrustful, but instead he sought holiness and forgiveness. *"When I look at our world, we are so polarized, we find it difficult to have a sense of unity. ... He is an incredible symbol of what we need in our times."*

<https://www.osvnews.com/amp/2020/05/06/documentary-explores-the-life-and-faith-of-servant-of-god-nicholas-black-elk/>

Today, in the parish where Black Elk did much of his pastoral work, the aura of sainthood is unmistakable. There is an air of reverence when his name is spoken. He is credited with bringing 400 people into the Roman Catholic Church. Black Elk also lived a life of unquestioned holiness and experienced the kind of suffering that is often associated with lives of the saints. His first wife died in 1903, son William in infancy, son John of tuberculosis at 12, an infant son and two stepdaughters of tuberculosis in 1910. He himself lived with tuberculosis from 1912. But Black Elk never complained about his suffering and he proclaimed his Catholic faith until the end. "Now my heart is getting sad—but my heart will never turn bad," he wrote in a letter in 1948. *"Ever since Wakan Tanka [the Lakota name for God] gave light to my heart, it stands in light without end."*

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2017/10/01/black-elk-lakota-medicine-man-turned-catholic-teacher-promoted-sainthood>

**Roster 6 March**

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