

27 January—3rd Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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In our Prayers: Elaine Barry, Ray Fairman, Fr Francis Carroll,

For our Deceased: Peter Minchin (*Anniversary*), Deceased relatives, friends, parishioners, those who have died as result of violence, natural disaster, famine and war

February 2—3

Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Sat Liturgy

Mass

Temora 6.00 p.m. Saturday

Mass

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

Reflection

This text is being fulfilled today. The Sacred Scriptures that are proclaimed at Mass recall incidents from the past and point to the future but most especially they affirm the presence of God among us now. This day we are called to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to all who are bound up in any way. Today we are called to be the Body of Christ in our world. The Sacred Scriptures have meaning when we can say with Jesus: ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’

School Year

As the school year begins we remember in our prayers the students of our parish and all those returning to school this week.



Dear Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year! Amen

Bless all **teachers** with wisdom and peace of mind and beckon them to call on you for the strength and courage they need for the coming year.

Comfort the **new parent** who will say goodbye on their child’s first day of school, as well as the experienced parent who will walk out of the dorm room and wonder how it could be that their child is now an adult.

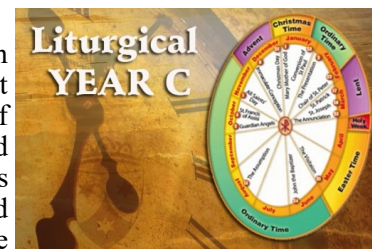
How are the Sunday Readings chosen?

The earliest Christians simply read whatever scriptures were available in their community. The first “lectionaries,” appearing by the fifth or sixth century, were actually just Bibles with notes in the margins telling the reader which passage to read on a particular Sunday. By the seventh century Mass readings began to appear in books of their own. After the 16th-century Council of Trent, all the readings and prayers for Mass had been collected in a single book called the Roman Missal. Vatican II restored the older practice of publishing the readings separately. The current Roman Catholic lectionary was created in 1970 by a commission set up after Vatican II to implement the council’s liturgical reforms and has since been slightly revised twice.

The Gospel of Luke

This Liturgical Year we will focus on the Gospel of Luke in our Sunday readings. What do we know about the Gospel?

Luke wrote the Third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles in the city of Antioch, Syria. Antioch was one of the largest cities in the Roman Empire with a great variety of people. There were Jews and Gentiles as well as rich and poor. This helps us to understand Luke’s audience as being composed mostly of Gentile converts of a mixed socio-economic background. This greatly influenced the way Luke constructed his Gospel.



Third and final Mission Retreat with Fr Ray Sanchez will be held on 16th to the 22nd of March, 2019 at Sacred Heart, Temora. Please save the date and further details will follow.



Dates:

World Day of Prayer	1 March
Ash Wednesday	6 March
Mission Retreat	16—22 March
Palm Sunday	14 April
Easter Sunday	21 April

Roster: 3 February	Acolyte: John	Reader: Jeromy/May
Minister: Ian	Gifts: Lucas Family	Welcomer: Frances