

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: Marion Baldwin, Allan Rudd, Mervyn James Stockton, Kai Flagg Stevens, Sr Therese Dougherty pbvm, Margaret Kerin, Edna Griffin, Veronica Jardine, Maxine Keshan, Vonnie Lyons, Lawrence Stout, *(annirvies)*

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2-3 April

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

Mass

Temora 6.00 p.m.

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Ardlethan 8.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.
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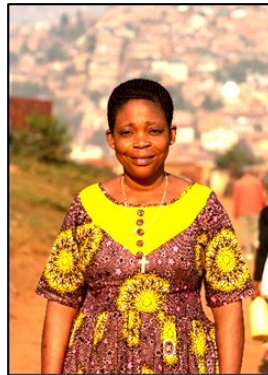
Reflection

The Joy of Forgiveness. The story of the prodigal son confirms Jesus' words that there is great rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner. The joyful and lavish banquet prepared by the father to celebrate his son's return is a symbol of the heavenly banquet. In this story the older son cuts himself off from the banquet. Unable to forgive like his father, he chooses to stay outside in his own private hell. May we know the joy of forgiveness and the joy of forgiving.

Project Compassion

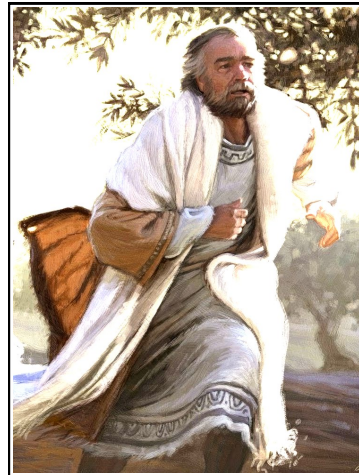
Rosalie 44, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.

With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.



World Day of Prayer

We, look forward to hosting the World Day of Prayer here in Our Lady Help of Christians Church on Friday **1 April at 9.30 a.m.**



Lent

“The prodigal is not a simple story with a clear and easy-to-embrace moral. The older brother’s reaction is real — and understandable. How much hurt do we allow the prodigal to inflict? It’s not easy to be the parent who loves unconditionally; it is painfully difficult to face our prodigal-like failures and sins; it is beyond our comprehension, as the “older” sibling, not to demand accountability from the one who hurt us and the family. Forgiveness begins by seeing things through the eyes of the other, to embrace the other’s hurts and doubts and fears, to understand their struggle to make sense of things. Forgiveness is focused on the future, about

healing the past in order to live joyfully and meaningful in the present. May God’s complete and unconditional love, mirrored in the love of the prodigal’s father, embrace our hearts enabling us to both forgive and seek forgiveness and so re-create our futures in Easter joy.”

Connections SUNDAY

Reflection

“To the degree that we help our country be more hospitable to the most defenceless, the poor and the displaced then we live out the power of this parable. May this Liturgy then, help us live beyond our history, which so often colours those toward whom we can give the benefit of the doubt and show compassion and may it give us the courage and faith to be ridiculously generous, and magnificently loving.”

Fr Richard Leonard sj

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

*God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart and
break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.
Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.
You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.*

We continue to join in prayer with Pope Francis as he encouraged us to pray for peace when he consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, 25 March, Feast of the Annunciation.

Roster 3 April

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Welcomer: Sr Maureen