

27th July, 2025, 17th Sunday/ C

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For our Deceased: Terri O’Hare, Rita Whyte, Deceased Family, Friends,
Victims of war, violence, accidents & natural disasters.



August 2 - 3

Arian Park 6.00 p.m. *Liturgy Sat*

Mass

Temora 6pm. Saturday 5pm. Sunday

Mass

Ardlethan **8am** Barellan 10am Sunday



Reflection - *You answered me.*

From Abraham’s example and Jesus’ teaching, we learn much about prayer in today’s readings. Truly persevering prayer implies more than mere persistence on our part; it should combine peaceful expectation with humble acceptance of God’s will. If we are too busy to pray, we are busier than God wants us to be.



Father

“Our Father” we say in prayer.

Perhaps not comprehending

The fullness of this greeting.

We come to you, true parent,

With assurance of your care.

The safe One whom we trust

To be an indispensable support.

The Father who knows our need

And who generously provides

For every nibble of daily bread.



The World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

Today the church once again celebrates the elderly in our community. This is the fifth time it occurs on the Sunday closest to the **Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne**, Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is:



“Blessed are those who have not lost hope” (cf. *Sir* 14:2)

The Elderly as Signs of Hope — an paragraph from a letter written by Pope Leo XIV

The life of the Church and the world can only be understood in light of the passage of generations. Embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment, and should not be wasted in superficial encounters and fleeting relationships. Instead, life is constantly pointing us toward the future. In the book of Genesis, we find the moving episode of the blessing given by the aged Jacob to his grandchildren, the sons of Joseph; his words are an appeal to look to the future with hope, as the time when God’s promises will be fulfilled (cf. *Gen* 48:8-20). If it is true that the weakness of the elderly needs the strength of the young, it is equally true that the inexperience of the young needs the witness of the elderly in order to build the future with wisdom. How often our grandparents have been for us examples of faith and devotion, civic virtue and social commitment, memory and perseverance amid trials! The precious legacy that they have handed down to us with hope and love will always be a source of gratitude and a summons to perseverance.

Full letter can be found at <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/grandparents/documents/20250626-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>



Something to ponder

You are 1 person, out of 7 billion people on 1 planet, out of 8 planets, orbiting 1 star, out of 300 billion stars in 1 galaxy, out of 200 billion to 2 trillion galaxies - *Hubble Space Telescope Fan Site*

Roster August 3rd

Leader:

Reader: Linda Griffin

Ex. Minister :

Acknowledgement of Country - With respect, we acknowledge the country, the skies, the waterways and spiritual systems of the Wiradjuri people on whose land we gather. We acknowledge the elders for the passing on of knowledge, language and spiritual connections to country.

Parish Safeguarding Commitment — Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Arian Park is committed to safeguarding and upholding the rights of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing Fr Alex Osborne at alex.osborne@cg.org.au. Parishioners are also welcome to contact Maria Hicks, manager for the Archdiocesan Institute for Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) at ipss@cg.org.au or phone 02-62399806.