28 August, 22nd Sunday, Year C

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

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Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Dulcie Ridley, John O'Dea, Ian Lyons, Hamilton Lucas,

Dinah Woods, Jim O'Dwyer, Richard Beaumont, Jim Tuckett

September 3-4 Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. (Liturgy)

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

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

Reflection

Taking the Lower Place. In today's Gospel Jesus offers some wise advice on table etiquette. For Luke, the story has implications for the relationship of the rich to the poor who gather for the Eucharistic banquet. Only if all members are treated with equal dignity can it truly be called the Lord's Supper. Parishes prosper when all are treated equally regardless of how much each can put on the collection plate.

Social Justice Sunday

The Church in Australia marks Social Justice Sunday on August 28. In their Social Justice Statement, *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*, the Australian Bishops speak out about the scourge of domestic and family violence. They call for relationships to be marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control. Access the Statement and related resources at www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse points out that the roots of domestic and family violence "lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others" and that "this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us".

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violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control". ...

Finally, it calls for faith communities to support and believe those going through domestic and family violence and abuse, to hold perpetrators to account and work towards individual and social transformation.

https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23/

Fr Andrew Hamilton sj writes; "The day also invites us yearly to reflect more broadly on what a world would look like if it cared for all its people. It gives the central place to the dignity of each human being. To do this forbids us from treating individuals or groups of people as dispensable, as marbles to be counted, and so able to be disregarded when they stand in the way of other people's interests. ... We need to commit ourselves to the message of Social Justice Sunday — to take into account the good of all our fellow human beings in our actions and in all our institutions."

World Day of Prayer for Creation 1September

Pope Francis has established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. Pope Francis writes, "Dear brothers and sisters!" Listen to the voice of creation" is the theme and invitation of this year's Season of Creation. Pope Francis calls us to use the season to "cultivate our ecological conversion" and to pray together in "the great cathedral of Creation". He warns that we are reaching "a breaking point" and must act decisively so that "we and future generations can continue to rejoice in creation's sweet song of life and hope."

https://cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Celebrate-World-Day-of-Prayer

Father's Day Appeal; Collection for our retired priests

There are 26 priests in our Archdiocese. We should remember our retired priests as we celebrate the theme for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15). Please join us in generous giving next Sunday.

Reflection

"Jesus keeps God's preference for the little people at the forefront of his teaching. He has the kind of love that sees beyond appearances, the kind of love that pierces disguises, the kind of love that calls people out of imprisonment.

His love dignifies people.

He asks that our love does too."

Fr Denis McBride cssr

"To know someone's pain is to share in it.

And to share in it is to relieve some of it."

Nnedi Okorafor

Roster 4 September Leader: Linda Reader: Bernard

Minister: Paul