

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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<u>3-4 August</u>	Liturgy	Ariah Park 6.00 p.m.
Mass		Temora 6.00 p.m.
Mass		Ardlethan 8.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.



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.

Thank you

An overdue word of appreciation to John and Brenda who cleaned the church a few weeks ago. Aren’t we blessed to have such generous and dedicated members in our inspiring community?

Thoughts on Prayer

Taken from *Richard Leonard SJ*, author of the book, **Why Bother Praying?**

- ◆ One of the reasons some of us give up on prayer is because we may not have been introduced to its riches. Prayer is making space for God to love us, for us to hear that and then, through the community of faith, to have the courage to return the compliment. It changes lives.
- ◆ We pray because prayer is not just about asking for something for someone, somewhere. Intercessory prayer is important given that it asks an unchanging God to change us to change the world,



- ◆ Whatever we call prayer, it is in every case an encounter with God. Prayer is a means to an end, not an end in itself. The end we seek in prayer is to encounter the presence of a loving God. Once we stop acting for God, putting on a show, and really seek God’s presence in prayer then all sorts of possibilities open up. Prayer also provides the place wherein God can find us. God’s creativity and desire for our good knows no bounds.
- ◆ We pray to keep on mission with Christ in the world. Our lives may be the only Bible some people will ever read. Our living of the virtues and our commitment to justice and peace may be the only sacraments some people ever witness and celebrate. They might decide whether to bother praying on the basis of what they hear but even more on what they see. Our prayer is not judged on how we feel, but on how we live and what we say away from prayer. Though we all fail, prayerful people are traced with Christ’s life as a result of the encounter with him and so are compassionate, hopeful, joyful, grateful, forgiving and loving. The Church and the world need prayerful people more than ever before.

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.

Joyce Rupp October 9, **Fragments of You Ancient Name**

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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: 4 August	Acolyte: Bruce	Reader: Mae or Suzanne
Minister: Ian	Gifts: Mills Family	Welcomer: Andrina