

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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November 3—4

Aria 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.

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Reflection

'I want to see!' In today's Gospel only the blind man, Bartimaeus, can see who Jesus really is – the Messiah, the Son of David. To the others in the crowd he is only Jesus, the good man from Nazareth. At times it can be hard for us to see Christ in the midst of the sights and sounds of our world. May the Lord open our eyes to recognise him in the breaking of the bread and to see his footprints in our lives. Then, with Bartimaeus, may we joyfully follow him along the road.

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Let us continue to remember Zach, Jeromy and all HSC students in our prayers.



Mass—4 November

Next Sunday at our Mass we will have

1. a ritual of remembrance for those who have died during the year as well as our deceased relatives and friends.
2. a prayer for harvest.

All Saints and Souls Days

November 1, All Saints Day, The Sight of a Life Well Lived

On Thursday we remember with gratitude the unsung saints, those in our own family and all those we celebrate on *All Saints Day*. Joan Chittister writes, "The liturgical year is also about the cloud of witnesses who have lived the life before us. By their very lives—in every era and every age—they prove to us that

it is possible to be other than those around us who live to exploit life here rather than to grow in the light of the hereafter. They are about living wildly rather than living flamboyantly. Without role models, then, how shall any of us ever know that what we seek is possible, that what we want is doable, that what we are is enough?

No theological treatise is any kind of substitute for the sight of a life well lived. No surfeit of incidental pleasure, debilitating and cloying, is, in the end, an acceptable alternative to basic goodness. Instead, persuasion rests, in the last analysis, on the presence of living witnesses to what it means to live well, to be productive, to make a difference, to grow to full stature as a human being.

Clearly, the identification of role models is not an idle exercise. It is, rather, the key to the vitality of the living Word in the next generations. For more than two thousand years of Christian tradition, in fact, it has always been so. The question to us, then, must also be, what kind of witnesses are we ourselves being to those who come after us—searching for heroes, looking for models?"
—from *The Liturgical Year* by Joan Chittister (Thomas Nelson)

On Friday we celebrate **All Souls Day**. We are reminded of all those who have gone before us and are now our inspiration and our faith heritage. We remember them with love and gratitude and pray for them, entrusting them to the mercy and compassion of God. Richard Rohr writes, "*On these "thin days," as the ancient Celts called them, All Saints Day and All Souls Day, we are invited to be aware of deep time in a very convincing way—that is, past, present, and future time all in one time. On these pivotal days we are reminded that our ancestors are still in us and work with us and through us.*"

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

A Reflection

Don Tonino did not do this (*being close to the poor*) because it was convenient or because he was seeking approval, but because he was moved by the Lord's example. Out of love for Him, we find the strength to rid ourselves of the garments that get in the way so that we can dress ourselves in service, to be 'the church of the apron' which is the only priestly vestment recorded in the Gospel.
(Pope Francis on 20th April 2018 when visiting the grave of Bishop Bello during his pastoral visit in Alessano, Italy.)

Roster: 4 November

Acolyte: John

Reader: Bernard

Minister: Linda

Gifts: Frances & Andrina Welcomer: Frances