

28th July, 2024, 17th Sunday in Ordinary time, Year B

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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For our Deceased: Graeme Teagle, Judith Litchfield, Ernie Davies, Kaylene Brown, Bill McDermott, Jack Wood, Archbishop Francis Patrick Carroll, Sharon Kober, Deceased Family, Friends, Victims of war, violence, accidents and natural disasters

August 3 - 4

Ariaiah Park 6.00 p.m. *Liturgy*

Mass

Temora 10.00 a.m.

Liturgy

Ardlethan **8.00 a.m.** Barellan 10.00 a.m.

Reflection—

The Abundance of God. In the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes Jesus not only ***provides*** enough food to feed a large crowd but twelve hampers too much! Trusting in the goodness of God, may we love one another in complete selflessness and generosity. May we share freely our personal and material gifts with all who are in need.

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready' John 6:1-15



MESSAGE - FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS - WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY— 28 July 2024

“Do not cast me off in my old age” (cf. Ps 71:9)

Dear brothers and sisters,

God never abandons his children, never. Even when our age advances and our powers decline, when our hair grows white and our role in society lessens, when our lives become less productive and can risk appearing useless. God does not regard appearances (cf. 1 Sam 16:7); he does not disdain to choose those who, to many people, may seem irrelevant. God discards no stone; indeed, the “oldest” are the firm foundation on which “new” stones can rest, in order to join in erecting a spiritual edifice (cf. 1 Peter 2:5).

Sacred Scripture as a whole is a story of the Lord’s faithful love. It offers us the comforting

certainty that God constantly shows us his mercy, always, at every stage of life, in whatever situation we find ourselves, even in our betrayals. The Psalms are filled with the wonder of the human heart before God who cares for us despite our insignificance (cf. Ps 144:3-4); they assure us that God has fashioned each one of us from our mother's womb (cf. Ps 139:13) and that even in hell he will not abandon our life (cf. Ps 16:10). We can be certain, then, that he will be close to us also in old age, all the more because, in the Bible, growing old is a sign of blessing.



On this Fourth World Day devoted to grandparents and the elderly let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families. Let us spend time with those who are disheartened and no longer hope in the possibility of a different future. In place of the self-centred attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say “I will not abandon you”, and to set out on a different path. To all of you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, and to all those who are close to you I send my blessing, accompanied by my prayers. And I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me. Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2024

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Let us pray:

God of mercy, You have given your children the gift of long life, and they ask for your blessing. Let them feel the tenderness and strength of your presence. As they look back to the past, let them rejoice in your mercy. As they look to the future, may they persevere in hope that does not fade. To you be praise and glory for ever, Amen.

National Tree Day

Established in 1996, Planet Ark's National Tree Day has grown into Australia's largest community tree planting and nature care event. The program is a call to action for all Australians to get their hands dirty and give back to their community.



Each year, around 300,000 people volunteer their time to engage in environmental activities that educate Australians about the world around them.

While every day can be Tree Day, we dedicate celebration of Schools Tree Day and National Tree Day to the last Friday and last Sunday in July.

Since 1996, 27 million trees have been planted. We give thanks for the many who help to look after and nurture Gods wonderful creation.

Roster August 4th

Leader:

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