29 March, 5th Lent, Year A

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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For our Deceased: Maxine Keshan, Vonnie Lyons, Lawrence Stout Ross McDermott, Lola Litchfield, John Pursehouse (*anniversaries*)

No Mass or Liturgies

Reflection

The Resurrection and the Life. The raising of Lazarus from the dead was a wonderful event. His sisters were overjoyed and many people came to believe in Jesus. But something more wonderful happened in Jesus' own death and resurrection. While Lazarus was restored to his former life, the death of Jesus produces a life that will last forever, a life that we receive in baptism. Let us pray for all who are to be baptised this Easter.

Project Compassion

Tawonga is a 10-year-old girl, living with a disability. She lives in a village in northern Malawi in a region plagued by food insecurity and poverty. For most of her life, her parents have struggled to put meals on the table. Tawonga often had to miss school because she was too sick from hunger. The family also faced discrimination in their community due to her disability.

Since participating in a Caritas Australia supported program, Tawonga's life has

transformed. Her family now grows enough food to provide three meals a day, ending the struggle of malnutrition, and helping her thrive at school.

Tawonga, whose name means 'thank you', says her community is blessed with many resources, like rivers, fertile soil and hills. However, with dry spells followed by floods, armyworm infestations and crop failures, her parents struggled to make a living.

In 2016, Tawonga's parents heard about the A+ program run by Caritas Australia's partner,



CADECOM (Catholic Development Commission in Malawi). They learned irrigation farming and were given fertiliser and high-yield seeds. With these new techniques, their production of crops almost tripled.

With your help, this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them. Let's Go Further, Together.

"It gives me hope that I will finish my education," Tawonga says. "My community now understands that my living with a disability is not inability. Although I sometimes face discrimination, most of the community has realised my value as a person."

Mass Online

If you would like to avail yourself of Mass online you can do so by clicking on the link below. There are other resources as well on Catholic Voice. https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/

Holy Week Ceremonies

There will be **NO** Holy Week Ceremonies this year.

Do not lose hope; St Joseph also experienced moments of difficulty, but he never lost faith and was able to overcome them, in the certainty that God never abandons us.

Pope Francis

"In difficult times carry something beautiful in your heart"

Blaise Pascal

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness."

Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love.

Kerry Weber

In the present situation, in which we find ourselves living more or less isolated, we are invited to rediscover and deepen the value of the communion that unites all the members of the church.

Pope Francis

