

3 February, 4th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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In our Prayers: Ray Fairman, Elaine Barry, Betty Tyndall, Kashaya Kuemmel

For our Deceased: Ken Popple, Allen Murphy, Peter Minchin (*Anniversary*),



February 9—10	Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Sat Mass
Mass	Barmedman 8.00 a.m. Temora 10.00 a.m. Sunday
Liturgy	Ardlethan 9.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.



Reflection

The rejection of Jesus. At the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, some people of his hometown try unsuccessfully to do away with him. Later, other people will try to destroy him on the cross. Again their efforts fail when he rises from the dead. The forces of evil continue to oppose the Body of Christ, but we can be sure that nothing can ever destroy the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus.

Welcome

Today we welcome **Fr Bernard Hennessy** who is visiting our parish and celebrating Eucharist with us. Thank you Fr Bernie for being with us.

Roster

The new roster is available for collection this weekend. Thank you Tracey for preparing it. Thank you also to the ministers who have responded so generously to serve our community in this way.

The Gospel of Luke, *continued* Dating Luke

The Third Gospel has been dated around 80-85 A.D. Such a date is based on several criteria. First, the Gospel of Mark has been dated around 68-73 A.D. Since Luke used a considerable portion of Mark's Gospel, Luke could not have written it before Mark wrote his Gospel. Luke 21:20-24 gives a fairly accurate description of the siege and destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. This is another indication that Luke wrote after 70. At the same time Luke omits any knowledge of two significant events: the persecution of the Christians by the Roman emperor, Domitian, in 81-96 A.D.; and the bitter struggle that arose between the early church and its Jewish roots in 85-90 A.D. Thus, a date between 80-85 is considered the most appropriate.

World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking – time to end slavery, 8 February 2019

Pope Francis has declared the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, which is celebrated each year on 8th February to be the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking. St Josephine Bakhita is the patron saint of victims of slavery and of Sudan. Australians are being urged to work together, through grass roots action and corporate governance, to end slavery around the world.

CRA President Sr Monica Cavanagh rsj said the Modern Slavery Act was an opportunity for companies to be better global citizens because companies will have to release publicly available reports on their progress in slavery-proofing supply chains. Consumers can then exert some pressure on companies not doing enough, or support those who are doing well. "This special day gives us an opportunity to reflect on what we do and what we buy and if necessary, to commit to act differently in order to work towards the elimination of slavery," Sr Monica said. It is estimated that millions of women, girls, men and boys are trafficked annually into domestic servitude, sexual exploitation, pornography production, forced marriage and forced labour. "These forms of exploitation flourish because of society's greed for cheap goods and services and because it is easy to forget that those who meet these needs are human beings with their own innate God-given dignity," the Bishop of Parramatta, Vincent Long Van Nguyen, wrote in ACSJC & ACRATH publication No 79.

Plenary Council

In the eight months since the **Listening and Dialogue** period commenced at Pentecost, more than 40,000 people have either made a submission or participated in a group discussion that culminated in a submission. ... Ms Turvey-Collins said while the Listening and Dialogue phase will conclude on Ash Wednesday, collaboration – under the guidance of the Holy Spirit – will be a constant throughout the three-year journey. She said the National Centre for Pastoral Research will identify key themes that have emerged during the **Listening and Dialogue** period. They will be the focal points for the next step in the process, the **Listening and Discernment** phase.



Dates:

World Day of Prayer	1 March
Ash Wednesday	6 March
Training of Ministers	10 March
Mission Retreat	16—22 March
Palm Sunday	14 April
Easter Sunday	21 April

Roster: 10 February

Leader: Ann

Reader: Sally

Minister: John O'B

Welcomer: Andrina