

30 October 31st Sunday, Year C

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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St Therese Barellan

In our Prayers: Jim Bonny, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Tom Morwitch, Joan Thompson, Mary Lucas, Isabel Dunn, Barry Hogan, Meg Thomas, (*anniversaries*) Iney Lynch

November 5-6 Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. (*Liturgy*)

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

Mass Ardlethan 8.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.



Reflection

Zacchaeus, Come Down, Hurry. Great wealth had not brought happiness to Zacchaeus, a despised tax collector in prosperous Jericho. Having wandered away from God, he was lost. There he met Jesus, the rabi, who consorted with sinners; and his life was never to be the same again. We are called to imitate Zacchaeus in his repentance and Jesus in his merciful love.

All Saints Day and All Souls Day

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the **Communion of Saints**. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness

On Tuesday and Wednesday the Church celebrates these two much loved feasts, **All Saints Day and 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 very especially those we have loved deeply, who have been an integral part of our lives and who now live on in our heart's memories, in our stories, and are still held within our very essence. We remember them with love and gratitude and pray for them, entrusting them to the mercy and compassion of God, especially deceased members of our family. 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.*"

Liturgy of Remembering

On Sunday, 13 November we will have the opportunity to remember in prayer those who have died during the year.

*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*

The **Memorial Book** is in the foyer for you to add the names of those for whom we will pray during the month of November.

Morning tea will be served after the Liturgy of Remembering. Thanks to those who will be able to bring a plate.

HSC Prayer

Let us continue to pray for students who are sitting the HSC at this time.

"God we ask that our students feel your closeness during the HSC exam period. Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand. Bless them with keen understanding and retentive memory. Give them the ability to grasp things correctly, be exact in their explanations and an ability to express themselves clearly. Point out clearly the beginning, direct their progress and help them in the completion of each of their responses. Holy Spirit send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen."

<https://waverley.nsw.edu.au/news/prayer-hsc-class-2017/>

Marriage Preparation Program, 9 November

The Catholic Care/Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation program for engaged couples includes FOCCUS questionnaire, dinner, evening formation program and a private, follow-up couple discussion with a CatholicCare counsellor. The session is held in the St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, Manuka from 5-9 pm at a cost of \$300 per couple for the whole program.

Online option also for regional couples.

Information and registration at www.marriagefamily.org.au

Reflection

Whether we are well on our way in this journey, or on the margins like Zacchaeus, we are all called to welcome the Holy One in our midst who first calls out to us. The only needed prerequisites are wonder and hospitality to welcome the divine regardless of our state in life. As we have heard in the poem from the Wisdom of Solomon, the Spirit of God is in all things, even in the least among us.

Sr Carol Dempsey op

Roster 6 November

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