31 July 18th Sunday, Year C **TEMORA MISSION AREA** Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Ariah Park Contact: Sr Maureen McDermott: Ph: 0448 257 077 Website: www.cg.org.au/ardlethan Email: maureen.mcdermott@sosj.org.au Ph: 69772104 Email: Temora@cg.org.au Sacred Heart Temora Parish Priest Fr Sijo Jose Email: Sijo.Jose@cg.org.au **St Therese Barellan** In our Prayers: Barry Carroll, Neville Caldow, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel, For our Deceased: John O'Dea, Family and community members, Peter Hayward, Beverley Crouch, (anniversaries) Iney Lynch, Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. (Liturgy) August 6—7 Temora 6.00 p.m. Mass Ardlethan 8.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.

Reflection

Become rich in the sight of God. Today we reflect on the call we all have to love God by sharing what we have with others. The rich man in today's gospel chose foolishly to hoard his possessions. If we are prepared to risk putting what we have at the service of others, we may find ourselves poor in material terms but rich in the eyes of God. A treasure awaits us in heaven, along with many blessings in this life.

Combined Service

Mass

It is with joy that we welcome you to our combined service. Our focus today is Gratitude, as one of our treasures.

Following are reflections that may or may not be of interest to you!

Gratitude as a discipline involves a conscious choice.

I can choose to be grateful even when my emotions and feelings are still steeped in hurt and resentment. It is amazing how many occasions present themselves in which I can choose gratitude instead of a complaint. Henri Nouwen

"....you can only see things clearly with your heart. What is essential is invisible to the eve." The Little Prince Antoine de Saint-Exupery

In the moments we are awake to the wonder of simply being alive, gratitude flows, no matter our circumstances. M.J. Rvan

Gratitude doesn't change what we have in front of us; it changes the way we see what we have



Prayer

Dear God, may I always be aware of your blessings. When I am tempted to despair, gently remind me to count my blessings. Protect my heart, that it may not shrivel and dry up, but stay fertile and fresh, so I may share your blessings with the other pilgrims that cross my path. Teach me to live simply, that I may unlearn wasteful habits and greedy ways. Show me how to give and share, knowing that I will receive so much more. Amen

The Gift Mary Oliver

Be still, my soul, and steadfast. Earth and heaven both are still watching though time is draining from the clock and your walk, that was confident and quick, has become slow.

So, be slow if you must, but let the heart still play its true part. Love still as once you loved, deeply and without patience. Let God and the world know you are grateful. That the gift has been given.

Heart of Life is offering an "At-home Retreat: Held in Hope" over five weeks, beginning Monday, 1 August and concluding 29 August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion weekly, via Zoom for 45 minutes, on how God might have been present for vou. A small donation will be welcome.

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St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage

The Catholic Parish of Pambula invites everyone to join with Archbishop Prowse as he leads a pilgrimage to Eden on Saturday 13th August.

"In contrast to the rich fool, Jesus spends himself. He spends his whole life sharing his talent for forgiveness, his insight, his love, his energy his imagination, his prayer, his stories. ... All these qualities create new life for others." Fr Denis McBride cssr

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