

31st March, 2024, Easter Vigil, Year B

## TEMORA MISSION AREA

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### St Therese Barellan

**In our Prayers:** Robyn Richards, Neville Caldwell.

**For our Deceased: Archbishop** Francis Patrick Carroll, Sharon Kober, Kath Kenny, Janice Lewis, Bruce Baker, Ken Horan, Deceased Family, Friends, Victims of war, violence, accidents and natural disasters



<b>March 6-7</b>	Aria Park	6.00 p.m.	<i>Liturgy</i>
<b>Mass</b>	Temora	10.00 a.m.	
<b>Liturgy</b>	Ardlethan	<b>8.00 a.m.</b>	Barellan 10.00 a.m.



### **Reflection**

CHRIST IS RISEN. **Alleluia!** The empty tomb, and the neatly folded burial cloths, were signs that led the Beloved Disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles, and the faithfulness, courage and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: **‘Alleluia!’**

### **Easter Messages**

With many of us away this Easter and Fr. Sijo unable to be with us I have thought to revisit a message that Sr Maureen placed in our bulletins in 2018.

Stooped well within Holy Week we now begin the **Easter Triduum**, which coming from the Latin means ‘three days’. And while there seems to be three separate liturgies over these days, the Church actually speaks of one continuous liturgy. Notice on **Holy Thursday** that there is no final blessing nor dismissal. Rather, we are invited to keep vigil with Our Lord before his great agony. On **Good Friday** a peculiar loneliness seems to consume our day. There is no ‘opening’ nor is there a ‘conclusion’ to the Friday liturgy. On **Holy Saturday** again we wait, yearning for the presence of the One who for so long

we took for granted. And then, at the **Easter Vigil**... our hearts rejoice as the sanctuary is once more flooded with light! He has done just as He promised He would. These days, brothers and sisters, speak of the Promise that God has given you in Jesus. The promise to cast darkness from our lives, despair from our hearts and finally to destroy the last enemy, death itself.

These are the days which define us as Catholics and Christians. My prayer for you is that you experience these days - this one extended liturgy - in a way you never have before. Allow yourself to feel the agony of His passion, the mystery and silence of His absence, and finally on that Night of Nights, the Promise and Joy of His Rising from the dead. Know always of my prayers, *Fr Trenton Van Reesch*

With the risen Christ, may you discover the treasures of darkness, find the riches hidden in secret places, and hear the whisperings of God in your heart so that you may be the glow of Easter light and warmth in the heart of humanity.



Let him Easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us. . . Gerard Manly Hopkins

*Sr Maureen McDermott rsj*

### **Congratulations**



We rejoice with Alexander Passlow and Alice as they proclaimed their love for each other during their wedding ceremony yesterday. May God enrich their marriage with blessings that will nourish and sustain them as they journey more deeply into the Mystery of Living and Loving.



### **Project Compassion**

Thank you for your generous response to Project Compassion this year.

<b>Roster 7 Apr</b>	Leader:	Reader: Bernard
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