4 August 2019, 18th Sunday, Year C

# **TEMORA MISSION AREA**

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

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**For our Deceased:** Sr Marie Miller rsj (Sr Mary Denis), Peter Hayward,

Elaine Barry,

**August 11—12** Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Sat Mass

Barmedman 8.00 a.m. Temora 10.00 a.m. Sunday Mass

Liturgy Ardlethan **9.00 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.

## National Vocations Awareness Week

Today is the feast of St John Vianney, the patron of parish clergy. We are invited to pray for your priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in your community. Next Thursday is the feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, our first Australia saint. As well, we may like to pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. May we also pray also that these saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from your community.

# Mary MacKillop Tomb

Did you know that you could access the Mary MacKillop website and click on the link to pray with Mary MacKillop? By this way you can place your own prayer on the tomb of Mary.



https://www.sosj.org.au/our-foundress-mary-mackillop/marymackillop-prayer/prayer/

# Mary MacKillop's Feastday

On Thursday the Church celebrates the feastday of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We reflect on the life of Mary, "Very simply, Mary drew near to people. She lived in poor little cottages; she visited people in their poor little cottages. She befriended the outcasts of her time. She knew the prostitutes and alcoholics loitering in the back lanes of the city. In a climate of sectarianism, she loved and admired friends who were Protestant and Jewish. Once there was a poor lady who was ill, sitting in the gutter. Mary's companion thought she was drunk but Mary MacKillop sat down with the woman and realized that she needed help as she was ill. She helped the woman to the chemist shop where she could get assistance for her."

Mary had a special place in her heart for children, for the sick and lonely and for those who were suffering. She became a voice of God's love as she responded to all those in need. May we entrust our needs to the intercession of Mary MacKillop.

#### **Education Week**

You're invited to join with the school community at 9.30 a.m. on Friday 9 August to celebrate Education Week with the church service here in our Church.

### Welcome Home

It is with joy that we welcome to her home town, Sr Judith Mills, who is visiting from Goulburn for a few days. While in the area Judith will celebrate a significant birthday. We rejoice with Judith and her family and give thanks for the many ways 'Daphne' has spread the love of God to those with whom she has come in contact. Judith, may you know ever more deeply the richness of God's love for you and our world. Happy Birthday Judith.



## Archbishop's Annual Pilgrimage to Eden

Archbishop Christopher Prowse and the Pambula Catholic Parish invite all for a pilgrimage to Eden Mary MacKillop Centre on Saturday 10th August 2019 for the Pilgrim's Walk and Midday Mass. For more information please ring 02-64951880

## **Abortion Bill**

A bill to make abortion legal in NSW up until birth, for any reason, has been tabled in NSW Parliament and is due to be voted on this week. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has asked all Catholics in NSW to urgently contact their state Member of Parliament and ask them to vote against this bill.

'When people become self-centred and self-enclosed, their greed increases. The emptier a person's heart is, the more he or she needs things to buy, own and consume. It becomes almost impossible to accept the limits imposed by reality. In this horizon, a genuine sense of the common good also disappears'. [para 204]. Pope Francis, Laudato Si

Roster: 11 August Reader: Col Thew Leader: Linda

Minister: Paul Welcomer: Robyn and Brenda