

4 September, 23rd Sunday, Year C

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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For our Deceased: Deceased Dads, Ian Lyons, Jenny Shannon, Jim O'Dwyer, Eileen Gaynor, Gwen Fairman, Helen Gaynor, Iney Lynch

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September 10—11 Arian Park 6.00 p.m. →

Mass Temora 10.00 a.m.

Mass Ardlethan 9.00 a.m. Barellean 10.00 a.m.
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Reflection

Put Jesus first. It is somewhat shocking to hear Jesus say, 'whoever comes to me without hating (*family members*) cannot be my disciple'. Jesus is using hyperbole to stress that we must give first place to following him. If that puts us in conflict with our family, we must choose Jesus. Thankfully, most of us don't face such a conflict. We can rejoice in God and in family, as Paul does in today's second reading.

A Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience;

support them in the work they have to do,

protecting those who look to them,

as we look to you for love and salvation,

through Jesus Christ our friend and support.

Amen.

Author Unknown

Father's Day, Blessings for your Heart

(This extract is taken from St Benedict's, Garforth Bulletin when Daniel was parish priest here in 1991. It is for all of us but especially to honour fathers today.)

'May I offer some gifts for the home of your heart :-

The gift of your **Beauty** - you are carefully designed in the image of God's own loveliness;



The gift of **Listening** - when you listen without judging you mediate God's mercy;
The gift of your **Tears** - May you experience the healing of expressed sorrow;
The gift of **Compassion** - so that you will see all creatures as your sisters and brothers;
The gift of **Affection** - offer many signs of friendship, words of praise, hugs and kisses;

The gift of **Vision** - may you believe in the light even before the dawn has yet come;

The gift of your **Child** - may you discover in your child, the one in your home (*if you have been blessed to be a dad*) and the one in your heart, the ability to play again, to trust, to let go, to dream;

The gift of **Yourself** -so that you will regain your self-confidence, your self-esteem, your true worth and your personal power. (*All free!*)

May the joy of God fill your heart during these days of wonder'.

http://www.djoleary.com/weekly_reflections/fathers_day_blessing_160619.pdf

Father's Day Appeal – Collection for our retired priests:

There are 26 priests in our Archdiocese. We remember our retired priests as we celebrate the theme for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly "*In old age they will still bear fruit*". (Psalm 92:15).

Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today:

By envelopes, or by giving at: www.cgatholic.org.au/donate

Thank you for taking care of our priests in their retirement.



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American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to **Palms Australia** live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these Mission opportunities abroad and mentor those with little other opportunity. You you will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 and Register for a **Webinar** on Saturday *September 24th* at 11:30am where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in **Mission with Palms** on our 13-day **Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste** from *October 16th to 28th*.

Season of Creation

"Whether we search in earth, or sky, or sea, we are everywhere met by the vision of the illimitable God." **Julian Tenison Woods, 1882**

The gospels tell us that when Jesus needed time alone for prayer, he did not go to a rabbi or synagogue, but out into God's creation. In **Laudato Si**, Pope Francis reminds us to get back to nature, '*the caress of God*' to recharge'. He urges us to be more attentive to its beauty and wonder, and to revisit places that left us with happy memories. Sue and Leo Kane **A Daily Cuppa with Mary and Julian**, 1 September

Roster September 11

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