#### 5 March, 2nd Lent, Year A

# **TEMORA MISSION AREA**

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

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For our Deceased: Irene Murat, Garry Lubke, Ray Fairman, Eliza Clark, Veronica Jardine, Allan Hargraves, Lola Litchfield, (anniversaries)

Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Mass

March 11—12

Temora 10.00 a.m. Mass

Ardlethan 9.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m. Liturgy

# Reflection

**Oasis on the journey.** As followers of Jesus, we have nowhere to pitch our tents. We must journey with Jesus throughout the hardships of life to glory. There will be oases along the way-moments of consolation which reveal the presence of God among us. We cannot remain in these moments for ever, but they give us refreshment. Remembering them will sustain us on our pilgrim way.

# **Project Compassion Sunday**



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children. Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.

Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of

young people.

### Reflection

"On our worst days, we might say that we feel as bad as we look on our driver's licence. At the other end of the spectrum, wealthy people can commission their portraits that erase blemishes and make even the plainest appear stately.

Somewhere in between lies the reality of who we are — a matter far more complex than can be captured visually or verbally. Today's Liturgy of the Word focuses on the question of how the disciples grew in knowing Jesus and how that affected them.

Rather surprisingly, the people who put together our lectionary chose Abram's relationship with God to shed light on the mystery of Jesus' transfiguration. Our selection from Genesis tells a story about changing identity. God invited Abram to leave behind everything that had defined him — his land and his kin — so that God could make something new of him. ...

The mystery of the Transfiguration, Jesus' selfrevelation as God's beloved, offers us more than just a glimpse of his divine vocation. Jesus' appearance as God's beloved, his revelation of divinity in humanity, gives us a preview of our own destiny. It reminds us of the truth of Genesis' teaching that human



beings are oriented to become ever and ever greater images of God." Sr Mary McGlone csj

"Sometimes I think that we focus too much on what we think that we should give up during lent. Instead, maybe we should focus on how we can change ourselves and be Christ for others. ... A smile, a good morning, a complement, could be all it takes to brighten someone's day. Maybe we can make an extra effort this Lent to fast on unpleasant remarks or feast on building up the people that you see, live and work with each day." Lent: Fast or Feast" Colleen Musgrave

Fast from judging others	Fast from bitterness
Feast on Christ dwelling in them	Feast on forgiveness
Fast from words that pollute	Fast from self-concern
Feast on phrases that purify	Feast on compassion for others
Fast from pessimism	Fast from anger
Feast on optimism	Feast on patience
Fast from complaining	Fast from discouragement
Feast on appreciation	Feast on hope
Fast from idle gossip	Fast from worry
Feast on purposeful hope	Feast on prayer

Roster March 12 Leader: Linda Reader: Tracev