

5 September, 23rd Sunday, Year B

## TEMORA MISSION AREA

**Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Aria Park**

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**St Therese Barellan**

**In our Prayers:** Jeanette Passlow, Barry Carroll, Linda Grinter, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

**For our Deceased:** Coronavirus Victims, Ian Lyons, Jenny Shannon, Sarah Downey, Jim O'Dwyer, Eileen Gaynor, Gwen Fairman, Helen Gaynor, (*anniversaries*)

**September 11-12**

Aria Park 6.00 p.m. Sat Mass

Mass

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

Liturgy

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

### Reflection

**He Makes the Deaf Hear.** Imagine the great joy of someone who has been cured of a hearing disability. What a thrill it must be to hear clearly, perhaps for the first time, the sounds of birds, of the oceans breaking, of music, of a friend's voice. Many of us enjoy good hearing but we can still turn a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, to the pleas of someone for forgiveness, even to the teaching of Jesus. What joy we too will know if we allow Jesus to touch us and heal our spiritual deafness.

### Plenary Council ~ Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

*'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'*

**Mark 7:31-37**

*The Church hears the cries of the poor and the groans of the earth. It seeks to stand in solidarity with the poor and the marginalised, and to exercise good stewardship of the fragile ecosystems that support life on earth.*

(Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, "A New Earth: The Environmental Challenge. Social Justice Statement 2002", accessed 23 April 2021, <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Social-Justice-Statement-2002.pdf>, 10.)

### Plenary Council: *Parishes -- schools of holiness and evangelisation*

"There is not a well-developed understanding and practice of the Church as a community of missionary disciples. The Plenary Council offers the Church in Australia an opportunity to consider carefully, and prayerfully, what steps must be taken to awaken this awareness of the missionary vocation of every Catholic, for all the baptised are called equally to live and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Every parish should be a school of holiness and evangelisation. These two dimensions provide a framework for urgently needed parish renewal. In relation to this need, the National Consultation provided a number of suggestions: restructure parishes within a diocese to make the best use of limited resources; assess the sustainability of current diocesan boundaries; strengthen formation of adult leaders; encourage the sharing of resources and fostering of collaboration between parishes, schools, agencies and movements; re-examine the effectiveness of sacramental preparation programmes; promote the spiritual life and an intentional, missionary discipleship amongst the faithful; and engage new forms of technology as adopted during the recent COVID-19 pandemic. Our parishes in particular are challenged to renew the formation of children, young people and families who may not be strongly connected to the Church but who still have an 'instinct for the faith' which prompts them to seek the sacraments or engage in part with the Church's life."

From **Continuing the Journey**, the working document for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia.

## Happy Father's Day

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*For so many this Father's Day will be different in varying ways. We give thanks for all Dads and especially those who are enjoying their first ever Father's Day.*

*We grieve for those who will not have a father with them this year; because of death, separation, distance, tragedy.*

*We give thanks for the fathers who will work today to ensure that our needs our met and especially those suffering from Covid 19 will receive care.*

*We rejoice with those who are Dads in our community.*

*May their loved ones, near and far assure them today of how grateful they are for their constant giving and loving.*

*We pray for those whose Dads are separated because of migration, natural disasters, prison.*

*May our good God assure all Dads how precious each one is to God.*

### Season of Creation

The Season of Creation spans five weeks between the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** (September 1) and the **Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi** (October 4). This "time for creation" offers, in the words of Pope Francis, "individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live." Pope Francis, "Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis For the Establishment of the 'World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation,'" September 1, 2015.

**Roster 12 September**

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