

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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St Therese Barellan

In our Prayers: Edna Griffin, Margaret Gaynor, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Ken White, Family, friends, parishioners.

Leo Griffin, Teddy Brown, Dianne Stout, Gerard Gaynor (*anniversaries*)

February 12—13

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.

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Reflection

I am a sinner. In today's Scripture readings the prophet Isaiah, the apostle Paul and the apostle Peter each acknowledges that he is a sinner: 'I am a man of unclean lips', cries Isaiah, 'I persecuted the Church of God', confesses Paul; 'I am a sinful man', says Peter. They know their need of forgiveness but they are also aware of the power of God at work in them. We too are sinners, but if we have faith in the grace of God working within us, we can be great missionaries as well.

School Year

As the school year begins we remember in our prayers the students of our parish and all those returning to school this week.

Dear Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year! Amen

Bless all teachers with wisdom and peace of mind and beckon them to call on you for the strength and courage they need for the coming year.

Comfort the new parent who will say goodbye on their child's first day of school, as well as the experienced parent who will walk out of the dorm room and wonder how it could be that their child is now an adult.



Sunday of the Word of God

As we focus on the Word in our Eucharist today we are reminded, "Most are no doubt familiar with the saying of Vatican II: "the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord's body ... offering people the bread of life from the one table of the Word of God and the body of Christ (Dei Verbum 21)." In the same vein, the second document quotes St Jerome: "We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: 'whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood' (Jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the [eucharistic] Mystery, Christ's body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God's teaching."

<https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/reflection-for-word-of-god-sunday.html>

How are the Sunday Readings chosen?

The earliest Christians simply read whatever scriptures were available in their community. The first "lectionaries," appearing by the fifth or sixth century, were actually just Bibles with notes in the margins telling the reader which passage to read on a particular Sunday. By the seventh century Mass readings began to appear in books of their own. After the 16th-century Council of Trent, all the readings and prayers for Mass had been collected in a single book called the Roman Missal. Vatican II restored the older practice of publishing the readings separately. The current Roman Catholic lectionary was created in 1970 by a commission set up after Vatican II to implement the council's liturgical reforms and has since been slightly revised twice.

The Gospel of Luke

This Liturgical Year we will focus on the Gospel of Luke in our Sunday readings. What do we know about the Gospel?

Luke wrote the Third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles in the city of Antioch, Syria. Antioch was one of the largest cities in the Roman Empire with a great variety of people. There were Jews and Gentiles as well as rich and poor. This helps us to understand Luke's audience as being composed mostly of Gentile converts of a mixed socio-economic background. This greatly influenced the way Luke constructed his Gospel.

50c Donation

Message that Fr Sijo wrote to Fr Jince as he gifted the money that was donated from the parish, "I have forward \$400 for the use of our School in Andhra Pradesh. Like last time this is a donation from the parishioners."

Our Lady of Lourdes Feastday

Let us pray, *Our Lady of Lourdes, comforter of the afflicted, I come to you with my desire for healing. Look upon me with loving kindness. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for me.*

Let us familiarize ourselves with the Gospel, it will bring us the newness and joy of God! **Pope Francis**

Thank you John for your care of the grounds during the week.

Roster: 13 February

Leader: Linda

Reader: Andrina

Minister: Paul