

7 April, 5th Lent, Year C

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

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In our Prayers: Andrina Norden, Ray Fairman, Elaine Barry, Iney Lynch, Kashaya Kuemmel, Sr Marietta Drew, Sr Elizabeth Glass

For our Deceased: Ross McDermott, Lola Litchfield, Margaret Passlow
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<u>April 13—14</u>	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

Straining Ahead. The Israelites in exile, St Paul the Apostle and the Woman caught in adultery all had shameful pasts. They acknowledged their sins but were not weighed down by them because they experienced the forgiveness of God. Freed of the burden of their sin they were able to continue on their way. We also are sinners but with God’s forgiveness we too can put the past behind us and strain ahead for the prize to which God is calling us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Project Compassion

Salma lives with her husband, Masud, in the rural community of Gazipur, two hours from Bangladesh’s bustling capital. She was just 18 years old, pregnant and fearful for her life and that of her unborn child, when she featured in Project Compassion 2013. In Bangladesh, maternal and infant mortality rates are still tragically high. During her first pregnancy, Salma was very sick, she experienced abdominal pain and couldn’t eat. She sought the help of a midwife called Pronoti, trained by Caritas Australia’s Safe Motherhood Program. Pronoti helped Salma safely through two pregnancies, thanks to her comprehensive training in midwifery, antenatal and postnatal care. The program has reduced maternal and infant mortality in the area by almost 70 percent. Over 400 women have been trained in midwifery since 2008 – and they have given over 28,000 women antenatal checkups and delivered more than 15,000 babies. Now 24, Salma smiles as she watches her one-year-old boy and six-year-old daughter play together. She is pleased that they are growing up strong and can focus on their hopes for the future. “If the Safe Motherhood Program had not trained midwives like Pronoti, many of us would have to go to the private clinics 11 kilometres away. Some of us women and our babies might



die because of that.” “We are poor and so it is easy to get discouraged about the future. However, if we have hope, we have the courage to try and do things that seem difficult or impossible at the time.” Thank you for your ongoing support of Project Compassion.

Lenten Group

You are invited to the Lenten Group at 24 Warri Street on **Wednesday 10 April**, from 9.30 a.m.—11.00 a.m.

Baptism

We welcome Bradley and Gemma McDermott and their families as they present **Isabella** for Baptism this morning. As Isabella is welcomed into the Catholic family we pray that she and her family will know ever more deeply the personal love that God has for them.



Congratulations

We rejoice with the Passlow Family as Harrison and Georgia celebrated their marriage yesterday. Let us pray that God guides Harrison and Georgia in their new adventure. May they experience the blessings of God for each of them and their life together.

Easter Triduum

Good Friday Liturgy will be at **10.00 a.m.** on 19 April in Our Lady Help of Christians.

The **Easter Vigil** will be at Sacred Heart Church, Aria Park at 6.00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Mass will be here at Ardlethan on Sunday, 21 April at 8.00 a.m.

2018 Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has generously donated \$42,830 for the 2018 Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. This money will be transferred to the Custody of the Holy Land. It will be used to provide local Christians with health care, education, employment and housing. The collection will also be used to maintain over seventy churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. The Franciscan Friars are grateful for the generosity of Australian Catholics.

Palm Sunday Readers

If you would like to read part of the Passion at our Liturgy on Palm Sunday and/or Good Friday would you let Sr Maureen know after Mass today please?

Drapes

As next Sunday is Palm Sunday we will change the drapes to red after Mass today—thanks in anticipation to those who can assist with the changeover.

Chrism Mass – Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 15th April at 7.30 p.m. in St Christopher’s Cathedral, Forrest for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the Holy Oils used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

Roster: 14 April	Leader: Tracey	Reader: Andrina and Passion Readers
Minister: John		Welcomer: Robyn