#### 7 July, 14th Sunday, Year C

# TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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**In our Prayers**: Barry Carroll, Emma Lavis, Jeanette Passlow, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel, Maxine Keshan, Sandra Werner,

**For our Deceased:** Sr Anne Derwin rsj, Billie Mowitch, Elaine Barry, Anne Trevaskis, Joe Morrison, Frances Popple, Dellah McGrane, *(Anniversaries)* 

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July 13—14Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Sat MassMassBarmedman 8.00 a.m. Temora 10.00 a.m. SundayLiturgyArdlethan 9.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.

## Reflection

'Peace to this house.' The book of the prophet Isaiah concludes with the promise that God will send peace flowing like a river on all the nations. Today's gospel reminds us that missionaries are always needed to bring this peace to others. May the peace of Christ dwell in our hearts. May the people we meet experience through us the peace referred to in the Jewish greeting, 'shalom! Peace be with you!'

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

falls today, the first Sunday in July. Whilst providing us with an opportunity to acknowledge our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters, the celebration also signifies that we are united as one in God's love and care. You might like to read the Australian Bishops' Pastoral Letter: <u>https://www.catholic.org.au/acbc-media/downloads/ad-limina/bishops-commissions-1/bishops-commission-for-relations-with-aborigines-1/2200-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-sunday-2019/file</u>

## Quotes from the Pastoral Letter:

"Our Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have suffered dispossession, displacement, violence of various types and much more. So often others have determined for them what they considered to be the best for them. The challenges facing communities are multifold. ... The whole of Australian society is going through massive change. The present rate of change is possibly unprecedented in human history ever. It is effecting all of us in many ways. Many think that you cannot be sure of anything anymore. This has many implications in our search for meaning in life and values. ... This massive rate

of change is also of course effecting our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters. When this is combined with the practical challenges that they face, the effect can be very far reaching. ...

As Catholics we know that our hearts are restless until they rest in God. Our Christian faith gives us energy and good reasons for living. ... There is such a vast history of deep spirituality in our First Nations People in Australia.

Pope John Paul II in his famous message which he gave in the Australian heartland when he addressed the Aboriginal peoples, stated that the Catholic Church will be lacking in its full expression if it does not embrace the spirituality of our Aboriginal people. ... The embracing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander spirituality within the wider Catholic spirituality is deeply enriching. We need to walk alongside our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of deepening their spiritual life. All can benefit with such walking together.

"My people existed here in Australia thousands of years before Abraham. In all that time God was with my people. He worked through their culture. He was saving us despite human weakness. He was preparing us for the day when he would see the features of Aboriginals in the image of his Son." Quote from the late Boniface Perdjert, our first Aboriginal Deacon who died 18 March, 2019.

#### **Catholic Voice**

The Catholic Voice is printed every month with some great reading for everyone. Take a look online at www.catholicvoice.org.au. There are lots of great articles that could be of interest to you.

## Baptisms

On Sunday 21 July during Mass, Ruby and Henry Prentice will be baptised.

## **Mission Mass**

Will be held here in Ardlethan on **Sunday**, **20** October at 11.00 a.m. followed by light refreshments in the Mullins Centre.

**Spirituality Day for Women** – Come, be attentive to the creative Spirit; to explore and ponder; to share insights and hopes for all creation. Presenters are Sally Neaves and Margie Abbott RSM. To be held at Kildare Catholic College on **Saturday 31st August** 2019, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Morning tea and lunch provided, cost is by donation. For further details contact Anne Brown on 0499 425 970. Flyers are at the back of the church.

We acknowledge the Wiradjuri people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousand of years.

Roster: 14 July	Leader: Suzanne	Reader: Linda
Minister: Bruce		Welcomer: Robyn