

7 May, 5th Easter, Year A

## TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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**In our Prayers:** Jack Wood, Alicia Bonny, Jim Bonny, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Kashaya Kuemmel,

**For our Deceased:** John Stewart, Tania Gillett, Brian Patten, Ian Bonny, Geoff Bennett, Liam Broderick O’Sullivan, Pam Wood, Marion Baldwin, (anniversaries)

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**May 14—15** Aria Park 6.00 p.m.

Mass Temora 10.00 a.m.

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

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### **Reflection**

***I am the Way.*** In every age there are people who claim to know the way to a full and happy life. Often their ideas flourish for a while and then fade. But there is one way to the fullness of life that has stood the test of time—and that way is Jesus. If we follow Jesus, the Way, we will come to the fullness of life and truth, and communicate this life to others.

### **Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal**

Last weekend we gave thanks for the vocations that have sprung from our own communities – those young men whose families and lives are planted in our local parishes and who, God willing, will return as ordained priests to serve here. Thank you for your support of those who are in the seminary through your generous donation. May we continue to pray for those who are seeking commitment through ordained ministry.

### **World Day of Vocations**

Last Sunday, the sixtieth World Day of Prayer for Vocations was held on the theme: **“Vocations: grace and mission”**. Pope Francis, writes, *“This is now the sixtieth time that we are celebrating the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, established by Saint Paul VI in 1964, during the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. This providential initiative seeks to assist the members of the People of God, as individuals and as communities, to respond to the call and mission that the Lord entrusts to each of us in today’s world, amid its afflictions and its hopes, its challenges and its achievements. ... May the Virgin Mary watch over you and protect you. With my blessing.”*

### **First Communion**

Next Saturday four children from Aria Park will celebrate their First Communion. May we keep these children and their family in our prayers.

### **Baptism**

This weekend we witnessed the coronation of King Charles 111—an ancient ritual that goes back to the time of King Solomon when he was anointed king. We too are anointed king, priest and prophet at our Baptism.

*What does that mean for me?*

“At your baptism you were marked with oil as a sign that you are consecrated to God and anointed by the Holy Spirit. Your anointing also was a sign that you are joined to Christ and share in his threefold mission as prophet, priest, and king.”

“A king usually is understood as ruling over others, but for the Christian, being a king is a call to **servant-leadership**. The role of our internal spiritual lives becomes clearer when we look at priest, prophet, and king together.” ... “The key to the renewal of our society is a recovery of the deepest meaning of baptism, to become priestly, prophetic, and kingly people.”

### **Baptism in the Church**

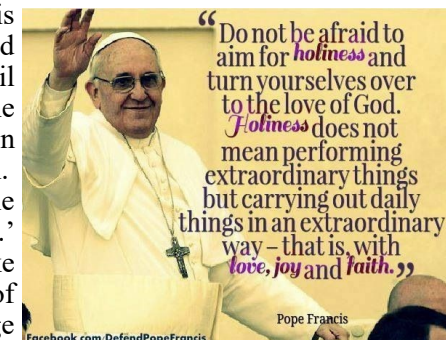
- Person is anointed with sacred chrism
  - Signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit
  - A sign that the baptized shares in the three powers/functions of Christ:
    - Priest
    - Prophet
    - King
- A candle is lit from the flame of the paschal candle and given to the baptized (or parents)
  - Calls to mind the light of Christ, which is to be kept burning brightly

### **Prayer**

*Lord Jesus, we ask you now to help us to remain with you always, to be close to you with all the ardour of our hearts, to take up joyfully the mission you entrust to us, and that is to continue your presence and spread the good news of your resurrection. Carlo Maria Martini, SJ*

### **Reflection**

“You and I now make up the community that is the household of God, where Jesus, the Father and the Spirit dwell. We don’t have to wait until death to dwell in God’s household, we are the household now. Jesus says, ‘I am the way’; in and through him we have become God’s children. Children image their parents. In Jesus time he said, ‘To have seen me is to have seen the Father.’ So today, if people want to know what God is like where can they look? You and I as children of God’s household are the bearers of God’s image for our world. If the word asks, ‘let us see the Father’. We should be able to answer, ‘Look at me!’”



Mary Coloe pbvm

### **Roster May 14**

Leader: Linda

Reader: Tracey

Minister: John