

7 August 19th Sunday, Year C

## TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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St Therese Barellan

**In our Prayers:** Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman,  
Kashaya Kuemmel,

**For our Deceased:** John O’Dea, Isabelle Aitken, Marge Rees, Annie Davies,  
Jim McDermott, Dinah Woods, John Stout, Alan Litchfield, Jim Tuckett (*anna,,sary*)

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August 13—14 Aria Park 6.00 p.m.  
Mass Temora 10.00 a.m.  
Mass Ardlethan 9.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.  
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### Reflection

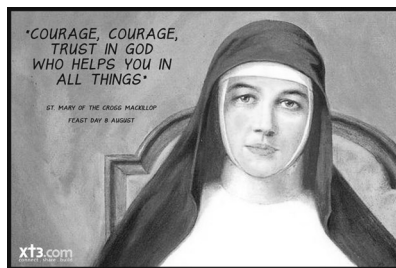
**“Keep awake till he comes.”** The early Christians applied this teaching of Jesus to their expectation of his second coming. More generally speaking, today’s Gospel parables should encourage us to be morally vigilant at all times and ever ready to encounter, in the midst of daily life, the ‘God of surprises’. Paul has similar advice for us: ‘keep alert, stand firm in your faith’ (*1 Cor 16:13*).

### Mary MacKillop’s Feastday

On Monday the Church celebrates the feastday of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We reflect on the life of Mary, *“Very simply, Mary drew near to people. She lived in poor little cottages; she visited people in their poor little cottages. She befriended the outcasts of her time. She knew the prostitutes and alcoholics loitering in the back lanes of the city. In a climate of sectarianism, she loved and admired friends who were Protestant and Jewish. Once there was a poor lady who was ill, sitting in the gutter. Mary’s companion thought she was drunk but Mary MacKillop sat down with the woman and realized that she needed help as she was ill. She helped the woman to the chemist shop where she could get assistance for her.”*

Mary had a special place in her heart for children, for the sick and lonely and for those who were suffering. She became a voice of God’s love as she responded to all those in need.

*May we entrust our needs to the intercession of Mary MacKillop.*



### Thank you

For your care, cleaning, preparation and generosity as we celebrated the combined service for our community last weekend.

### St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage

The Catholic Parish of Pambula invites everyone to join with Archbishop Prowse as he leads a pilgrimage to Eden on Saturday, 13th August.

11.00am (Optional) Pilgrim’s Walk from Eden AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

Refreshments available at the Church.

12 noon Concelebrated Mass

1.00pm Lunch and fellowship

For more information contact Sue Heffernan 0405 251947  
or Bernadette Wood 0429 774119.

### Year of Walking Together—Message from Archbishop Prowse

Plenary Council—What Next for the Archdiocese?

Dear Friends in Christ,

Just a few weeks ago, I offered you all a Report on the 2nd Assembly of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia.

I wish now to follow up on an immediate way forward for us in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

### Where are we Now?

Over four years the Catholic Church in Australia has been attempting to seek the Holy Spirit’s guidance on three issues. Firstly, how may we open ourselves up to an increase of faith? Second, co-ordinating some common pastoral actions. Third, to direct our evangelising efforts in a united and disciplined manner.

Many motions have now been agreed nationally in response to these fundamental purposes of a Plenary Council. Once we finalise these ways forward and seek the discernment of the Holy See, Catholic Australia will begin to implement them appropriately on the local level.

In the meantime, we need to prepare the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn to pour this *“new wine into fresh wineskins”* (*Mark 2:22*).

With great joy, I announce that the Archdiocese immediately embark on a **Year of Walking Together**. Just as the Risen Lord walked alongside (*Synodality*) the disciples on the road to Emmaus and drew them from anxiety to hope, may we open ourselves up to do the same. In this year we will actively pursue solidarity as an Archdiocese, fostering a *“mindset which thinks in in terms of community and the priority of the life of all”* (*Evangelii Gaudium* n. 188).

**Roster 14 August**

Leader: Suzanne

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