

7 February, 5th Sunday, Year B

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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For our Deceased: Teddy Brown, Dianne Stout, Gerard Gaynor, (anniversaries)

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February 13—14

Arian Park **6.00 p.m. Sat Mass**

Mass

Barnedman 8.00 a.m. Temora 10.00 a.m. Sunday

Liturgy

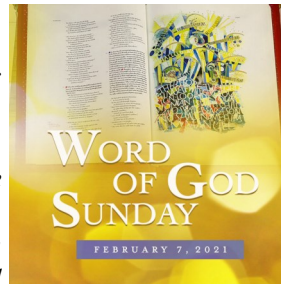
Ardlethan **9.00 a.m.** Barellan 10.00 a.m.
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Reflection

Jesus Took her by the Hand. We sometimes come to Mass poor, sick and troubled, much like the people who crowd around the door of Jesus in today's Gospel. In this Mass let us express our needs to Jesus. Let us ask him to take us by the hand and help us as he helped Simon's mother-in-law. Then with our spirits uplifted, we will go out from Mass with a renewed desire to share God's love with others.

Sunday of the Word of God

The Church in Australia will celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February each year, starting with February 7 in 2021. Pope Francis last year instituted the celebration when issuing the apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis*. The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. ... *"The Church's love for Sacred Scripture is often misunderstood or underestimated, so this occasion offers us the opportunity to celebrate the Word of God in new and diverse ways,"* Archbishop O'Regan said. *"The Second Vatican Council explained that the proclamation of the Word is one of the primary ways the faithful encounter Christ's sacramental presence during the liturgy,"* Archbishop O'Regan said.



"May the first Sunday in February become a day when that presence is felt and celebrated in a particular way."

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!

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, Amen

World Sick Day 11 February, Feast of our Lady of Lourdes

Pope Francis released a statement for World Sick Day.

"Praising those who help the sick and praying for those who are sick," Pope Francis called on Christians to practise what they preach, including by guaranteeing equal access to health care for all people. *"The current pandemic has exacerbated inequalities in our health care systems and exposed inefficiencies in the care of the sick,"* the Pope wrote in his message for the 2021 World Day of the Sick. The COVID-19 pandemic has made it obvious to everyone that *"elderly, weak and vulnerable people are not always granted access to care,"* at least not in an equitable way, he said. *"This is the result of political decisions, resource management and a greater or lesser commitment on the part of those holding positions of responsibility."* *"Investing resources in the care and assistance of the sick is a priority linked to the fundamental principle that health is a primary common good,"* Pope Francis wrote.

Pope Francis praised the *"silent multitude of men and women,"* who, as the pandemic continues, do not look away, but help their patients or their neighbours. *"Such closeness is a precious balm that provides support and consolation to the sick in their suffering,"* he said. *"As Christians, we experience that closeness as a sign of the love of Jesus Christ, the Good Samaritan, who draws near with compassion to every man and woman."*

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/coronavirus/francis-chronicles/message-world-sick-day-pope-calls-health-care-all>

God's word is "a love letter, written to us by the one who knows us best. In reading it, we again hear his voice, see his face and receive his Spirit." **Pope Francis**

Thank you Bruce for trimming the oleanders and tidying the grounds.

Roster 14 February

Leader: Linda

Reader: Andrina

Minister: Paul

Welcomer: Bruce