

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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St Therese Barellean

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

For our Deceased: Deceased Family and Friends, Margaret Davies, Lindsey Litchfield, (anniversaries)



13—14 November	Ariah Park	6.00 p.m.	
Mass	Temora	6.00 p.m.	
Mass	Ardlethan	9.00 a.m.	Barellean 10.00 a.m.



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Reflection

She Has Put In Everything She Had. Jesus had little time for the unholy trinity of conspicuous wealth, self-righteousness and ostentatious piety. He suggests that, when we give alms, we ‘do not sound a trumpet before us’ (Matthew 6: 2). According to St Ambrose, ‘God does not consider what one gives but what one keeps.’ Could it be that we give too little and keep too much?

Plenary Council—Plenary Council reveals a diversity that is both enriching and challenging

Sr Patty Fawknor sgs, Plenary Council member writes, “*Here come the Catholics; here comes everyone.*” Whether or not the great Irish writer James Joyce actually said these words, as is often claimed, is a moot point. But it’s too good a line not to use in describing my experience of the first General Assembly of the Plenary Council, which was held from October 3-10. Such diversity! Diversity of race, role and rite; diversity of age, gender, perspective, spirituality and theology. It was a diversity that enriched and a diversity that challenged in equal measure.

Diversity can unravel into chaos. However, the process used during the Assembly ensured that this was not the case. Change is slow, and permanent change that much slower. With the constant plea for a more inclusive Church – for women, remarried divorcees and members of the LGBTIQ+ community – we can but wonder who might be present at a future Sixth Plenary Council. I anticipate that when we say, “*Here come the Catholics,*” the “*everyone*” who comes will be even more inclusive and diverse. One lives in hope. <https://www.goodsams.org.au/article/plenary-council-reveals-a-diversity-that-is-both-enriching-and-challenging/>



Thank you

It is with a grateful heart that I thank each of you for all that you did to ensure that the Combined Service went off so well; flowers, cleaning, tidying the grounds, setting up, time, packing up and of course the delicious morning tea. May God bless you.

Harvest Prayer

Theologian *Tissa Balasuriya* in **The Eucharist and Human Liberation**, quotes from Indian poet, Tagore’s **The Hidden God**:

*Leave this singing and chanting and telling of beads.
Whom do you worship in this lonely dark corner of the temple with all the doors shut?
Open your eyes and see that God is not in front of you.
He is there where the farmer is tilling the hard ground and
where the labourer is breaking stones.
He is with them in the sun and the rain and his garment is covered with dust.
Put off your holy cloak and, like him, come down on to the dusty soil.
Our master himself has joyfully taken on the bonds of creation,
he is bound with us forever.
Come out of your private devotions and leave aside the incense.
What harm is there if your clothes become tattered and stained?
Meet him and stand by him in the toil and in the sweat of your brow.*



Prayer for Harvest

As the season of harvest has started we commend it to the care of our God:

*Creator God, provider of all
Giver of grains and seeds, and all that grows from the earth
We thank you and bless you for this season of harvest.
We lift our hearts in gratitude for the sun, which together with the rain, wind and earth,
worked in harmony to produce a bountiful harvest.
We pray for all those who will assist with the harvesting.
We entrust this season to you, Bountiful God with hope, Amen.*

Real care, love and compassion—The alternative to euthanasia

“Compassion for the sick and suffering is something which unites us all. Many of us have accompanied friends or family as they face the fear and uncertainty of a serious illness. Our heart goes out to them and we wish only the best for them. From time-to-time euthanasia or assisted suicide is proposed as the compassionate choice for people who are facing such illness. Euthanasia may be defined as intentionally bringing about death by active intervention, or by neglect of reasonable care in order to end suffering. Physician Assisted Suicide is when a person is prescribed lethal drugs with which to kill themselves, with the purpose of eliminating suffering. We hear people saying that this would allow people to ‘die with dignity’ and that it is each individual’s ‘right’ to choose the timing and manner of their death. This view, although born of compassion, is misguided and even dangerous. In the very few jurisdictions overseas where euthanasia or assisted suicide have been introduced, there is already ample evidence that the system is being abused and the legislated safeguards are being ignored.” For further reading go to: <https://www.catholic.org.au/bishops-commission-for-pastoral-life/alternative-to-euthanasia>

Roster 14 November	Leader: Suzanne	Reader: Jeromy
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