

7th September, 2025, 23rd Sunday/ C

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St Therese Barellan

In our Prayers: Katie Doyle, Lee Jackson, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldow.

For our Deceased: Barry Carroll, Mervyn Smith, Terri O'Hare, Deceased Family,
Friends, Victims of war, violence, accidents & natural disasters.

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Sept 13-14

Arianh Park 6.00 p.m. Sat Mass

Mass

Barmedman 8am. Temora 10am & 5pm Sunday

Liturgy

Ardlethan **9am** Barellan 10am Sunday

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Reflection - *Taking the Lower Place.*

In today's Gospel Jesus offers some wise advice on table etiquette. For Luke, the story has implications for the relationship of the rich to the poor who gather for the Eucharistic banquet. Only if all members are treated with equal dignity can it truly be called the Lord's Supper. Parishes prosper when all are treated equally regardless of how much each can put on the collection plate.

Counting the Cost of Discipleship

This Sunday reminds us that following Jesus is not always easy. He asks for more than quick prayers or kind words. He calls us to put him first, even before family or friends. That can be hard to hear. But Jesus wants us to know what we're saying yes to. He wants us to think carefully and choose with open eyes.

In the Gospel Jesus says we must carry our cross. He uses examples like building a tower or planning a battle. These things take thought and care. Faith is like that too. It takes real commitment. It asks for trust and strength.

The other readings help us understand why we need God's help. Wisdom says we can't know God's ways on our own. We need the Holy Spirit to guide us. The Psalm reminds us that life is short. We should use our days wisely. Paul's letter shows us what love looks like in action. He doesn't just talk about Christ. He lives it by sending Onesimus back in love.

Father's Day, Blessings for your Heart

(The following extract is taken from St Benedict's, Garforth Bulletin when Daniel O'Leary was parish priest there in 1991. It is for all of us but especially to honour fathers today.)

'May I offer some gifts for the home of your heart :-

The gift of your **Beauty** - you are carefully designed in the image of God's own loveliness;

The gift of **Listening** - when you listen without judging you mediate God's mercy;

The gift of your **Tears** (*mainly for men!*)- May you experience the healing of expressed sorrow;

The gift of **Compassion** - so that you will see all creatures as your sisters and brothers;

The gift of **Affection** - offer many signs of friendship, words of praise, hugs and kisses;

The gift of **Vision** - may you believe in the light even before the dawn has yet come;

The gift of your **Child** - may you discover in your child, the one in your home (*if you have been blessed to be a dad*) and the one in your heart, the ability to play again, to trust, to let go, to dream;

The gift of **Yourself** -so that you will regain your self-confidence, your self-esteem, your true worth and your personal power. (*All free!*)

May the joy of God fill your heart during these days of wonder'.



Happy Birthday Brenda - It is with joy that we wish Brenda a happy birthday on Tuesday. Brenda, as you celebrate may you give thanks for the blessings that have been yours, as you journey into the years ahead may you do so with trust and confidence in the love of our God who is your constant companion. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us. May God bless you today and always.

Roster Sept 14th

Leader: Tracey

Reader: Linda

Ex. Minister : Bruce

Acknowledgement of Country - With respect, we acknowledge the country, the skies, the waterways and spiritual systems of the Wiradjuri people on whose land we gather. We acknowledge the elders for the passing on of knowledge, language and spiritual connections to country.

Parish Safeguarding Commitment — Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Arian Park is committed to safeguarding and upholding the rights of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing Fr Alex Osborne at alex.osborne@cg.org.au. Parishioners are also welcome to contact Maria Hicks, manager for the Archdiocesan Institute for Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) at ipss@cg.org.au or phone 02-62399806.