

8 September 23rd Sunday , Year C

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In our Prayers: Ann Popple, Barry Carroll, Jeanette Passlow, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel, Iney Lynch, Maxine Keshan,

For our Deceased: Des Gaynor, Peter Rayment, Bob Maslin, Elaine Barry, Jack Gaynor, Elaine Hanrahan, Gwen Fairman, Helen Gaynor (*Anniversaries*)



14—15 September Liturgy Aria Park 6.00 p.m.

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

Mass Ardlethan **8.00 a.m.** Barellan 10.00 a.m.



Reflection

Put Jesus first. It is somewhat shocking to hear Jesus say, ‘whoever comes to me without hating (*family members*) cannot be my disciple’. Jesus is using hyperbole to stress that we must give first place to following him. If that puts us in conflict with our family, we must choose Jesus. Thankfully, most of us don’t face such a conflict. We can rejoice in God and in family, as Paul does in today’s second reading.

Thank you

Once again, a huge word of appreciation is extended to each of you for the wonderful way in which you prepared the church and grounds for the funeral of Des Gaynor. Indeed we are blessed. May our good God hold you in loving care.

Catechist Sunday

In the Archdiocese there are 220 catechists teaching approximately 2,200 Catholic children who attend state schools. When we take in all NSW Diocese, this number increases to 5000 catechists teaching 87,000 students. This is a significant ministry of our Church, which is run by mainly female volunteers, going out to the margins of our society and being “Missionary Disciples?”

As we give thanks for these dedicated ministers let us pray, “*With your Fatherly blessing, Lord, strengthen these servants of yours in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists. Grant that they will strive to share with others what they themselves derive from pondering your Word and studying the Church’s teaching. And let them gladly join those they teach in honouring and serving your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*”

Father’s Day Appeal – *Collection for retired priests.*

Envelopes are available for your donation for the care of our retired priests.

Project Compassion

A letter from **Caritas** thanks the communities of Ardlethan and Aria Park for their generous donation of \$650.00 to Project Compassion this year. “*Thank you again and I pray that the Lord’s blessings and protection will accompany you in all you and parish undertake in the future.*”

The Season of Creation

is our special time for the Creator and each other. From September 1 to October 4, Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation. Pope Francis in his letter states,

“And God saw that it was good” (Gen 1:25). God’s gaze, at the beginning of the Bible, rests lovingly on his creation. From habitable land to life-giving waters, from fruit-bearing trees to animals that share our common home, everything is dear in the eyes of God, who offers creation to men and women as a precious gift to be preserved. ... Each Christian man and woman, every member of the human family, can act as a thin yet unique and indispensable thread in weaving a network of life that embraces everyone. May we feel challenged to assume, with prayer and commitment, our responsibility for the care of creation. May God, “the lover of life” (Wis 11:26), grant us the courage to do good without waiting for someone else to begin, or until it is too late.”

Vatican, 1 September 2019

We are created to read the book of creation so that we may know the Author of Life.

Ilia Delio, Franciscan Sister,

Theologian and author, Director of the Omega Centre

Change of Date

Mission Mass will be on **Sunday 3 November**, here in Our Lady Help of Christians, Ardlethan at **11.00 a.m.**

Do we really need more than this?

To honour the dawn.

To visit a garden.

To talk to a friend.

To contemplate a cloud.

To cherish a meal.

To bow our heads before the mystery of the day.

Kent Nerburn

Roster: 15 September	Acolyte: Bruce	Reader: Bernard
Minister: John	Gifts: Mills Family	Welcomer: Robyn