

8 July, 14th Sunday, Ordinary Time, Year B

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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For our Deceased: Anne Trevaskis, Frances Popple, (*Anniversary*)



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Liturgy Arian Park 6.00 p.m. Sat;

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m. Sat,

Mass Ardlethan **8.00 a.m.** Barellean 10.00 a.m. Sun



Reflection

They would not accept him. The word of God is often proclaimed by those whom the world considers insignificant. The prophet Ezekiel enjoyed no particular status among the exiles in Babylon. St Paul battled with human weakness throughout his life. Jesus came from lowly Nazareth. But through each of them the word of God was proclaimed with power. May prejudice never close our ears from hearing the truth.

Plenary Council

A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country. Our Plenary Council 2020 is being held so that we can dialogue about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. The **Listening and Dialogue Encounter** is an opportunity to get together a group of friends, family or colleagues and spend some time thinking and talking about your experiences of faith, life and the Church. Everyone is invited to respond.

You might like to consider how we as the Ardlethan community can respond?

Fr Richard Rohr ofm shares with us some signs of a prophet:

First; a prophet is someone who listens attentively to the word of God, a contemplative, a mystic who hears God and takes God at God's word, and then goes into the world to tell the world God's message. So a prophet speaks God's message fearlessly, publicly, without compromise, despite the times, whether fair or foul.

Second; morning, noon, and night, the prophet is centred on God. The prophet does not do his or her own will or speak his or her own message. The prophet

does God's will and speaks God's message. . . . In the process, the prophet tells us who God is and what God wants, and thus who we are and how we can become fully human.

Third; a prophet interprets the signs of the times. The prophet is concerned with the world, here and now, in the daily events of the whole human race, not just our little backyard or some ineffable hereafter. The prophet sees the big picture—war, starvation, poverty, corporate greed, nationalism, systemic violence, nuclear weapons, and environmental destruction. The prophet interprets these current realities through God's eyes, not through the eyes of analysts or pundits or Pentagon press spokespeople. The prophet tells us God's take on what's happening.

Seafarer's Sunday

As we celebrate Sea Sunday (*8 July 2018*), we are invited to remember the 1.2 million of seafarers from all nations, professing different faiths, forced to live for several months in the confined space of a vessel, away from their families and loved ones missing the most important and meaningful events in their families (birthdays, graduations, etc.) and failing to be present during times of trials and difficulties such as sickness and death. Seafarers with their profession play a significant role in our global economy by transporting from one corner of the world to another 90% of all the goods we use in our daily life. For this reason, today while we pray for all of them wherever they are, we would like also to express our gratitude for their tough work full of sacrifices. *May we invoke Mary, Star of the Sea, to extend her maternal protection to the people of the sea and guide them from the dangers of the sea to a secure port.*

Dates

- **29th July**, ACAT Community Service, Ardlethan.
- **1st August** 3.30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation Introductory Session. Library, Ardlethan Central School.
- **8th August**, 10.00 a.m.—3.00 p.m. BBI E Conference, Synodality in Practice: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change, 24 Warri Street.
- **15th August, 6.00 p.m. for 6.15 p.m.** Session with Sr Carmel
- **19th August**, 11.00 a.m. Temora Mission Mass and Gathering – at Beckom Hall.

The voice of the prophet may come to us in words of a friend, a member of the faith community or even by someone that we may not particularly like.

If we don't like what we hear, chances are we need to listen and seek the Spirit's presence in our resistance. We remember that God's message is often mitigated in human experience, and fear should not stop us from paying attention to the Spirit's whispers and nudges.

Roster: 15 July

Acolyte: Bruce

Reader: Ian

Extra Mins: Tracey

Gifts: Andrina and Eileen

Welcomer: Tracey