9 February, 5th Sunday, Year A

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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In our Prayers: Tracey Passlow, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

Maxine Keshan,

For our Deceased: Dianne Stout, Deceased family, community members, and those who have died from fires, accidents, terrorism, Betty Tyndall (*Anniversary*)

15—16 February Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Liturgy

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

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

Reflection

Let your light shine! We all have our special gifts, but sometimes we fail to recognise this. We may feel that we have little to offer others. That is never true. As Jesus says: 'You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the world!' Let us ask Jesus to help us recognise our unique gifts and share them with others.

Plenary Council

In October 2020, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather for the first Plenary Council. We continue to seek the wisdom of Holy Spirit as we focus on the six themes identified by the first phase of prayer and listening. These themes invite people to consider 'How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia'. Completed questionnaire forms can be put on either collection plate today. Thank you.

Deanery Plenary Council Meeting

You are invited to join with other parishioners from our Deanery on Saturday

22 February to talk about issues in regard to the

Plenary Council. More details to follow.

Ash Wednesday

If you would like a liturgy here on Ash Wednesday, 26 February would you please let Sr Maureen know?



Prayer for Rain

Almighty and Eternal Father, bestow the blessing of rain upon our parched land. Let your heavenly dew come down upon our farms, our stock and our native life. Give courage and strength to our farmers, their families and all our people. We ask this through Jesus, our Lord. Amen

Our Lady of Lourdes

On **Tuesday** we celebrate the feastday of Our Lady of Lourdes. As we remember in a special way those who we know who are ill let us pray also for all who need the healing touch of God.



For our personal reflection

Mary,

You who appeared to Bernadette in the hollow of the rock,
In the cold and shadow of winter
You brought the warmth or a presence,
The friendship of a smile,
The light and beauty of grace.
In the hollow of our often obscure lives
In the hollow of this word where evil is strong,
Bring hope,
Give more trust.

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

O ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence, to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity. Amen.

Roster: 16 February Acolyte: John Reader: Bernard

Minister: Paul Gifts: Andrina & Robyn Welcomer: Robyn