

9th May, 6th Easter, Year B,

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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St Therese Barellan

In our Prayers: All mothers, Sally O'Brien, Linda Grinter, Robyn Richards, Jim Slater, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Ian Bonny, Libby Gaynor, Geoff Bennett, Our mothers who are deceased, Garry Guthrie (*Sr André Guthrie's nephew*), Iney Lynch,

15—16 May

Aria Park 6.00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Mass

Temora 6.00 p.m.

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

Reflection

I Call You Friends. We often refer to Jesus by honorific titles, such as Lord, but do we also think of him, as he thinks of us, as a friend? The Talmud suggests that we should do two things: acquire a teacher and choose a friend. In Jesus we have both the best teacher and the best friend we could ever hope to have.



Mother's Day

As we celebrate the gift of motherhood today we give thanks for those who have mothered us into life and those for whom mothering is a new experience.

Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself—tiny, needy and helpless—into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recalls Mary's. Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

<https://www.dow.org.au/a-mothers-day-prayer/>

Thoughts on Mary

Gerard Manley Hopkins, the great Jesuit poet, said in his poem, **The May Magnificat**, that the reason May is Mary's month is that it is the season of growth. In Mary grew the vision that made her open to the Incarnation; in Mary

grew the image of the strong and independent woman; in Mary grew the Christ who changed the lives of all of us. Mary is not a plaster statue. Mary is the woman whose commitment and courage saved the world from self-centeredness. **Joan Chittister**

Plenary Council—Zoom Meeting

You are invited to the Zoom Deanery Meeting in preparation for the Plenary Council on Tuesday, 25 May at 12 noon, at 24 Warri Street. Archbishop Prowse is interested to hear our response to the working papers for the Plenary Council. For our preparation we are asked to read the Working Document "Continuing the Journey" available at plenary.council@catholic.org.au A number of key themes emerge in the document, including:

1. renewing a Christ-centred Church that heals wounds and warms hearts;
2. strengthening practices of discernment and synodality;
3. the call to co-responsibility in mission and governance;
4. embedding a response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse;
5. renewing and supporting the ordained ministry;
6. promoting discipleship in parishes, families and young people;
7. forming prayerful and Eucharistic communities that are eager to engage in society for the service of all;
8. proclaiming the Gospel in a change of era;
9. renewing the Church's solidarity with First Australians and those on the margins of society;
10. promoting an integral ecology of life for all persons, societies and our common home, the Earth.

Professional Development for Your Marriage!

Parish couples of every age and stage are warmly invited to participate in a 7 week course designed to strengthen your most important relationship. The Marriage Course is a highly regarded course from the UK which will be run by the Archdiocese, via zoom from 7:15pm-9:30pm every Tuesday evening starting May 11th. The cost is \$70 including two workbooks but no one will be excluded because of cost. For general info about the course visit <https://themarriagecourse.org/> To enquire about participating in May contact lara.kirk@cg.org.au or 0429 192 869.

5th Sunday, May

Combined Service will be at the Uniting Church at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 30 May followed by lunch.

Pope Francis calls for global rosary 'marathon' for end of COVID-19

The Vatican has announced a rosary initiative dedicating the month of May to prayer for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. The Pope said that he had prayed for the millions of people who have died from COVID-19 or who are suffering from the illness, as well as their families. *May we unite in prayer.*

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