

12th July, 2026, 15th Sunday /A

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St Therese Barellan

In our Prayers: Lee Jackson, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldwell.

For our Deceased: Deceased Family, Friends, Victims of war, violence, accidents & natural disasters. Earthquake victims of Venezuela.

July 18-19

Aria Park 6.00 p.m. *Liturgy Sat*

Mass

Temora

6pm. Saturday

5pm.

Sunday

Mass

Ardlethan

8am

Barellan

10am

Sunday

REFLECTION *Listen, Anyone who has Ears.*

Do we really listen when the Word of God is proclaimed at Mass? Do we allow it to take root in our hearts and yield a rich harvest? If we try to listen at Mass, we will learn to listen also to the many voices that cry out to us in the midst of our busy lives—the voices of our children, of our parents, of our spouse, of those who need us to hear them.



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Today's Gospel is the familiar parable of the sower.

What would it be like if I imagine that I am the soil on which the seeds are sown. What am I like? Am I a rich, well-manured loam, or a very thin, rocky topsoil? Are there other plants already growing there? I ponder. I may come to realise that the quality of my soil has changed over the years. Who or what has led to these changes?

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But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

“The parable of the sower challenges us to check the “thinness” of the soil in our hearts that results in our faith withering in the noonday heat; the “rockiness” of self-centeredness and avarice that prevents God’s “seed” of generosity and peace from taking root in us; the “thorns” of bigotry and self-righteousness that “choke” the possibility of providing for the poor, healing the broken, lifting up the fallen. Our own response to the coronavirus is a good measure of the “richness” of our faith and its potential for the “seed” of God’s Word to take root and realize in our lives the harvest of justice and compassion that is the Kingdom of God.”



Connections

Yesterday, July 11: Saint Benedict, Abbot—Memorial

c. 480–c. 547

Patron Saint of Europe, monks and religious orders, architects, dying people, cave explorers, schoolchildren, agricultural workers, civil engineers, and coppersmiths
 Invoked against erysipelas, fever, gallstones, inflammatory diseases, kidney disease, nettle rash, poison, temptations, and witchcraft



Canonized by Pope Honorius III in 1220

Declared Patron Saint of Europe by Pope Paul VI in 1964

Interesting Fact: He had a twin sister named Scholastica, who also became a saint.

Prayer: *Saint Benedict, you witnessed the moral corruption in Rome at an early age and fled to the wilderness to seek out God’s will. Through your prayerful obedience to God’s will, inestimable good fruit has been borne. Please pray for me that I will always seek out God’s will in my life, leaving behind the many temptations to sin that I encounter, so that God can use me in ways known only to Him. Saint Benedict, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*



Roster 19th July	Leader:	Reader: Linda Griffin
		Ex. Minister :

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.