

## TEMORA MISSION AREA

### Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Ariaiah Park

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### St Therese Barellan

**In our Prayers:** Robyn Richards, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

**For our Deceased:** John O’Dea, Beverley Crouch, John Stout, Graeme Stout, Peter Haywood, (*anniversaries*) Iney Lynch,

August 20 - 21 ← ..... →  
Ariaiah Park 6.00 p.m. (*Liturgy*)

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

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

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### **Reflection**

**The fight against sin.** Some of the first converts to Christianity were shocked to find that their lives as Christians still contained many difficulties. In some cases, becoming a Christian added to their troubles as they met opposition from non Christian family members. We too face difficulties of one kind or another. Participating in the Eucharist does not eliminate our problems, but gives us the strength and courage we need not to give up in the face of them.

### **Assumption**

“The Catholic belief that Mary was taken into heaven has a long history. Though not mentioned in the Scriptures it appears in other early Christian writings. It became widespread in the fifth century when a fierce debate about how to account for Christ’s divinity and humanity arose. The description of Mary as the mother of God affirmed both his divinity and the earthy reality of his human life. It also deepened devotion to Mary as mother, as one who was without sin, as someone to whom we could pray, and as example of the Christian life. ,, In fact, the feast of the Assumption is for all Catholics. Its meaning has been caught in a later feast instituted by Pope Francis for a more inclusive Church, **Mary Mother of the Church**. It focuses on Mary’s links to us as well as to God, and also points to the links that unite all Christians and all Churches. The Feast of the Assumption enlivens our hope that we shall be with Christ as Mary now is. It promises that after the struggles and losses of this life that we shall find happiness and companionship with God.” *Fr Andrew Hamilton sj, Australian Catholics*



“As we honour Mary on Monday at the Feast of the Assumption let us remember her life as Mother of God and the care, nurturing and sacrifices she made to rear a son like Jesus. Indeed Mary was the exemplar for leading a life centred on God. She loved him, cared for him, advocated for others to him and comforted those that he was close to when he was crucified. What can we learn from the life of Mary and apply to our own lives today?”

**Ben Norris**

### **World Humanitarian Day**

World Humanitarian Day is commemorated every year on 19 August to pay tribute to humanitarian workers killed and injured in the course of their work, and to honour all aid and health workers who continue, despite the odds, to provide life-saving support and protection to people most in need.

### **National Science Week (13-21 August)**

National Science Week is Australia’s annual celebration of science and technology. Running each year in August, it features more than 1000 events around Australia, including those delivered by universities, schools, research institutions, libraries, museums and science centres. Let us pray for scientists of every kind, that National Science Week will highlight the contribution they make to the wellbeing of the planet and all its creatures.

### **Reflections**

“Faith is not always comforting or comfortable particularly if that faith is at odds with the surrounding culture. Faith calls for real choices about how we live, what we buy, where we shop, and such choices will cause conflicts with those who think differently. Christian faith is not simply a matter of private, pious practices but demands a public living out of God’s reign.”

*Mary Coloe pbvm, Sundays Under the Southern Cross*

“In our desire to affirm that the scriptures are inspired, it can be easy to forget that they come out of the lived experience of a community of faith. Indeed, one of the things that is wonderful about our belief in God's revelation is that it occurs within human experience. Today's Gospel is an excellent example. Jesus predicts that one of the consequences of believing in him is that divisions will follow.”

**Richard Leonard sj**

“Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection.” **Hebrews 12: 2**

“We all have in our hearts some areas of unbelief. Let us say to the Lord, I believe! Help my unbelief”. **Pope Francis**

“To live is so startling, it leaves but little room for other occupations.”

**Emily Dickinson**

**Roster 21 August**

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