

18th February, 2024, 1st Sunday of Lent, Year B

## TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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### St Therese Barellean

**In our Prayers:** Robyn Richards, Neville Caldwell.

**For our Deceased:** Janice Lewis, Bruce Baker, Ken Horan, Leo & Edna Griffin, Ray Fairman, Neville Popple, (anniversaries) Deceased Family, Friends, Victims of war, violence, accidents and natural disasters

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**February 24-25** Aria Park 6.00 p.m. Sat Mass

**Mass** Barmedman 8.00 a.m. Temora 10.00 a.m. Sunday

**Liturgy** Ardlethan **9.00 a.m.** Barellean 10.00 a.m.

### **Reflection**

**Driven into the Wilderness.** The Spirit of God who descended on Jesus at his baptism, drove him into the wilderness. In the Jewish scriptures the wilderness is both the place where Israel meets God and the place where it is tempted to worship idols made of stone. The season of Lent is a good time to examine whether we are responding to the Spirit of God in our lives or succumbing to the allurements of false idols.

### **Liturgy During Lent**

As you would recall we do not proclaim the Gloria during the season of Lent. Antiphons for the Gospel Acclamation replaces the Alleluia. In keeping with the spirit of Lent we have less singing.

### **Project Compassion 2024 Ronita's Story, Philippines**

22-year-old Ronita lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines. Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family. Thankfully, Ronita was given a second chance at completing her studies when she heard about the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's

local partners in the Philippines. Through the FCJ's Alternative Learning System (ALS) program, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies, and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child, Egzy Grey. After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre which she hopes will allow her to support her family. With the support of the FCJ, Ronita has overcome tremendous obstacles to enjoy better employment prospects and a brighter future for her whole family.

*“I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself,” she said, “I feel hopeful for the future...Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream...Thank you.*

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This message from Pope Francis was in our 2018 bulletins, I think it is wise to revisit his insightful thoughts.

### **Do You Want to FAST this Lent? ~ Pope Francis**

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



### **HISTORIC PEWS FOR SALE**

40 surplus pews from the restoration of Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral, which have been in storage for around two years. These pews are over 100 years old, made of a combination of cedar, maple and ash.

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