21 March, 5th Lent, Year B

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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In our Prayers: Linda Grinter, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldow, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,
For our Deceased: Monica John, Veronica Jardine, Leo Griffin, Pat Bonny, Vonnie Lyons, Lawrence Stout, *(anniversaries)*

March 27 - 28	Ariah 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.** Barellan 10.00 a.m.

Reflection

The Hour Has Come. Jesus was greatly troubled as the hour of his suffering and death approached. He was tempted to ask the Father to save him from this hour. But he knew that his death would be a source of new life for all. Today's liturgy invites us to share in Jesus' self-sacrificing love. For ourselves, as for Jesus, the grain of wheat must die in order to produce a rich harvest.

Project Compassion

Halima is raising two children under seven in a refugee camp in Bangladesh, while caring for her mother who has a disability. Widowed at just 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State in 2017, arriving at the camp with nothing.
Caritas Australia, through its partner, Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter and cooking equipment so that she could feed her family. She participated in hygiene and sanitation training and took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets.
Halima's training became all the more invaluable as the COVID-19 pandemic struck - when safe hygiene and preventative measures suddenly became lifesaving.
Halima is proud that she is able to earn a small income, while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community. Her children are adapting to life in the camp and are now at school.
Halima aspired to 'Be More' for her family and for the community around her.

Baptism of Mia Marion Fisher

We rejoice with the Flagg and Fisher families as Mia Marian is baptised into the Catholic Community this weekend. May they feel ever more deeply the companioning presence of God as they journey through life.

Plenary Council

The working document for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia provides a catalyst for the Church to renew the journey of prayer and discernment toward the first assembly in October, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB says. The document, known as an **instrumentum laboris,** draws heavily on the voices heard during the Listening and Dialogue and Listening and Discernment phases of the Plenary Council, but also from other key sources. It is entitled **Continuing the Journey**. *"This is an exciting step forward and we take it together, amidst a time of great change. More than 220,000 people participated in the first stages of Listening and Dialogue, and those voices can be heard clearly in the working document,"* said Archbishop Costelloe, president of the Plenary Council. … A number of key themes emerge in the document, including:

- renewing a Christ-centred Church that heals wounds and warms hearts;
- promoting discipleship in parishes, families and young people;
- forming prayerful and Eucharistic communities that are eager to engage in society for the service of all;
- proclaiming the Gospel in a change of era;
- renewing the Church's solidarity with First Australians and those on the margins of society;
- promoting an integral ecology of life for all persons, societies and our common home, the Earth. ------

Palm Sunday and Good Friday Readers

If you would like to read part of the Passion at our Liturgy on Palm Sunday and/or Good Friday and be involved in the Good Friday Liturgy would you record your name on the sheet at the entrance to the church please?

Drapes

As next Sunday is Palm Sunday we will change the drapes to red after Mass today—thanks in anticipation to those who can assist with the changeover.

Harmony Day, *March 21* celebrates the country's cultural diversity. It coincides with the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Year of the Family began on 19 March: *"This Year is an opportunity for the Church to get closer to families, so that they do not feel alone in the face of difficulties, to walk with them, to listen to them and to undertake pastoral initiatives that help them cultivate their daily love."*

Lent is about owning the weakness in ourselves as we remember the weakness of those who betrayed Jesus.
Joan Chittister

Roster 28 March	Leader:	Linda	Reader:	Volunteers
	Minister:	Paul	Welcomer:	Sr Maureen