

21 November 2021. Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 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: Frances Vince, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Ralph Halden, Deceased Family and Friends,

27—28 November

Ardlethan 6.00 p.m.

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

Mass Ardlethan 9.00 a.m. Barellean 10.00 a.m.

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Latest Protocols see <https://cgatholic.org.au/>

Reflection

Bearing witness to the truth. Jesus Christ is the faithful witness. His role as king is to bear witness to the truth that God is love (*1 Jn 4:8, 16*). He does this through his words but most especially through his death on the cross. By listening to his voice and participating in the Eucharistic banquet we are drawn closer to him. Then, as sharers in his kingship, we are commissioned to go out and promote the kingdom of God in our world.

Christ the King

The Kingdoms of this world sometimes build themselves on arrogance, rivalry, oppression; the Kingdom of Christ is a kingdom of justice, love and peace ... To reign as Jesus does, means to serve God and our brothers and sisters—a service that flows from love; to serve for Love's sake is to reign. This is the regality of Jesus. **Pope Francis**

Euthanasia Palliative Care

“Catholic Health Australia’s concerns over the Voluntary Assisted Dying bill now before the NSW Parliament have been echoed by leaders from both sides of politics. CHA fears the Bill will place the most vulnerable in society – the aged and infirm, as well as those with a mental illness or disability – at great risk of being hastened to an early death. Nicole Clements, CHA’s Acting Director of Strategy & Mission, said: “We welcome the contributions of the Premier and the Opposition Leader who have recognised there is no need for a voluntary assisted dying scheme where good palliative care is able to provide compassionate end-of-life care. “But due to a lack of funding, accessing palliative care depends on your postcode, meaning most rural and remote residents in NSW missing out. “We applaud our state leaders who also recognise that

that the Bill’s so-called ‘safeguards’ are a mirage – they offer little to no protection for those most vulnerable in our society.” CHA has consistently called on the NSW Government to instead boost funding for the palliative care sector, to provide people with genuine choice in their end-of-life care. NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet, who opened debate into the Bill last week and who opposes it, conceded his government had failed to adequately fund palliative care, promising to fix the system rather than allow voluntary assisted dying. “Let me be clear, I failed in my former capacity as Treasurer to address this issue. As Premier, I will fix it,” Mr Perrottet said. CHA’s Nicole Clements says that if the Bill becomes law there’s a very real risk that the elderly and infirm, the depressed, those suffering from dementia or those who simply feel a burden to others, will be encouraged to opt for an early death. NSW Opposition Leader Chris Minns echoed CHA’s fears, telling Parliament he could not support the Bill because it “cannot protect against the conduct of people with bad intentions”. “I am not convinced any legislation can prevent an individual choosing to die in response to pressure, collusion or duress,” Mr Minns said. Catholic Health Australia is the largest non-government provider grouping of health, community and aged care services in Australia. c/f <https://www.cha.org.au/home/catholic-health-says-improved-palliative-care-better-than-assisted-dying-law/>

Preparation of Church for Advent

After Mass today those who are able to stay, we will prepare the church in readiness for the season of Advent i.e. change drapes and set up Advent wreath. Thank you to those who can assist.

Reflection

“The allegiance that Jesus has as king is an allegiance from all those who are ‘on the side of’ truth, an allegiance fundamentally of love in that, ‘lifted up’ (on the cross), he will draw all people to himself. ...

Jesus’ whole life has been a revelation, defence and witness to ‘truth’ in this sense. Now he is on trial for it – as countless others, down to and including our time, will be on trial in the same cause. Pilate may have the physical power of Rome behind him. Jesus has the allegiance of all who seek the truth. They will suffer for bearing witness to it, as he did. Today’s feast asserts that they who have shared his witness will share his victory as well.”

Brendan Byrne, SJ

Happy Birthday Fr Sijo

During the week Fr Sijo celebrated his birthday. Fr Sijo we wish you a very happy birthday and ask God to continue to bless you with many wonder-filled gifts.

Thank you for your ministry to and amongst us.



Today is the last Sunday in the Liturgical Year.

May we pause to look back on the past year with gratitude and then to the future in hope as we prepare for the birth of Jesus the Christ.

Roster 28 November

Leader: Andrina

Reader:

Minister: John

Welcomer: Sr Maureen