

27 August, 21st Sunday, Year A

## **TEMORA MISSION AREA**

**Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Ariah Park**

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**St Therese Barellan**

**In our Prayers:** Jack Wood, Alicia Bonny, Frances Vince, Jim Bonny, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Kashaya Kuemmel,

**For our Deceased:** Elaine Miller (*Shirley's sister*), Terry Quinane, Tom Pursehouse, Beverley Crouch, Alan Litchfield, Jim Tuckett, (*anniversaries*)

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**September 2—3** Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Sat *Liturgy*

**Mass** Temora 6.00 p.m.

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

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**Reflection**

***Who Do You Say I Am?*** Jesus asks his disciples this question in today's Gospel. He asks us the same question. He is not seeking a textbook response or for us to repeat what others have said about him. He wants to hear our personal response. May we answer his question as truthfully as possible, and then listen as he speaks to us.

**Further Reflection**

"Jesus is always seeking a two-way liaison between himself and us, not just one-way. He wants us to have a relationship to the fullness of who he is. Besides being a charismatic leader or a good friend, he is the very reality of God's love, present in the world, wide open to loving each of us. Therefore he wants a mutual love-relationship with you and me, one in which we open up our hearts and let Godly love in. The name of that openness to God's love on the part of a person is "faith." **John Foley sj**

[https://liturgy.slu.edu/21OrdA082320/reflections\\_foley.html](https://liturgy.slu.edu/21OrdA082320/reflections_foley.html)

**Father's Day Appeal**—*Collection for retired priests*

The appeal will be conducted next weekend.

**50 cent Sunday**

Thank you for your ongoing generosity in support of the La Salette Ministry in India.

**Year of the Holy Spirit, August 2023—August 2024**

*'Let us start now by placing this **YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the protection of Our Lady, woman filled with the charisms of the Spirit.'* **Archbishop Christopher Prowse**

**Prayer to the Holy Spirit for the Archdiocese**

*O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,*

*Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice  
in his consolations. Through the same Christ our Lord, Amen.*

**Social Justice Sunday**

The Australian bishops' decades-long tradition of publishing an annual Social Justice Statement continues with the launch of **Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**

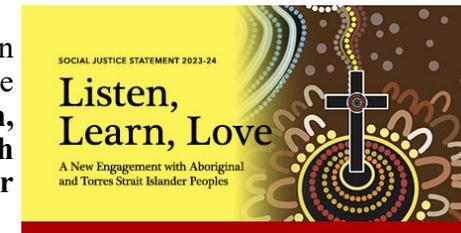
NATSICC speaks directly in the statement about the history of injustice and mistreatment faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and shares what they hope for in the future. With the statement being published as the country prepares for the referendum on an Indigenous Voice to Parliament, the bishops encourage all Australians to seek out opportunities for dialogue with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to become informed about their hopes for the future. *"Let us commit ourselves to fostering a civilisation of love in Australia,"* the statement says. *"Let's come together in friendship and love to show all that love can not only change individual lives, but that it can change society for the better."*

Each year's Social Justice Statement is an opportunity for Australia's bishops to share teachings on a contemporary social issue and to offer guidance on how the Catholic faith can inform people's actions and attitudes in responding to these issues.

**The Voice Referendum**

Below is an extract from a message by Australia's faith leaders including Bishop Charles Gauci of the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference. Their full letter to our federal parliamentarians is available at <https://religionsforpeaceaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Faith-leaders-Joint-Letter-FINAL.pdf>

*"The Voice is an invitation to move towards national healing, unity and reconciliation. It seeks to formalise in our Constitution a way by which First Nations' voices and concerns can be heard, and to establish a means for overcoming the devastating effects of social exclusion. This is an opportunity to unite Australians around a proposal that seeks to make life better for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."*



**Roster:** 3 September

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