

5 February, 5th Sunday, Year A

## TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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**For our Deceased:** Ray Fairman, Fr Neville Drinkwater, Ken Wykes, Leo Griffin, Edna Griffin, Dianne Stout, Gerard Gaynor, (*anniversaries*)

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Mass Temora 10.00 a.m.

Liturgy Ardlethan 9.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.

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### **Reflection**

**Let your light shine!** We all have our special gifts, but sometimes we fail to recognise this. We may feel that we have little to offer others. That is never true. As Jesus says: ‘You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the world!’ Let us ask Jesus to help us recognise our unique gifts and share them with others.

### **Sunday of the Word of God**

As we focus on the Word in our Eucharist today we are reminded, “Most are no doubt familiar with the saying of Vatican II: *“the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord’s body ... offering people the bread of life from the one table of the Word of God and the body of Christ (Dei Verbum 21).”* In the same vein, the second document quotes St Jerome: *“We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: ‘whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood’ (Jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the [eucharistic] Mystery, Christ’s body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God’s teaching.”*

<https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/reflection-for-word-of-god-sunday.html>

### **School Year**

As the school year begins we remember in our prayers the students of our parish and all those returning to school this week.

*Dear Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year*

*brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year! Amen*

*Bless all teachers with wisdom and peace of mind and beckon them to call on you for the strength and courage they need for the coming year.*

*Comfort the new parent who will say goodbye on their child’s first day of school, as well as the experienced parent who will walk out of the dorm room and wonder how it could be that their child is now an adult.*

### **Our Lady of Lourdes**

On **Saturday** we celebrate the Feastday of Our Lady of Lourdes. As we remember in a special way those who we know who are ill let us pray also for all who need the healing touch of God.

#### **For our personal reflection**

Mary, You who appeared to Bernadette in the hollow of the rock,  
In the cold and shadow of winter  
You brought the warmth or a presence,  
The friendship of a smile,  
The light and beauty of grace.  
In the hollow of our often obscure lives  
In the hollow of this world where evil is strong,  
Bring hope, Give more trust.

### **Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes**

*O ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence, to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity. Amen.*

### **Reflection**

“Imagine a perpetual diet of food without any tang or taste, soggy and insipid! This would be the world if Christians did not spread the message of Christ, did not impart the flavour of Christ. ... Imagine a world of darkness, where we had to feel our way and are never quite sure of shapes and purposes! And then what a difference occurs when the sun rises over the horizon or the light is switched on. Such is the difference which Christianity—and our Christianity—must make to the world..” *Fr Wansborough*

**Roster February 12**

Leader: Suzanne

Reader: Andrina

Minister: Ian