

23rd August, 2026, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time /A

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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St Therese Barellan

In our Prayers: Lee Jackson, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldw.

For our Deceased: Tom Writer, Anthony Popple, Fr Troy Bobbin, Denise O'Reilly,
Deceased Family, Friends, Victims of war, violence,
accidents & natural disasters.

August 30th

5th Sunday No MASS

Sept 6th

1st Sunday No MASS

Barellan Mass 5pm

Sept 13th

Aria Park 6pm Sat Mass

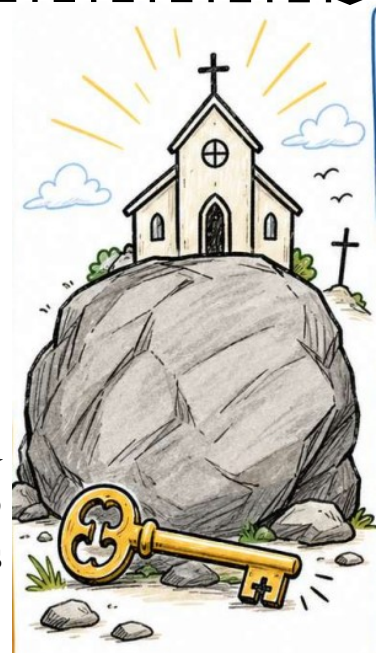
Liturgy - Ardlethan 9am Barellan 10am Sunday

Temora 9am & 5pm Sunday Mass

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.

Today, we hear about strength, trust, and responsibility. God chooses people for His work and gives them what they need to carry it out. Each reading shows how God works through others to guide His people.



And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

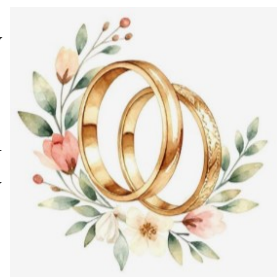
Matthew 16:18

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

CONGRATULATIONS - We rejoice with Tara and Saxon as they proclaim their love for each other during their wedding ceremony on Saturday, 5th September on the farm at Walleroobie. May God enrich their marriage with endless love, laughter, joy and blessings that will nourish and sustain them as they journey more deeply into the Mystery of Living and Loving.



A wedding prayer - *May God fill your marriage with memories to treasure... with faith and love along the way, of love to deep to measure And bring to you as man and wife, the happiness of knowing, That God who fills your cup of life, will keep it overflowing.*

Father’s Day - Sunday 6th September

As we do not have a service on Father’s Day this year I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks for those who birthed us into life and those who father us in many life giving ways we give thanks:

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree, the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea, the generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night, the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight, the joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed, the patience of eternity. . . and called them Fathers. May God bless the ‘Fathers’ in our community and gift them with the love and generosity to be all that they are called to be.



Roster 13th September
(2nd Sunday)

Leader: Suzanne Lucas

Reader: Ian Lucas

Ex. Minister : Bruce Barry

Acknowledgement of Country - With respect, we acknowledge the country, the skies, the waterways and spiritual systems of the Wiradjuri people on whose land we gather. We acknowledge the elders for the passing on of knowledge, language and spiritual connections to country.

Parish Safeguarding Commitment — Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Arianah Park is committed to safeguarding and upholding the rights of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing Fr Alex Osborne at alex.osborne@cg.org.au. Parishioners are also welcome to contact Maria Hicks, manager for the Archdiocesan Institute for Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) at ipss@cg.org.au or phone 02-62399806.