10 December, 2nd Advent Year B

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In our Prayers: Reckell Jones, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldow, Kashaya Kuemmel,
For our Deceased: Mark Doyle, those who have died from war and other tragedies, Marlene Caldow, Muriel Thomson, (*Anniversaries)*

Dec 16—17	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.

Reflection
Prepare a Way for the Lord. Engulfed by many chores in the lead-up to Christmas, we can fail to hear a voice that cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord. Let us resolve to include some time to pray, to reflect on the Gospel stories of Jesus' birth, and to seek reconciliation with God and others, in our Christmas preparations.

We do not proclaim the Gloria during Advent

Advent Wreath
The **second candle** to be lit is the **Candle of Peace.**
We light the second candle and listen for the word of peace.

We listen for stories where people stop hurting each other and start helping, for words of peace from leaders, that they may unite people and give them hope. We listen for ways to take care of our environment and bring hope for the future of our planet. We remember that Christ is the Prince of Peace. We light the second candle for the peace that sings in our hearts, that God's reign is near.

Advent Wreath Prayer
All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven. May the light that shines forth from the candle illumine our way as we journey towards Christmas. We ask this through Christ who is the Light of the World, Amen.

Advent Reflection
We welcome Advent, with its theme of expectation, of longing for God's coming amongst us. The question is, *"Will God come in our hearts and hands in this season?"* How else will the work of compassion and kindness, of justice and peace continue? In the darkness of our world, it is we who have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, to be peacemakers.
Adapted from Sue and Leo Kane, **Daily Cuppa with Mary and Julian.**

Reflection – *As I say Thank You and Goodbye.*
This community here in Ardlethan is like a large mosaic. One piece is bright red, another vibrant blue or delightful green, another warm purple, another sharp yellow, another shining gold. Some look precious, others special. Some look valuable, others surprising. Some look strong, others delicate. All look and are amazing. When, however, all these little stones are brought together in one big mosaic, portraying the face of Christ, who would ever question the importance of any one of them? If one of them is missing, the face is incomplete. Together in the one mosaic, each little stone is indispensable and makes a unique contribution to the glory of God. That's your community, a group of inspiring people who together make God visible in the world. Thank you for the gift of each of you.
Adapted from Henri Nouwen

United Nations Day of Human Rights, *10 December*
This year UN Day has an added importance because it commemorates the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) with the theme of ***"Equality, Freedom and Justice for All".*** On this day, let us pray especially for the maintenance of international peace and security, the promotion of the well-being of the peoples of the world, and international cooperation to these ends.

"As we celebrate love today in the lighting of the Advent wreath's second candle, may we follow our God's example in extending an attentive, personalised gaze. … Loving Father, make me into a person who is always attentive to other's challenges, always willing to smooth their specific paths."
Susan H, Swetnam

Christmas Liturgy Times
Ardlethan—9.00 a.m. 24 December
Ariah Park —6.00 p.m. 24 December
Barellan—7.00 p.m. 24 December

The Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated during Mass next Sunday.

Roster: 17 December Reader: Suzanne