

11 December, 3rd Advent Year A

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For our Deceased: Recently deceased, Sr Andre Guthrie rsj, Bernie Whyte, Marlene Caldwell, *(anniversaries)*

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December 17—18

Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. *(Liturgy)*

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

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

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Reflection

‘The blind see again.’ Many of the Jewish people did not expect a Messiah like Jesus. Many wondered: ‘Are you the one the one who is to come?’ Jesus came not to exercise sovereignty and power over the people but to bring blessing to the poor and needy. Let us celebrate his birth this Christmas by being good news for the poor.

Advent Wreath

The **third candle**, the pink candle, is the **Candle of Joy**.

We light the third candle, yearning for the joy of God that comes to us through the birth of Christ. We remember how Mary sang a song of joy before Jesus was born, of how God was going to make all things new.

We sing our own songs of joy, hoping that sadness and mourning will be turned into gladness and dancing. As we gaze upon the candles on the Advent Wreath let us give thanks for the joy we know in Christ Jesus.

Advent Wreath Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for the joy you bring us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord’s coming by helping us see that Christ came for every person we meet wherever we go. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord, Amen.

Advent Appeal for Ukraine

During the November 2022 plenary meeting of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, the Bishops strongly supported a proposal from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church

in Australia, to hold an appeal for the people of Ukraine.

At Mass next Sunday, here in Ardlethan there will be a special appeal for Ukraine. The collections will support the work of Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons.

Christmas Liturgy Times

Ariah Park Vigil—6.00 p.m. 24 December

Barellan—7.00 p.m. 24 December

Ardlethan—8.00 a.m. 25 December

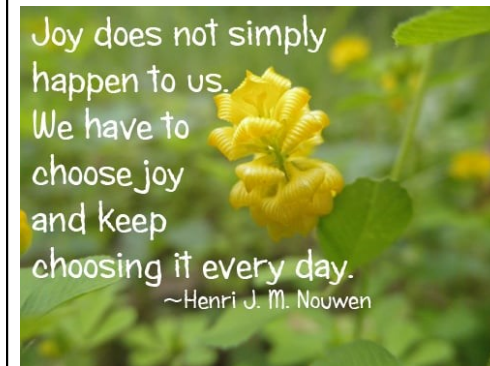
A Prayer

Dear Lord, give me eyes to see and ears to hear. I know there is light in the darkness that makes everything new. I know there is new life in suffering that opens a new earth for me. I know there is a joy beyond sorrow that rejuvenates my heart. Yes, Lord, I know that you are, that you act, that you love, that you indeed are Light, Life, and Truth. People, work, plans, projects, ideas, meetings, buildings, paintings, music, and literature all can only give me real joy and peace when I can see and hear them as reflections of your presence, your glory, your kingdom.

Let me then see and hear. Let me be so taken by what you show me and by what you say to me that your vision and hearing become my guide in life and impart meaning to all my concerns.

Let me see and hear what is really real, and let me have the courage to keep unmasking the endless unrealities, which disturb my life every day. Now I see only in a mirror, but one day, O Lord, I hope to see you face to face, Amen.

Henri Nouwen



Roster 18 December

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