

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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St Therese Barellean

In our Prayers: Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Sr Andre Guthrie rsj, Bernie Whyte, Recently deceased, those who have died tragically and from Covid 19; Marlene Caldwell, *(anniversary)*

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18—19 December Aria Park 6.00 p.m. *(Liturgy)*

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

Mass Ardlethan 8.00 a.m. Barellean 10.00 a.m.
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Latest Protocols see <https://cgatholic.org.au/>

Reflection

‘Rejoice in the Lord! A theme of joy always runs through the liturgy of the Third Sunday of Advent. The joy of this day springs from our anticipation and excitement that the Lord’s coming is very near. We ask the Lord to remove any sadness from our hearts that may hinder us from embracing the peace and hope which his presence will bestow on us this Christmas.

Advent Wreath

Today we light the candle of **Joy, pink candle.**

It reminds us that God loved us so much that he sent his Son to us. It is called the Shepherds’ Candle in memory of the first people to worship the newborn Jesus.



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.

Archbishop’s Christmas Appeal 2021

Funds raised will again be used to support the National Council of Churches’ Christmas Bowl Appeal and to assist Church communities in Ethiopia, Gaza, Syria Indonesia and Sri Lankans in India. Further support will be given for projects within the Dioceses of

Otukpo, Africa and Thamarassery in India along with projects of the La Salette Martha Province, in India. Continuing assistance will be given for the Bethlehem University as well as contributing to construction of a school hall at Vanga Point within the Diocese of Gizo, PNG. *Last year, the Archbishop’s Christmas Appeal raised \$50,000*

International Migrant Day 18 December

“On this International Migrants Day, let us seize the opportunity of the recovery from the pandemic to implement the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, reimagine human mobility, enable migrants to reignite economies at home and abroad and build more inclusive and resilient societies.”

UN Secretary-General António Guterres

Pope Francis condemned the exploitation of migrants for political purposes on Sunday (5 December) during a visit to the Greek island of Lesbos, branding the global indifference to their plight the "shipwreck of civilisation". Francis walked through the Mavrovouni camp, which holds about 2,300 people, stopping to greet dozens of refugees and giving a high five to a young African boy. He first visited the island, one of the main entry points for migrants, in 2016 and took 12 Syrian refugees back to Italy with him. He lamented that "little has changed" since then. The Mediterranean, where thousands have died trying to make the crossing from north Africa to Europe, was still "a grim cemetery without tombstones". "Please, let us stop this shipwreck of civilisation!" he said.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/pope-francis-visits-migrant-camp-greek-island-lesbos-2021-12-05/>

Church Cleaning

For those of you are available we will clean the Church after Mass next Sunday. Thank you in anticipation for your assistance as well as bringing with you some materials for dusting, cleaning etc. Today we will prepare the Church for the funeral here on Wednesday.

School Christmas Service

9.00 a.m. - Thursday 16 December, Uniting Church.

Reflection

“That, Naomi Levy says, is our challenge: “To find holiness in each day . . . to find holiness in this broken, breath-taking world.” It’s the same challenge John the Baptist preaches in today’s Gospel: to discover the love of God, not in cathedrals, but in our own home; to welcome the Messiah into our Galilees not with great rituals of devotion but by simple justice and charity to others; to transform the world in holiness not by revolution but by treating one another with respect and dignity.”

Connections SUNDAY



Roster 19 December

Reader: Bernard

Welcomer: Sr Maureen