

12 January, The Baptism of the Lord Year A

## TEMORA MISSION AREA

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**In our Prayers:** Tracey Passlow, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel, Maxine Keshan,

**For our Deceased:** Margaret Quade, Joan Howe, Deceased family, community members, those who have died from fires, accidents, terrorism

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**18—19 January** Aria 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**

*This is my Son, the Beloved.* Just before he confronts the tempter in the desert, Jesus is baptised in the Jordan. He is revealed as the beloved Son of God, His Baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry, of the time when the role of John the Baptist will decrease and Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God, by word and deed, will increase.

### **Renewing our Baptismal Promises**

Today in our liturgy we will renew our own Baptismal Promises:

- ◆ What are we renewing?
- ◆ Who is at the heart of our Baptism?
- ◆ How can we be true to our Baptismal calling?
- ◆ To what is God inviting me?

### **World day of Peace—Pope Francis**

On **World Peace Day**, (1 January 2020) instituted by Pope Paul VI, Pope Francis said in his 2020 message, "Peace is a path of hope, a path on which one advances through dialogue, reconciliation and conversion."

### **Prayer for the New Year**

As we move into 2020, allow Jesus to speak to you:

*"If you look for me ..*

*you won't need a special star -*

*I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,*

*I'm right there where you are.*

*You may not be aware of me  
amid the activities;*

*You'll have to look beyond the stores  
and all the decorations.*

*But if you take a moment  
from your list of things to do*

*And listen to your heart, you'll find  
I'm waiting there for you.*

*You're the one I want to be with,  
you're the reason that I came,*

*And you'll find me in the stillness  
As I'm whispering your name."*

Adapted from: <https://truthbook.com/stories/christmas/if-you-look-for-me-at-christmas>

### **Memory Jar**

You might like to consider the following: "This January start the year with an empty jar. Each week add a note with a good thing that happened. On New Year's Eve empty the jar and read about the amazing year you had."

### **Drapes and Crib**

Next Sunday we return to Ordinary Time which means we hang green drapes. Thank you to those who can remain after our liturgy to swap over the drapes as well as put the crib away until next season.

### **Reflection**

*In today's Gospel we see Jesus standing with the motley crowd who gathered around John the Baptist on the banks of a part of the Jordan River. Today Jesus stands with each and everyone of us, not just in moments of "peace and goodwill" but also in moments of fear, terror, pain and loss. And that's the only promise Jesus makes namely to be with us in any and every situation.*

*We think of all those who have suffered tragedy and loss in this Bushfire crisis and we see the goodness, kindness and care of so many making efforts to be helpful. For me the message of Baptism of Jesus today is that He comes among us, stands with us in this time of tragedy, loss and anxiety for so many.*

*Today we bring You, Lord, our body's labour*

*And we offer our spirit's grief.*

*Take our pain, our tears,*

*touch our hopes our fears;*

*courage and hope we pray to fill our year.*

**Roster: 19 January**

Acolyte: Bruce

Reader: Mae

Minister: Ian

Gifts: Eileen and Robyn

Welcomer: Robyn