

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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In our Prayers: Linda Grinter, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Recently deceased, those who have died tragically and from Covid 19; Marlene Caldwell (*anniversary*)

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<u>19 -20 Dec</u>	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

Rejoicing in God, our Saviour. Christmas is a feast of joy and light. We celebrate God who comes to dwell among us and save us. With the prophet Isaiah, we exult for joy in the Lord. With Mary, our spirits rejoice in God our saviour. We do not deny the pain and evil that exist in the world, but we rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus

Christmas Mass times

Temora	Vigil, 6.00 p.m.— <i>outdoor</i>		
Ardlethan	8.00 a.m.	Barellan 10.00 a.m.	Temora 5.00 p.m.

Rite of Reconciliation

Temora Wednesday 16th December **6.30 p.m.**

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.

Stamps—thank you

Once again, Sr Helen Saunders rsj writes a word of appreciation, "*On behalf of Mary MacKillop Today, I thank you for your generous support in supplying and assisting with used stamps. We've had another wonderful year, raising approximately \$31,000.00 A great effort from many, many people.*"



Transforming Lives in Peru

Women in Peru, particularly those in remote and rural communities continue to be disadvantaged in gaining access to education and employment. With your support through **Mary MacKillop Today's Livelihood** program, the women received business and skills training, like learning to knit ... the women also had the opportunity to receive a fair income by producing handmade products during the course of their training that were made available for sale in Australia through our Fair Trade organisation, *ethica*.

Prayers for Linda

May we continue to carry Linda and her family in our prayers and care as they continue the journey of recovery.

Updated Protocols—Effective Monday 7 December 2020

1. Apply the 2m² rule for all liturgical celebrations—our church can accommodate 100 worshippers
2. Physical or digital Mass Register to be kept for 30 days
3. Availability of hand sanitiser is essential
4. Holy Communion only under the species of bread
5. Holy Communion to be received only in the hand
6. No touching at the sign of peace
7. Collection plates not to be passed around
8. Families can sit together, but in relation to other persons/families apply 2m² rule
9. Singing is possible, respecting 2m² rule, people facing the same direction.

Pope Proclaims Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis has declared a **Year of St Joseph** in honour of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. "Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," he wrote. "St Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation." Pope Pius IX proclaimed St Joseph patron of the Universal Church on December 8, 1870, in the decree *Quemadmodum Deus*.

An Advent Reflection

"In the Christmas mystery, the God of love becomes one of us so that we might become one with God. But the Incarnation is not only an event but a practice: that we "embody" the love of God for the sake of others. May this Christmas be the beginning of our own "practice" of Incarnation: to leave our own self-centred world to travel, with humility and peace, the road trod by those in need and, through our patience, understanding and generosity, reveal the light of God's compassion and mercy illuminating that road."

Adapted from **C O N N E C T I O N S S U N D A Y**

Roster 20 December	Reader: Mae
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