

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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

For our Deceased: Victims of the Volcano Tragedy in New Zealand, Deceased family and community members



December 21-22 Aria Park 6.00 p.m. Sat Mass

Mass Barmedman 8.00 a.m. Temora 10.00 a.m. Sunday

Liturgy Ardlethan **9.00 a.m.** Barellean 10.00 a.m.



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 a symbol of joy. 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.

Prayer For Third Week Of Advent

Jesus, you called yourself the Good Shepherd who gave his life for his sheep. We know you call each of us by name. We want to follow you like the shepherds who came to visit you in the stable at Bethlehem. Amen.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr Sijo will be available after Mass today for those who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Fr Frances Update

Fr Francis has been transferred from Calvary Hospital to Home of Compassion.

Church Cleaning

After our Liturgy on **22 December** we will take the opportunity to clean the church. Thank you in anticipation to those who will be able to assist.

Christmas Roster

The roster for ministries is at the entrance of the church. Please indicate if you are available to be involved.

Prayer for the Blessing of Rain

Almighty and Eternal Father, bestow the blessing of rain upon our parched land. Let your heavenly dew come down upon our farms, our stock and our native life. Give courage and strength to our farmers, their families and all our people. We ask this through Jesus, our Lord. Amen

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians – Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Pray for us.

Christmas Mass Times

Ariah Park—6.00 p.m. (*Vigil*)

Ardlethan 8.00 a.m.



Used Stamps—Thank You

In appreciation for your stamps Sr Helen writes, *"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 \$65,000.00. A great effort from many, many people! From 2001 'till now the total raised is \$378,000.00 It is through your efforts that the legacy of St Mary MacKillop Today continues in Peru today"* Sr Helen Saunders rsj I too join with Sr Helen in thanking you for collecting the used stamps.

A Reflection:

Today is traditionally known as "glad" Sunday.

Like the Jewish people in exile in Babylon thousands of years ago, we could well ask

"How can we be glad?"

Our country is devastated by drought and bushfires,

our crops don't hold a lot of promise, people are feeling the pinch etc. etc."

The first reading brings the hope of better times.

The next reading reminds us that patience pays off in the end and the Gospel reminds us that we will know Jesus by what he does.

So John hopes in Prison;

patience can be rewarding and demanding; and better times really are worth waiting for.

So once more we renew our hope, maybe a bit like

Abraham who "hoped against hope"

And eventually we find that all our hope

and all our perseverance were worth it in the long run!

Roster 22 December

Leader: Suzanne

Reader: Andrina

Minister: Ian

Welcomer: Brenda