

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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In our Prayers: Elaine Barry, Mari Poppo and Andrew Dance,
Fr Francis Carroll,

For our Deceased: Nan Shaw , Barry Hogan, Meg Thomas, Nikki O'Brien,
Ruth Mooney,



December 22—23	Ariah 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

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.

Family Sunday

We welcome in a special way the families who have joined us for Family Sunday.

Sacrament of Penance

At our Mass today we have the opportunity for the second rite of reconciliation. Following is the examination of conscience that will be used. You may like to reflect on the questions as you prepare to celebrate the sacrament:

Advent asks me each year to reflect on the love of God, a love that is Emmanuel—God with us. A love that asks us to make our Emmanuel God's presence more real in our lives, in our world

Have I allowed Jesus to be born again in me?

If this doesn't happen then why Advent?

What difference has each Advent made?

Am I

more loving?

more patient?

more open and receptive?

more merciful

more forgiving?

more understanding?

more recollected?

more ...???

Advent Wreath Prayer

Today we light the candle of **Joy**. Our prayer is displayed on the screen.

Christmas Morning Tea

On Sunday 23 December, we will have morning tea to celebrate Christmas.

Catechists' Awards

We extend our congratulations and appreciation to **Ann Poppo** and **Renee Doyle** on their years of dedicated commitment to the teaching of Religious Education in Ardlethan Central School. Congratulations Renee on your ten years of service certificate. Congratulations Ann on 20 years' Archbishop's Medal Award and the 30 years Mona McIntosh Award.

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal 2018. The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for 2018 will be conducted at all Christmas Masses throughout the Archdiocese and will again have the funds raised split between.

1. Support will continue for the ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal and its work in bringing hope and opportunity to those in need in Vanuatu, Myanmar, Zimbabwe, Syria and Pakistan.
2. Contributions will be made to support Diocesan projects locally, within Wilcannia Forbes Diocese and Broome Diocese, and globally, within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria.
3. Other endeavours will include support towards: helping the rural parish of St Joseph's, Battambang in Cambodia provide improved and extended education opportunities to students beyond their infant years to primary, secondary and tertiary levels whilst also seeking to improve the self-sufficiency of the parish and their community is envisaged; projects focused on helping the poor within the La Salette Matha Province in India, and student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land.

Stamps – Thank you

Sr Helene Saunders rsj sent a card of thanksgiving for the stamps that we collected during the year. *"On behalf of Mary MacKillop Today I thank you for your generous support in supplying and assisting with used stamps. 2018 was another successful year of us raising approximately \$68,000. A great effort from many, many people. From 2000 till now our total is \$312,000. It is through your efforts that the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop continues in Peru today."*

Monks of Algeria

We rejoice in the beatification last Saturday of seven French monks and 12 other clergy killed during Algeria's civil war in the first ceremony of its kind in a Muslim nation.

Christmas Mass Times:

Ardlethan—8.00 a.m.. Ariah Park—10.00 a.m. Barellean—7.00 p.m.. (*Vigil*)

Roster: 23 December	Leader: Tracey	Reader: Sally/Ann
Minister: John	Welcomer: Mills family	