

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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St Therese Barellan

In our Prayers: Fr Francis Carroll, Reckell Jones, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Mark Doyle, those who have died in war and other tragedies, Bernie Whyte, Sr Andre Guthrie rsj, Monica Mills, *(Anniversaries)*

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Dec 23 Arian Park, 6.00 p.m. *Mass*

Dec 24 Arian Park 6.00 p.m.

Mass Temora 10.00 a.m.

Liturgy Ardlethan 9.00 a.m. Barellan 7.00 p.m.—**Christmas**
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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,

Advent Wreath Blessing

The **third candle**, the pink candle, is the **Candle of Joy**.

We light the third candle, yearning for the joy of God that comes to us through the birth of Christ. We remember how Mary sang a song of joy before Jesus was born, of how God was going to make all things new.

We sing our own songs of joy, hoping that sadness and mourning will be turned into gladness and dancing. As we gaze upon the candles on the Advent Wreath let us give thanks for the joy we know in Christ Jesus.

Advent Wreath Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for the joy you bring us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by helping us see that Christ came for every person we meet wherever we go. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord, Amen.



Archbishop's Christmas Appeal

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for 2023 is conducted at all Christmas Masses throughout the Archdiocese and will again have the funds raised split.

Our support will continue for the ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal

- and their life saving assistance to refugees from Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia and Myanmar in neighbouring refugee camps.

International endeavours will include support towards:

- efforts of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, in Ukraine, assisting people with evacuation, food and shelter; further student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land; and projects focused on helping the poor within the La Salette Matha Province in India.

Other contributions will be made to support

- Diocesan projects within the Dioceses of Otuokpo, Nigeria, Africa, Tamarassery, India and Gizo in the Solomon Islands. Within Gizo, our contribution will support construction of a staff house for the clinical nurse at St Dominic's Parish, Sirovanga who provides much needed health care through the main mission centre in Sirovanga and in many coastal and mountain villages within the parish.

Christmas Crib

Thanks for setting up the crib after Mass today as well as changing the drapes for Christmas.

Thank you

How can I express adequately my appreciation for you; your generosity, your encouragement, your taking me into your life and parish and especially your kind wishes as I move on. I am overwhelmed and humbled – thank you.

You have gifted me over the years and have drawn gifts from me for which I am grateful – now it's your turn to draw gifts from one another. The dedicated and loving community of Ardlethan is in good hands. God will provide for and bless you, of this I am confident. Be assured that you will remain in my prayers and care.

Sunday 31 December

There will be **NO LITURGY** that Sunday.

Christmas Liturgy Times

Ardlethan—9.00 a.m. 24 December

Arian Park —6.00 p.m. 24 December

Barellan—7.00 p.m. 24 December

Christmas isn't automatic. It can't be taken for granted. It began with Mary, but each of us is asked to make our own contribution to giving flesh to faith in the world.
Ronald Rolheiser omi

Roster: 24 December	Leader: Tracey	Reader: Linda
	Minister: Paul	

Roster: 7 January	Reader: Bernard
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