

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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In our Prayers: Colleen Stout, Frances Vince, Jim Bonny, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Bernie Whyte, Sr Andre Guthrie rsj, Recently deceased, those who have died tragically; Monica Mills, (*anniversary*)

December 24—25 ← - - - - - Aria Park 6.00 p.m. →

Mass Temora 6.30 p.m. in the park and 9.00 a.m.

Liturgy Barellan 7.00 p.m. Ardlethan 8.00 a.m.



Reflection

A Man of Honour. Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on Joseph, the husband of Mary, who played such an important role in God's plan of salvation. Joseph was a man of honour who combined respect for the law with compassion for Mary. He was open to hear God's Word to him. He is an example for us all.

Advent Wreath

The **fourth candle**, is the **Candle of Love**

We light the fourth candle, knowing that God's love has always been with us. God's love has been made known to us in a new way, through the birth of the Christ child. God has become one of us, the Word that breathes the Spirit into us, and in Christ we know the fullness of God's love. We are called to share this love with the world. As we gaze upon this fourth candle we trust in hope that all may know the love God has for the whole world. It reminds us that God loved us so much that he sent his Son to us.

Finally, **all four Advent Candles** are lit: the Candles of **Hope, Peace, Joy** and finally the Candle of **Love**. Together, all four candles symbolize that Jesus is the Light of the world.

Advent Wreath Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for your gift of love – shown to us perfectly in Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by loving others as Christ loves us. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord, Amen.



Individual Reconciliation

Fr Sijo will be available after Mass this morning for individual Reconciliation as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.

Special Collection for Ukraine

Thank you for your support of our brothers and sisters in need in Ukraine through your generous response to the appeal today.

Christmas Liturgy Times

Ariah Park Vigil—6.00 p.m. 24 December

Temora, (*out door*) - 6.30 p.m. 24 December and 9.00 a.m., 25 December

Barellan—7.00 p.m. 24 Decembe

Ardlethan—8.00 a.m. 25 December

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for 2022 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 its work in Ukraine, Syria, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and assisting Congolese refugees in Kenya. Contributions will be made to support **Diocesan** projects within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria, Africa, Thamarassery, India and Bougainville in PNG. Within Bougainville, our contribution will support the expansion and overhaul of St Joseph's College, Mabiri, to meet and manage the needs of an envisioned increase in students, many of whom, must board away from home.

Other international endeavours will include support towards: **projects** focused on helping the poor within the La Salette Matha Province in India; and further student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land.

Setting for Christmas

After Mass today those who can remain we will set up the church for Christmas i.e. set up the Crib, change the drapes etc.

Reflection

"Advent is the season of God's desire for humanity. The story of Mary is the story of all of us. Our own frail hearts are captivated by that divine yearning. And we can trust it. It is God's shadow covering us, too. It will bring us to a deeper place than all our own efforts to understand the mystery, all our religious importance, all our weird and wonderful certainties; it will draw us down into that spacious and silent simplicity that waits at the core of our Being." **Fr Daniel O'Leary**

Advent Prayer

Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, we who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light, "Jesus, Come!"

Roster December 25

Leader: Tracey

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