

## **TEMORA MISSION AREA**

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

Contact: Sr Maureen McDermott: Ph: 0448 257 077

Website: [www.cg.org.au/ardlethan](http://www.cg.org.au/ardlethan) Email: [maureen.mcdermott@sosj.org.au](mailto:maureen.mcdermott@sosj.org.au)

Sacred Heart Temora Ph: 69772104 Email: [Temora@cg.org.au](mailto:Temora@cg.org.au)

Parish Priest Fr Sijo Jose Email: [Sijo.Jose@cg.org.au](mailto:Sijo.Jose@cg.org.au)

### **St Therese Barellean**

In our Prayers: Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman,  
Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Bernie Whyte, Sr Andre Guthrie rsj, Recently deceased,;  
those who have died tragically and from Covid 19; Monica Mills, (anniversary)

**25—26 December** Aria Park No Mass

Mass Temora 10.00 a.m. (26 December)

Mass Ardlethan No Liturgy

← ..... →  
Latest Protocols see <https://cgcatholic.org.au/>

### **Reflection**

**Blessed is she who Believed.** From Bethlehem, the least of the clans of Judah, and from a peasant girl, Mary, one of the least of the Jewish people, God prepared a body for Jesus, the saviour of the world. As we rejoice in the saviour who has come to visit us, we also join Elizabeth in praising Mary for her faith, her love and her obedience.

### **Advent Wreath Prayer - For Fourth Week of Advent**

John the Baptist leapt in the womb of Elizabeth, his mother, as soon as she heard Mary's greetings. Jesus, at your birth the angels sang of peace and good will... Help us to be people of peace as we look forward to celebrating your birthday. Finally, all four Advent Candles will be lit in sequence. The Prophets' Candle, then the Bethlehem Candle, then the Shepherds' Candle and, finally, the last purple candle will be the Angels' Candle and it serves to remind us that the Angels were the heralds of Jesus' birth; also called the candle of Peace

**We pray:** 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.

### **Archbishop's Christmas Appeal 2021**

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for 2021 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 Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

Contributions will be made to support

- ◆ Diocesan projects within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria, Africa, Thamarassery, India and Gizo in PNG. Within the Gizo Diocese assistance will support construction of a school hall at Vanga Point.

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.

***Last year, the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal raised \$50,000***

### **Reflection**

"I wait in Mary-darkness, faith's walled place, with hope's expectance of nativity."  
*Jessica Powers.*

"The still small voice of peace will fade if we don't ready ourselves to receive it. We mediate on what it means to wait for the Beloved's coming. It becomes clear that waiting, watching, listening are the tasks of our lives."

"But the faith and the love and the hope are all in the waiting." *T S Eliot.*

***Are we up to the task?***

**Adapted from Sue and Leo Kane.**

### **Christmas Mass Times**

Aria Park—6.00 p.m. 24 December (*Liturgy*)

Temora 6.00 p.m. 24 December

Barellean 8.15 p.m. 24 December

Ardlethan—8.00 a.m. Christmas Day

**Roster for Christmas Day—Volunteers**

### **Preparation of Church for Christmas**

Thanks to Andrina, Brenda and Bruce the Church and grounds were prepared in readiness for the funeral on Wednesday. Thanks also to Andrina for adding beauty by doing the flowers for the funeral. All that is required this morning is to set up the crib and change the drapes. *Thank you to those who can assist.*

### **Prayer**

*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, 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.*

*To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.*

**Henri J. M. Nouwen**

### **Roster 2 January**

Reader: Linda

Welcomer: Sr Maureen

