

1st December, 2024, First Sunday of Advent / C

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St Therese Barellan

In our Prayers: Bernard Jardine, Barry Carroll, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldwell.

For our Deceased: Carmel Carroll, Neil Thomson, Deceased Family, Friends, Victims of war, violence, accidents and natural disasters

Dec 7-8

Ariaiah 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.** Barellan 10.00 a.m.

Reflection -

‘Your liberation is near!’ The early Christians expected the Lord’s return in glory to be very soon. St Paul explained to them that the Lord was delaying in coming for a good purpose, to give them the opportunity to grow in love and make progress in the kind of life they were meant to live. May we also make good use of the present time to deepen our love for one another that we may be ready on the day Christ comes to set us free.

Advent Wreath Prayer

ALL: Loving God,

Source of all hope and love,

you call us to be your people united in faith.

We thank you for this wreath, the evergreen sign of your faithful love.

As we light the candle(s) on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends, and be with all those who are in need this holiday season. Amen.



The **first candle** lit is called the **Prophecy Candle** it represents **Hope**. The candle is **purple**. Purple is the primary colour associated with Advent. Within the Catholic Church it symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice. During the first week of

Advent we remember the Old Testament prophets who foretold of Jesus' coming with hope and anticipation.

As we begin the season of Advent, we look for signs of hope in our world. People helping each other. Walls of separation being broken down. Family and friends gathering again to celebrate Christmas. Recovery from disasters and wars.. We find signs of hope in a young family, travelling a long way from home, expecting a baby and being surrounded by the compassion of strangers. We light the first candle for the hope we find in the world, as we wait to celebrate the coming of Christ into our world and into our lives.

First Week of Advent - Slow Steps to Christmas

Welcome to the Joyful Season of Advent

All of us are on a journey home to our God. During this season of Advent we are invited to pause and take the time to reflect not only on our journey but also that of those who have gone before us. To assist us we will have Scriptures, images and stories. This week we are greeted with the image of Mary and Joseph, journeying to Bethlehem for the census. *How do I make my journey through life?*

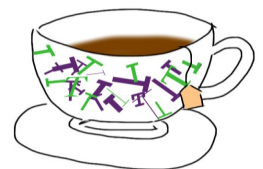


Prayer (*The Collect of First Sunday of Advent, Year C*)

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Liturgically, we do not say the Gloria during Advent, we do proclaim the Alleluia.

Reminder: Morning tea to **Farewell Fr Sijo** after mass on **Sunday 15th December**



Reminder: Community Christmas Eve Service - we will have a service at **7pm, December 24th**. All community members are welcome please pass this message on. We will designate jobs closer to the date.

Roster Dec 8th

Leader: Linda

Reader: Suzanne

Ex. Minister : Paul