2 December, 1st Sunday Advent, Year C

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

For our Deceased: Nan Shaw *(sister in law of Jo Kuemmel),* Barry Hogan, Meg Thomas, Nikki O'Brien, Ruth Mooney,

December 8—9	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.** 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
May the light that shines forth from the candle illumine our way as we journey towards Christmas; may the light that shines forth from the candle illumine our lives as we wait in hope for the celebration of the birth of the Christ-child. We ask this through Christ who is the Light of the World. Amen

Advent Wreath History
The Advent wreath probably has its origins in the customs of pre-Christian Germanic people, who used wreaths with lit candles during December in anticipation of the light of the coming spring. Eastern European Christians kept the tradition alive, and, by the 16th century, Advent wreaths were used to prepare for the coming of Jesus, the light of the world.

Welcome
This weekend we welcome you back to our community, Fr Mick Mullen.

School Christmas Service
You're invited to join with the school community at the ***Uniting Church*** on ***Friday 7 December***, close to 9.00 a.m. for their annual Christmas service.
Thank you Ann for all you do ever so generously and faithfully for the children and their families through your dedication to Religious Education in the School.

Christmas Shoe Box
Tracey reeved the following message after she delivered the Christmas Shoe Boxes last month: *Hello Team,*
GOD is just so awesomely GOOD! Also praise God for the processing, we passed 60,000 boxes today. Shoe boxes are still coming in, although slower than last year, Praise God for every single one, for every smile, for every opportunity, for every squeal of delight and every open ear.

Family Sunday
On Sunday 16 December families of children in our local school who were part of the Sacramental program this year have been invited to celebrate Eucharist with us. The children and other young parishioners will be involved in the liturgy on that Sunday.

Communal Rite of Reconciliation
At Mass on Sunday 16 December Fr Sijo will celebrate the second rite of reconciliation.

Thank you
Joseph Mullins rang during the week to thank the parish community for the wonderful welcome he and his family received last weekend. He was most impressed with the warmth, enthusiasm and hospitality of this caring community.

Caritas Australia Global Gifts
This Christmas we can protect the miracle of motherhood by giving a Caritas Global Gift. We can help provide clean water, food or sustainable livelihoods - things we so often take for granted here in Australia.
In return for making a donation the donor receives a beautiful card to give to a loved one on whose behalf the contribution was made. Purchase online at www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts or phone 1800 024 413

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

Christmas Mass times: Ardlethan—8.00 a.m.. Ariah Park—10.00 a.m.

Roster: 9 December	Leader: Suzanne	Reader: Bernard
Minister: Ann		Welcomer: Frances/Robyn