

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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In our Prayers: Linda Grinter, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Monica Mills, those who have died tragically and from Covid 19; Margaret Quade, Joan Howe, (*anniversaries*)



January	2—3	Arian Park	6.00 p.m.	Liturgy
Mass		Temora	6.00 p.m.	
Mass		Ardlethan	8.00 a.m.	Barellan 10.00 a.m.



Reflection

A Dwelling Place for God. King David wanted to build a fine temple in which God would dwell among the people. But God did not choose a building made of stones and mortar for a dwelling place but the womb of the virgin Mary. God continues to dwell among us in Mary's son, Jesus Christ, whose body is the Church. Let us pray for a deepening of faith this Christmas that we, like Mary may continue to give Christ to the world.

Advent Wreath Prayer

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 **4th candle**, the **Angels' Candle** and it serves to remind us that the Angels were the heralds of Jesus' birth. Together, all four candles symbolize that Jesus is the Light of the world.



Our prayer:

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.

Prayers for Linda

May we continue to pray for Linda, Phil, John, Brenda and family as they live through this time of healing and recovery of Linda.

Prayer in Thanksgiving or Harvest

Lord and Bountiful Creator, giver of grains and seeds and all that grows from the earth, we thank You and we bless You for this year's harvest. We lift up our hearts in gratitude to the Sun, which, together with rain, wind and earth, worked in harmony to produce this bountiful harvest.

We thank You, our Lord and God, for Your protection and care in this season of harvest. We bless You for the weather given to us for our work. This harvest, Lord, was not without its difficulties; no harvest is, but we rejoice that those times of trouble did not prevent us from the completion of this task. The sun smiled on us, the wind cooled us and the earth laughed as we caressed her skin, collecting the fruit of this harvest. ... Blessed are You, Lord our God, who has given to us this harvest. Amen.

Adapted from: <https://www.gbdioc.org/images/stories/Rural-Life/Documents/BlessingHarvestPrayer.pdf>

Christmas Mass times

Temora	Vigil, 6.00 p.m.— <i>outdoor</i>
Ardlethan	8.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m. Temora 5.00 p.m.

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal 2020

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for 2020 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 Australia, Africa, Asia and Oceania.

Contributions will be made to support:

1. Diocesan projects locally, within Wilcannia Forbes Diocese and globally, within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria, Thamarassery, India and Gizo Diocese PNG. Within Gizo Diocese assistance will support construction of a multipurpose hall at a school for migrant children from Kiribati and Malaita in Nusabaruku.
2. Other international endeavours will include support towards: projects focused on helping the poor within the La Salette Matha Province and by the Society of the Oblates of the Sacred Heart (OSH) in India; and further student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land.

Church Cleaning

To those of you who can remain after our Mass today to assist in the church cleaning, and setting up for Christmas, your presence will be appreciated.

Christmas Greetings

Cards have been received from Ann Pople and the Gaynor Family. They are on display in the foyer of the Church.

*Tracey ~ Reader for **Christmas Day***

Roster 3 January	Reader: Bernard
	Welcomer: Sr Maureen