

23 December, 4th Sunday of Advent, Year C

## TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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**In our Prayers:** Elaine Barry, Ray Fairman, Fr Francis Carroll,

**For our Deceased:** Nan Shaw, Betty Hewett, Barry Hogan, Meg Thomas, Nikki O'Brien, deceased family members, parishioners and friends

**December 29—30**

Aria Park 6 .00 p.m. Sat Liturgy

Mass

Temora 6.00 p.m. Saturday

Liturgy

Ardlethan **9.00 a.m.** Barellan 10.00 a.m.

### 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. Amen.

*Today we light the fourth Advent candle – the candle of Peace.*

**Archbishop's Christmas Appeal 2018.** The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for 2018 will be conducted at all Christmas Masses throughout the Archdiocese and will again have the funds raised split between.

1. Support will continue for the ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal and its work in bringing hope and opportunity to those in need in Vanuatu, Myanmar, Zimbabwe, Syria and Pakistan.
2. Contributions will be made to support Diocesan projects locally, within Wilcannia Forbes Diocese and Broome Diocese, and globally, within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria.



3. Other endeavours will include support towards: helping the rural parish of St Joseph's, Battambang in Cambodia provide improved and extended education opportunities to students beyond their infant years to primary, secondary and tertiary levels whilst also seeking to improve the self-sufficiency of the parish and their community is envisaged; projects focused on helping the poor within the La Salette Matha Province in India, and student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land.

### New Baby

We give thanks for the prayers and care that have been extended to Mari and Andrew as they awaited the birth of Hamish James Dance. We rejoice with Ann and Neville as they welcome Hamish to their family.

### Church Cleaning

For those who can remain after the liturgy today we will do our final set up of the crib, dust and decorate the church for Christmas. Thank you in anticipation to those who can lend a hand and to those who have brought flowers.

### Christmas Mass Times

Ardlethan—8.00 a.m.

Aria Park—10.00 a.m.

Barellan—7.00 p.m. (*Vigil*)



### Fifth Sunday

Next Sunday, 30 December we will have Liturgy at 9.00 a.m. During that Liturgy we will celebrate the feast of **Holy Family** as well as anticipate the feast of **Mary, the Mother of God**, on 1 January.

### Morning Tea

Hope you can stay for a while after our Liturgy as we celebrate Christmas over morning tea.



*'God's glory, now, is kindled gentler than low candlelight  
Under the rafters of a barn:  
Eternal peace is sleeping in the hay,  
And wisdom's born in secret in a straw-roofed stable.'*

**Thomas Merton**

Christmas waves a magic wand over this world,  
and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.  
*Norman Vincent Peale*

**Roster:** 30 December

Leader: Suzanne

Reader: May and Jerry

Minister: Ian

Welcomer: Lucas Family