

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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

For our Deceased: Sr Christina Keogh rsj,

Our deceased family members, parishioners



4—5 December Aria Park 6.00 p.m.

Mass Temora 6.00 p.m.

Mass Ardlethan 8.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.



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

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.

We do not proclaim the Gloria during Advent

Advent Wreath

The first candle lit is the **Prophet's Candle**, which reminds us of the Old Testament Prophecies about the coming of the Messiah. This candle also reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the world.



Advent Wreath 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.

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.

Advent Program

The family-themed **Walking Together Advent** program produced by the local Archdiocese at: bit.ly/WalkingTogether_Advent has commenced. You might take to take look at: <https://cgcatholic.org.au/walking-together/> (*Week one is available here.*)

You can access the **program** any time during the week—the week commences the Sunday prior to the focus, i.e. this week will be the second week of Advent.

The **booklet** is available for viewing on your device or for download:

<https://cgcatholic.org.au/walking-together/download-the-discussion-booklet/>

The **contributors** are people from the Archdiocese, mainly married couples:

<https://cgcatholic.org.au/walking-together/meet-our-contributors/>

Locals from the Western Deanery are **Mark & Louise Daniher**

Mark & Louise are members of St Joseph's, Ungarie, within the West Wyalong Mission. Married for 27 years they have three children aged 26, 24 and 21 who live and work around and around Wagga Wagga. Mark & his brother work the family farm growing cereal grains and raising merino sheep. Louise is acting Religious Education Coordinator at St Mary's, West Wyalong and works as the Parish Secretary in West Wyalong.

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Caritas Global Gifts

Once again Global Gifts from Caritas are available for those who would like to use the donation as a way of gifting family and/or friends while supporting those in need. Gifts with cards included can range from \$15.00 to \$100.00. More information:

<https://www.globalgifts.org.au/gifts/>

Reflection

"I haven't got a clue when the world will cease to exist, but on this, the first day of the Church's Year, I know that the Lord returns to us every time we love, forgive, share, are compassionate, are generous and sacrificial toward one another. It may not be as grand as dancing suns and tidal waves, but the heroic love of a parent for a child, a spouse for their sick partner and the first world sharing with the third world are spectacular enough for me to believe that Jesus' kingdom comes every day, in every hour, at every moment." Fr Richard Leonard sj

Christmas Mass Times

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

Temora 6.00 p.m. 24 December **Barellan** 8.15 p.m. 24 December

Ardlethan—8.00 a.m. Christmas Day

Roster 5 December

Reader: Tracey

Welcomer: Bruce