

3 December 1st Advent, Year B

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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St Therese Borellan

In our Prayers: Fr Francis Carroll, Reckell Jones, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Mark Doyle, Sr Barbara Fogarty rsj, those who have died in war and other tragedies, Marlene Caldwell, Muriel Thomson, (*Anniversaries*)

Dec 9—10 Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. (*Mass*)

Mass Temora 10.00 a.m.

Liturgy Ardlethan 9.00 a.m. Borellan 10.00 a.m.

Reflection

Come, Lord Jesus. The prophet Isaiah implored God to tear the heavens open and come down to save the people. God, however, did not come among us in such a dramatic way but in the humble form of Jesus of Nazareth. God continues to enter our lives in unexpected ways. If we are watchful for the presence of Christ in each day, we will recognise him when he comes in glory.

Welcome

Fr Alex Osborne who will be with us during the months of December and January while Fr Sijo is on extended leave.

Hope

*Soft as the voice of an angel,
Breathing a lesson unheard,
Hope with a gentle persuasion
Whispers her comforting word:
Wait till the darkness is over,
Wait till the tempest is done,
Hope for the sunshine tomorrow
After the shower is gone.
Whispering hope, oh,
how welcome thy voice,
Making my heart in its
sorrow rejoice.*

Septimus Winner

Thank you for
setting up the
Church space for
Advent as well as
everything else you
continue to do
behind the scenes.
May God bless you.

Advent Wreath Blessing

Advent...a time of waiting, a time of hope. This waiting time gives us the chance to think about our relationships, our commitments, our challenges and how we can make room for God, so that we can be people of hope.

Candle of Hope 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 tragedies and hope for continued ceasefires in war... 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.

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.

We do not proclaim the Gloria during Advent.

Christmas Liturgy Times

Ardlethan—9.00 a.m. 24 December

Ariah Park —6.00 p.m. 24 December

Borellan—7.00 p.m. 24 December

Roundtable Invitation—*for your information*

Theme: ***Enriching the Domestic Church:***

Celebrating the Gift of our Families

Join others from across the Archdiocese for a time of prayerful dialogue in the spirit of synodality on the topic of celebrating the gift of our families in the life of our Church for our second 'Roundtable'.

This Roundtable will provide a forum for discernment and discussion on the challenges and hopes experienced throughout our families as well as those engaged in marriage, family and relationships ministry.

This discernment and discussion will be essential in developing a foundation for our Archdiocesan Assembly (2024)

All involved in marriage, family and relationship ministry are welcome.

Thursday 7th December 2023 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm

In-Person (St Christopher's Pastoral Centre) + Online (Zoom)

"Although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of the overcoming of it."

Helen Keller

Roster: 10 December

Leader: Andrina

Reader: John

Minister: Bruce

