

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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

For our Deceased: Neville, Popple, John Enoch Richens, Monica Mills, Margaret Quade, Joan Howe, *(anniversaries)*

January 9—10

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

They Offered Him Gifts. For some Christians the feast of Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today's Gospel and offering gifts to Jesus, we can ask: *what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today?* We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need.

Thank You

So typical of you, the church and grounds were prepared sparkling well for Christmas, thanks to your generous sharing of your time and talents. May our good God surround you with gifts that are just right for you. Thank you ever so much.



Golden Jubilee

During the year **Sr Mary Murphy rsj** will be celebrating fifty years of profession as a Sister of St Joseph. We join in congratulating Sr Mary and thank her for sharing some of those years with us in the Ardlethan/Ariah Park Parish.

Anniversary

Next Sunday **10 January** Sr Sijo will celebrate the anniversary of his Ordination. Our prayer for you; *Fr Sijo may you experience ever more deeply the love and fidelity of our God as you celebrate your anniversary.* Thank you for your ministry with us.

A Prayer for Families

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the centre of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

As We Enter the New Year *Letting Go and Welcoming*

Each new year extends an invitation to re-enter the process of transformation, for self and for our world. We stand at the threshold, looking back and looking ahead. This valuable process involves a deliberate letting go of the past and an intentional welcoming of future possibilities. We will make choices and decisions in the coming year that will create our reality. We live on a wounded planet and share life in a world of suffering humanity. But we do not despair. Our Creator God continues to awaken us. We have what we need to bring peace within ourselves and our world.

Pause to reflect on what you might need to let go of from the past year.

Look toward this year by asking "What is it I want to welcome?"

Creator God, from long ago people have sought your light to guide their way. As the new year opens, may we let go of what keeps us from growing in union with you and all creation, so that we may open ourselves to be transformed by your love. Amen.

Jubilee Celebrations

The coming days of January will be happy days for the Sisters of St Joseph who celebrate the anniversary of their profession. You might like to share the joy of Sr Andrew Browne rsj who celebrates her Platinum Jubilee (*70 Years*), Srs Mary Murphy, Kerrie Cusack and Karen Muir who will celebrate their Golden Jubilee (*50 years*). Of course there are many other Jubilarians; let us rejoice and give thanks to God for the many graces that have come our way through their years of generous service and dedication.

*The Magi had one only star to follow,
a single sanctuary lamp hung low,
gold ornament in the astonished air.
I am confounded in this latter day:
I find stars everywhere.*

Jessica Powers, **Songs out of Silence**



Crib,

For those who can remain after Mass to put the Crib away, your assistance would be appreciated.

Roster 10 January

Leader: Sr Maureen

Reader: Andrina

Minister: John

Welcomer: Sr Maureen