

**TEMORA MISSION AREA**

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

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**In our Prayers:** Colleen Stout, Frances Vince, Jim Bonny, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldwell, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

**For our Deceased:** Muriel Thomson, Recently deceased, those who have died tragically; Marlene Caldwell (*anniversary*)

← - - - - - December 10—11 Aria Park 6.00 p.m. Mass →

Mass Temora 10.00 a.m.

Liturgy Ardlethan 9.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.

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**Reflection**

**God's Kingdom is near.** John the Baptist urged the people to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom by repenting of their sins. Their Baptism by John in the Jordan River was an important ritual act of sorrow. But they also had to express their sorrow by reforming their lives. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and right living are excellent means through which we can prepare for the feast of Christmas.

*We do not proclaim the Gloria during Advent*

**Advent Wreath**

The **second candle** to be lit is the **Candle of Peace**.

We light the second candle and listen for the word of peace.

We listen for stories where people stop hurting each other and start helping, for words of peace from leaders, that they may unite people and give them hope.

We listen for ways to take care of our environment and bring hope for the future of our planet. We remember that Christ is the Prince of Peace.

We light the second candle for the peace that sings in our hearts, that God's reign is near.

**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*

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**Feastday of Mary**

As we celebrate the feast on Thursday of the **Immaculate Conception of Mary** let us pray that Mary will intercede for us as we strive to live our call to be faithful and committed followers of her Son, Jesus.

**Old Cathedral, Goulburn**

On Wednesday many gathered for the blessing and re-opening Mass, at the restored Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral, Goulburn. *"Famed as the world's only church constructed of "greenstone", Archbishop Prowse noted that the word "beautiful" was the one most used to describe the "magnificent restoration". "May this place and its surrounds become a beautiful pilgrimage centre that attracts pilgrims to Goulburn from far and wide," he said. Parish priest Fr Joshy Kurien said his heart was filled with a "profound sense of gratitude" to the many who had contributed to what others have referred to as a "miracle restoration". "Today marks an exciting day in the continuing story of this historic church...[that has] housed the faithful for over 150 years."*

**Daily Voice**, 30 November 2022

**Declaration of Human Rights**

"The 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights will be celebrated on 10 December 2023. Ahead of this milestone, starting on this year's Human Rights Day on 10 December, a year-long campaign will be launched to showcase the UDHR by focusing on its legacy, relevance and activism. In the decades since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948, human rights have become more recognised and more guaranteed across the globe. It has since served as the foundation for an expanding system of human rights protection that today focuses also on vulnerable groups such as persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and migrants."

*Let us pray that the dignity of all people be upheld and recognised.*

**Reflection**

*"John speaks of the truth of God. God is near. God is coming. Is my life open to receive God or not?"*

**Mary Coloe pbvm**

**Roster December 11**

Leader: Suzanne

Reader: Andrina

Minister: Ian