

5 January, Epiphany A

## TEMORA MISSION AREA

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**In our Prayers:** Tracey Passlow, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel, Maxine Keshan,

**For our Deceased:** Margaret Quade, Joan Howe, Deceased firefighters, fire victims, family and community members.

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**January 11—12** Aria 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.

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### 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.

### Christmas Mass

Thank you for the many ways you contributed to the happy celebration of our Christmas Mass; the involvement of so many ensured that our Christmas liturgy was celebrated meaningfully and well. Thank you also to those who cleaned and prepared the church and grounds prior to Christmas.

Thank you to the Lucas Family for setting the Cross in the church grounds.

### Archbishop’s Christmas Appeal

Thank you for your generous response to the Archbishop’s Appeal. Your “support will continue for the ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal and its work in bringing hope and opportunity to those in need in Zimbabwe, South Sudan, Jordan, Sri Lanka and Tonga. Contributions will be made to support Diocesan projects locally, within Wilcannia Forbes Diocese and globally, within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria.

Other international endeavours will include support towards: enabling the rebuilding of houses in the flood affected communities of Kozhikode and Malappuram within Thamarassery Diocese, India; Projects focused on helping the poor within the La Salette Matha Province in India; And further student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem University in the Holy

Land. Assistance will also be given to Bush Fire affected Dioceses in Northern NSW towards their recovery endeavours.”

### Jubilee Celebrations

The coming days of January will be happy days for the Sisters of St Joseph who celebrate the anniversary of their profession. For some it will be a special day of celebration as memories are shared as they rejoice in God’s faithfulness to them over many years. You might like to share the joy of **Sr Beatrice Boller** rsj who celebrates her Tourmaline Jubilee (*75 years*); and **Sr Andre Guthrie** rsj, Platinum Jubilee (*70 Years*), **Sr Colleen Clear** rsj, **Sr Annette Lickley** rsj, Diamond Jubilee (*60 years*) and **Sr Carmel Pilcher** rsj who, with other jubilarians will celebrate her Golden Jubilee (*50 years*) in a special Mass and luncheon at Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, North Sydney on Monday. Of course there were 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.

### Diamond Wedding

We congratulate Leo and Edna Griffin as they celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary at this time. We pray that they will continue to grow in love as they give thanks for their sixty years of loving and living. May God bless you Leo and Edna today and always.

### Anniversary

Next Friday **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.

### House Blessing

As we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany you might like to take the opportunity to bless your home. Doing it on the feast of the “Epiphany marks the occasion of a time-honoured Christian tradition of “chalking the doors.” The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2020 — is simple: take chalk of any colour and write the following above the entrance of your home: 20 + C + M + B + 20. (*No need for the actual chalking – information provided for your interest!*) The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, Christus mansionem benedicat: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “20” at the end mark the year.

### Prayer to bless our Home:

*Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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