

6 January, Epiphany, Year C

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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

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For our Deceased: Marie Golden, Family, friends, parishioners and community members.



January 12—13 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.



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.

Archbishop’s Christmas Appeal 2018.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Archbishop’s Christmas Appeal for 2018. Over \$300.00 was raised in our Ardlethan community.

52nd World Day of Peace, 1 January, 2019

The theme that Pope Francis chose is, *Good politics is at the service of peace. Peace be to this house!* In sending his disciples forth on mission, Jesus told them: “Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you” (Lk 10:5-6). Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ’s disciples. That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history. The “house” of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity and history. It is first and foremost each individual person, without distinction or discrimination. But it is also our “common home”: the world in which God has placed us and which we are called to care for and cultivate. So let this be my greeting at the beginning of the New Year: “Peace be to this house!” **Pope Francis**

Guiding Star

Matthew 2: 1-2

Like the wise ones who sought the Christ Child,
I have trekked for eons in the aimless dark
Moving by faith within my inner landscapes
Without a detailed map, and full of questions.
In spite of all that seems void and doubtful,
My seeking of you has never been halted.
When the searching path to you grows faint
You appear as my trusted Guiding Star,
A beacon of hope beckoning me onward,
Manifesting your presence in surprising ways.

I walk by the Guiding Star of faith.

Joyce Rupp, **Fragments of Your Ancient Name**, January 8

Christmas Crib

As we will celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Jesus next Sunday it would be appropriate to pack up the crib this weekend. Thank you in anticipation to those who will be able to assist after Mass with this task.

Jubilee Celebrations

The recent days 4/5/6 January were happy days for the Sisters of St Joseph who celebrated the anniversary of their profession. For some it truly was a day of celebration as memories were shared and as they rejoiced in God’s faithfulness to them over many years. You might like to share the joy of **Sr Paulinus Croker** rsj who celebrated her Tourmaline Jubilee (*75 years*); and **Sr Christine Keogh** rsj, Platinum Jubilee (*70 Years*). **Sr Mary O’Dea** rsj celebrated her Golden Jubilee in a special Mass and luncheon at St Joseph’s Centre for Reflective Living at Baulkham Hills on Friday. 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.

*“Follow the bright star of Jesus. Have courage,
because the light of Jesus can overcome the darkest darkness.”*

Pope Francis

Let us imitate the Magi: Looking Upwards, Setting Out, and freely offering our gifts.

Pope Francis

*And suddenly you know: It’s time to start something new and trust
the magic of beginnings.*

Meister Eckhart

What does it mean to me that Jesus has been born into the world?

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