

**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:** Recently deceased, those who have died tragically and from Covid 19; Marlene Caldwell (*anniversary*)



<b>December 12—13</b>	Ariah Park <b>6.00 p.m. Sat Mass</b>
<b>Mass</b>	Barmedman 8.00 a.m. Temora 10.00 a.m. Sunday
<b>Liturgy</b>	Ardlethan <b>9.00 a.m.</b> Barellan 10.00 a.m.



**Reflection**

**Prepare a Way for the Lord.** Engulfed by many chores in the lead-up to Christmas, we can fail to hear a voice that cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord. Let us resolve to include some time to pray, to reflect on the Gospel stories of Jesus’ birth, and to seek reconciliation with God and others, in our Christmas preparations.

*We do not proclaim the Gloria during Advent*

**Advent Wreath**

The first candle lit is the **Prophet’s Candle**, which reminds us of the Old Testament Prophecies about the coming of the Messiah. This candle also reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the world.



The second candle to be lit is the **Bethlehem Candle** and it serves to remind us of the birthplace of the Messiah.

**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.*

**School Christmas Service**

On Friday we will be welcoming students from our local school for the annual Christmas service. As in previous years it would be meaningful for the children to see the crib. For those of you who have time to set up the crib after Mass today, your assistance would be appreciated.

**Prayers for Linda**

If you would like to join in the novena for the healing of Linda a leaflet is available for your collection. May we continue to pray for Linda, Phil, John, Brenda and family as they live through this time of healing and recovery of Linda.

**Prayer for Harvest**

*As we give thanks for the successful harvest season may we continue to commend it to the care of our God:*

God of the heavens and earth, we thank you for the richness of harvest time and for food. May the fruitfulness of this time make us thankful for your constant love and care for us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Christmas Mass times**

Temora	Vigil, 6.00 p.m.— <i>outdoor</i>
Ardlethan	<b>8.00 a.m.</b>
Barellan	10.00 a.m.
Temora	5.00 p.m.

**Rite of Reconciliation**

Temora Wednesday 16th December **6.30 p.m.**

**Archdiocesan Protection Code of Conduct & Acknowledgement**

It is a requirement that any volunteer in the parish submit a signed Acknowledgment of the Archdiocesan Child Protection Code of Conduct. In addition, if you also work directly with children (*acolyte, catechist*) you must also have a Working with Children Clearance (*WWCC*). These documents are to protect you, as a volunteer, and ensures the parish is upholding legislation. Thank you to those who have signed the form. More forms are available.

**Caritas Australia - Global Gift Cards**

Once again, Caritas Australia has gift cards that can be used for Christmas gifts. Information is available on the poster on the notice board. **To order:** online at [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au) and by phone: 1800 024 413

**An Advent Reflection, Wilderness**

“These days of Advent are meant to be about getting ready. John the Baptist did this by going out into the wilderness. He knew that the desert would help to focus his mind. We are asked to find our own equivalent of the wilderness, to prepare the way, to be ready for the times when the God of surprises knocks on the door of our heart. This may simply involved an inner attitude of openness to whatever comes, however unexpected that might be..

*God takes everyone God loves through a desert ...*

*The best gift of the desert is God’s presence.” Paul E Miller*

Adapted from **A Daily Cuppa with Mary and Julian** by Sue and Leo Kane

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