7January, Epiphany Year B

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

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In our Prayers: Fr Francis Carroll, Reckell Jones, Barry Carroll, Neville Caldow, Kashaya Kuemmel,

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

January 13-14Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Sat MassMassBarmedman 8.00 a.m. Temora 10.00 a.m. SundayLiturgyArdlethan 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.



Anniversary

On **10 January** Sr Sijo will celebrate the anniversary of his Ordination. We pray for him; *Fr Sijo may you experience ever more deeply the love and fidelity of our God as you celebrate your anniversary.*

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 as we start a new 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?"

We pray, 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.

Stamp collection

"On behalf of Mary MacKillop Today, I thank you for your generous support in supplying and assisting with used stamps. We've had another wonderful year, raising approximately \$33,600. A great effort from many, many people! From 2001 till now the total raised is \$519,650. There was great excitement as we exceeded the half of a million dollars! Well done all! It is through your efforts that the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop continues in Peru today, *Sr Helen Saunders* for Sisters of St Joseph. "*Empowering youth in rural Peru* Thanks to your support, young people in rural areas of Moquegua are developing skills to grow their entrepreneurial spirit to help drive change in their communities. The project works with students, whilst providing training for teachers and information for parents to support students in their learning."

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 Sister Paulinus Croker who will celebrate her Tanzanite Jubilee (80 years) Sisters Carmel Clear, Julie Connolly and Janet Glass are among the Sisters celebrating their Diamond Jubilee. 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.

What is the star you are following now? And where is that star in its present radiance in your life leading you?



Crib, Thank you to those who can remain after Mass to put the Crib away, your assistance is appreciated.

Roster 14 January

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