

8th December, 2024, Second Sunday of Advent / C

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For our Deceased: Carmel Carroll, Neil Thomson, Deceased Family, Friends, Victims of war, violence, accidents and natural disasters

December 14-15

Arian Park 6.00 p.m. *Liturgy*

Mass

Temora 10.00 a.m.

Liturgy

Ardlethan **8.00 a.m.** Barellan 10.00 a.m.

Reflection -

‘Prepare a Way for the Lord. The season of Advent is a time in which we prepare for the Lord’s coming. We prepare for the feast of Christmas which commemorates his first coming as a child in Bethlehem. And we prepare also for his final coming in glory. We do this by heeding John the Baptist's call to repentance, and by striving for ‘peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness’.

Advent Wreath Prayer—Second Week

ALL: *Loving God,*

Source of all hope and love,

you call us to be your people united in faith.

We thank you for this wreath, the evergreen sign of your faithful love.

As we light the candle(s) on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring joy to our hearts.

Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding faith.

Help us share that faith with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.



We light the **second candle** today that represents **Faith**.

Second Week of Advent - Slow Steps to Christmas

The Stable and the Crib

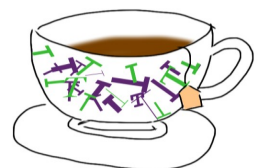
As you can see in our church we have the setting for the Crib in the stable. The crib was begun by St Francis of Assisi in 1223. The first nativity scene presentation proved to be so popular that people in other areas soon set up living nativities to celebrate Christmas. Eventually, Christians worldwide celebrated Christmas by visiting living nativity scenes and praying at nativity scenes made of statues in their town squares, churches and homes. People also added more figures to their nativity scenes than Francis was able to feature in his original, live presentation. In addition to the baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, a donkey, and an ox, later nativity scenes featured angels, shepherds, sheep, camels, and the three kings who travelled to present gifts to the infant Jesus and his parents.



Prayer (The Collect of Second Sunday of Advent, Year C)

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavens wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reminder: Morning tea to **Farewell Fr Sijo** after mass next **Sunday** please bring something to share.



Reminder: Community Christmas Eve Service - we will have a service at **7pm, December 24th**. All community members are welcome please pass this message on. We will designate jobs closer to the date.

Roster Dec 15th

Leader:

Reader: Tracey

Ex. Minister :