9 December, 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year C

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In our Prayers: Elaine Barry, Ray Fairman, Mari Popple and Andrew Dance, Fr Francis Carroll,

For our Deceased: Nan Shaw, Betty Hewett, Barry Hogan, Meg Thomas, Nikki O'Brien, Ruth Mooney,

December 15—16 Ariah Park 6 .00 p.m. Sat Liturgy
Mass Temora 6.00 p.m. Saturday
Mass 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 - For Second Week of Advent
Father when we pray we expect you will give us everything we ask for, but sometimes we do not get what we want. Many expected Jesus would have a royal birth but instead he was born in an old stable. Help us to understand that following Jesus is often difficult and not what we expect, Amen. *Today we light the second Advent candle – the candle of Faith.*

Family Sunday
On Sunday 16 December families of children in our local school who were part of the Sacramental program this year have been invited to celebrate Eucharist with us. The children and other young parishioners will be involved in the liturgy on that Sunday.

Communal Rite of Reconciliation
At Mass on Sunday 16 December Fr Sijo will celebrate the second rite of reconciliation.

Church Cleaning
Thank you John and Brenda for vacuuming the church during the week.
Thank you to Andrina who attends to the church washing so faithfully during the year. For those who can reman after the liturgy today we will set up the crib in readiness for Family Sunday. On 23 December we will do another church cleaning, mainly dusting and setting up for Christmas. It would be appreciated if there are parishioners who could bring in some fresh flowers to add beauty to our church for Christmas.

Message from 'Fr Frank'
During the week I visited Fr Frank in Loreto Home of Compassion, Wagga. He looks very well even though his mobility is poor. He was grateful for the visit of Bev and Bill recently. He sends his love and best wishes to you. I assured him of your prayers and care.
Sr Maureen

Advent Group
You're invited to an Advent reflection morning at 24 Warri Street on Friday 14 December starting at 9.30 a.m.

"The Lord is born, the Redeemer who has come to save us. Yes, it is a celebration… [but] we always face the danger, we will always have within us the temptation to make Christmas mundane, worldly… When the celebration stops being about contemplation—a beautiful family celebration with Jesus at the centre—it begins to be a worldly celebration: all about shopping, presents, this and that… and the Lord remains there, forgotten. Even in our own life: yes, He is born, at Bethlehem, but [then what?]… Advent is [a time] for purifying the memory of this time past, of that dimension." … "Because the Lord who came then will return! He will return! He will return to ask us: *"How did your life go?"* It will be a personal encounter.
Pope Francis

'As we prepare for Christmas, let us welcome a holy space within our hearts and families that allows Jesus to enter. And, in welcoming him, let us allow ourselves to become more open and welcoming of others.'
Fr Brian F. McCoy SJ

Christmas Mass Times
Ardlethan—8.00 a.m.
Ariah Park—10.00 a.m.

Roster: 16 December	Acolyte: Bruce	Reader: Zach and TBA
Minister: Andrina	Gifts: TBA	Welcomer: Lucas Family