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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Wiradjuri peoples, Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We pay our respects to the elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture, and hopes of this land. We acknowledge that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations and we celebrate their continuing contribution to the life of our town and of this region. We also extend our respect to all Aboriginal peoples living in our community.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023

**A DWELLING PLACE FOR GOD. KING DAVID WANTED TO BUILD A FINE TEMPLE IN WHICH GOD WOULD DWELL AMONG THE PEOPLE. BUT GOD DID NOT CHOOSE A BUILDING MADE OF STONES AND MORTAR FOR A DWELLING PLACE BUT THE WOMB OF THE VIRGIN MARY. GOD CONTINUES TO DWELL AMONG US IN MARY'S SON, JESUS CHRIST, WHOSE BODY IS THE CHURCH. LET US PRAY FOR A DEEPENING OF FAITH THIS CHRISTMAS THAT WE, LIKE MARY, MAY CONTINUE TO GIVE CHRIST TO THE WORLD.**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent** – On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we celebrate God's faithfulness in sending Jesus, and we remember that faithfulness as we look forward to Christ's second coming.

O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light all candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.

May He come quickly and not delay.

**Fr Alex's Christmas Message** - In Christmas time we see God come down as one of us. Why does God do this? He could have written his name in the stars, or he could have had angels tell us everything we need to know. Instead God chooses to reveal himself to us by making himself one of us, so that we might be able to know him the same way we know each other. We see in Jesus, not only God, but a man, a brother, a friend, a leader. We see God not as an abstract force, but we see his human face. Knowing the human face of God, we can also see the work of God in ourselves and each other. We see the closeness and the presence of God when we turn to him in prayer, when we are faithful to his word, when we do his will in the world and most importantly of all when we receive him in the Mass. This Christmas let us thank God for the gifts he has given us, especially the gift of himself, and let us pray that we will know him more fully and that we might recognise his presence among us. Merry Christmas. Fr Alex

**Archbishop's Christmas Message** – Copies of Archbishop Christopher's Christmas Message are available at the back of the church.

**Archbishop's Christmas Appeal** – The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for 2023 is conducted at all Christmas Masses throughout the Archdiocese and will again have the funds raised split. Contributions will be made to the ecumenical Christmas Bowl Appeal in their life saving assistance to refugees and the Ukrainian Catholic Church who are assisting people with evacuation, food and shelter.

## MASS TIMES

TUESDAY:	Mass	5.00pm
WEDNESDAY:	Mass	10.00am
THURSDAY:	Mass	10.00am
FRIDAY:	Mass	10.00am
SATURDAY:	Mass	10.00am Reconciliation - 10.20am
30 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass	6.00pm – TEMORA
SUNDAY:		
31 <sup>st</sup> December	No Mass	

## MEETINGS

### 10.00AM MASS SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023

ACOLYTE:	J Drumore	READER: P White
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:	L Gilchrist	ROSARY: A Letson
ALTAR SERVERS:	G & H Drumore	MUSIC: C Glasgow
OFFERTORY PROCESSION:	P Connolly & V Bent	

### 9.00AM MASS CHRISTMAS DAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:	Sr M O'Dea	READER: A Letson
		MUSIC: C Drumore

### 6.00PM MASS SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023

ACOLYTE:	J Morton	READER: J Drum
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:	G Morton	ROSARY: M Bremer
ALTAR SERVERS:	B Krause & J Collins	MUSIC: C Glasgow
OFFERTORY PROCESSION:	C & A McCrone	
PLANNED GIVING COUNTERS:	24 <sup>th</sup> – M & C Tucker	30 <sup>th</sup> – M & J O'Callaghan
CHURCH CLEANING:	24 <sup>th</sup> – J Drum's Team	5 <sup>th</sup> – G Gaynor's Team

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS PLEASE FIND OWN REPLACEMENT

First Collection for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 **\$233.00**. Second Collection for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 **\$612.20**.

**New Smart Terminal** – Our Tap and Go Machine has been replaced with a new Smart Terminal at the back of the church. Payments are made the same way as you do on the Tap and Go Machine except that now there are four payment options - \$5, \$10, \$20 or you can choose your own amount. Payments are distributed using the same process as the Tap and Go Machine – 30% of your payment will go to Clergy (1<sup>st</sup> collection) and 70% to our Parish (2<sup>nd</sup> collection). Thank you for your generous contributions.

**Baptisms** – We congratulate the families of Finley Jayawardene and Chelsea Turner who were recently baptised.

## Temora Mission Christmas Masses & Liturgies

### Christmas Eve Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

Ardlethan (Liturgy) – 9.00am

Ariah Park (Liturgy) – 6.00pm

Temora (Mass in the Park) – 6.30pm

Barellan (Liturgy) – 7.00pm

### Christmas Day Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December

Temora (Mass) – 9.00am



**Parish Safeguarding Commitment** – Sacred Heart Parish Temora is committed to safeguarding and upholding the rights of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing Fr Sijo at the parish office at [temora@cg.org.au](mailto:temora@cg.org.au) or phoning the office on 02-69772104. Parishioners are also welcome to contact Maria Hicks, Manager for the Archdiocesan Institute for Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) at [ipss@cg.org.au](mailto:ipss@cg.org.au) or phoning 02-62399806.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Brian Williamson  
Joy Cronin  
Chris Morton  
Janelle Bland  
Beryl Muir  
Jim Clancy  
Cliff Cook  
Allan Pinney  
Pat Morton  
Michael Brady  
Carly Ison  
Mavis Murphy  
Rita Martin  
Arch Francis Carroll  
Noel Rigney-Johnson  
Kathy Norman  
Dillon Wells  
Lisa Skrypzcak

Could you please contact the presbytery if you are aware of any changes to our sick list.

## MASSES OFFERED:

Joan Preston  
Christopher Hingerty  
Harold & Maryann Grief  
Irene Cullen  
Dot Cooke  
Relatives & Friends of  
Marge Bremer

## DECEASED:

Wendy McClelland  
Aileen McMullen

## ANNIVERSARIES

Francis Corbett  
Joy Ryan  
Vera McCormack  
Kevin Wallace  
John Periera  
John Hanlon  
Sarah Corby  
Peter McNuff  
Mary McGrath  
Ted Sweeney  
Reba Hill  
John Ducker  
Roy Curran  
Joy O'Brien  
Alexis Walderman  
Joan Cassidy