



TEMORA SACRED HEART MISSION

INCORPORATING THE PARISHES OF TEMORA/BARMEDMAN,
ARDLETHAN/ARIAH PARK & BARELLAN/BINYA

PARISH PRIEST – Fr Sijo Jose

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH YEAR B 31ST DECEMBER 2023

‘SEE THIS CHILD!’ MANY PARENTS HAVE LOOKED AT THEIR NEWBORN CHILD AND WONDERED: WHAT WILL THIS CHILD TURN OUT TO BE? PARENTING IS ALWAYS A JOURNEY IN FAITH IN WHICH THERE WILL BE OCCASIONS OF JOY, AND ALSO TIMES OF PAIN, AS ABRAHAM AND SARAH, AND MARY AND JOSEPH, DISCOVERED. ON THIS FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, LET US PRAY FOR ALL FAMILIES.



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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.

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.

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



MASS TIMES

MONDAY:	Mass	10.00am – New Year’s Day
TUESDAY:	Mass	5.00pm
WEDNESDAY:	Mass	10.00am
THURSDAY:	Mass	10.00am
FRIDAY:	Mass	10.00am Mass Greenstone Lodge – 2.30pm
SATURDAY:	Mass	10.00am Reconciliation - 10.20am
6 th January	Mass	6.00pm – TEMORA
SUNDAY:		
7 th January	Mass	8.00am – ARDLETHAN , 10.00am - BARELLAN

MEETINGS

6.00PM MASS SATURDAY 30TH 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		

6.00PM MASS SATURDAY 6TH JANUARY 2024

ACOLYTE:	P George	READER:	A Sleigh
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:	G Holland	ROSARY:	P Connolly
ALTAR SERVERS:	G & H Drumore	MUSIC:	C Drumore
OFFERTORY PROCESSION:	Tadeje Family		
PLANNED GIVING COUNTERS:	30 th – M & J O’Callaghan	6 th – G & A Wood	
CHURCH CLEANING:	7 th – G Gaynor’s Team	21 st – H Britton’s Team	

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS PLEASE FIND OWN REPLACEMENT

First Collection for Sunday 24th December 2023 **\$62.00**. Second Collection for Sunday 24th December 2023 **\$791.85**.

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 (1st collection) and 70% to our Parish (2nd collection). Thank you for your generous contributions.

As We Enter the New Year- 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.

Parish Office Closure – The parish office will be closed from Wednesday 3rd January – Friday 12th January. All bulletin inserts needing to be published during the closure period should be submitted by Tuesday 2nd January.

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 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 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 Skrypzack

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

MASSES OFFERED:

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

DECEASED:

Wendy McClelland
Aileen McMullen

ANNIVERSARIES

Della Bland
Mavis Callaghan
Jim Field
Jarred Martin
Margaret Mahon
Graham Krause
Marie McAuley
Liz Walker
Gladys Green
Cooper Simpkin