

TEMORA SACRED HEART MISSION

INCORPORATING THE PARISHES OF TEMORA/BARMEDMAN,
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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 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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR B 7TH JANUARY 2024

THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS. FOR SOME CHRISTIANS THE FEAST OF THE 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.



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.

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

Temora Christian Men's Group – Will be having a special meeting on Saturday 20th January 2024 at 9am in the Bundawarrah Centre, Temora Rural Museum. The meeting is to discuss dates and events for 2024. All members are asked to attend.

MASS TIMES

Mass 5.00pm TUESDAY: 10.00am WEDNESDAY: Mass THURSDAY: Mass 10.00am FRIDAY: Mass 10.00am

10.00am Reconciliation - 10.20am SATURDAY: Mass

13th January 6.00pm - ARIAH PARK Mass

SUNDAY:

14th January 10.00am - **TEMORA** Mass

MEETINGS

6.00PM MASS SATURDAY 6TH JANUARY 2024

READER: A Sleigh ACOLYTE: P George PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: **G** Holland **ROSARY:** P Connolly **ALTAR SERVERS:** G & H Drumore MUSIC: C Drumore OFFERTORY PROCESSION:

Tadeje Family

10.00AM MASS SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY 2024

READER: P George P Bleyer ACOLYTE: ROSARY: M Flakelar PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: M Sleigh

J Nguyen & J Collins ALTAR SERVERS: MUSIC: Colin, Sharron, Renae

OFFERTORY PROCESSION: C Collins & G Holland

PLANNED GIVING COUNTERS: 6th - G & A Wood 14th - R Coleman & J Goode **CHURCH CLEANING:** 7th – G Gaynor's Team 21st - H Britton's Team

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS PLEASE FIND OWN REPLACEMENT

First Collection for Sunday 31st December 2023 \$295.50. Second Collection for Sunday 31st December 2023 1,338.50.

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.

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:

Frank Gaynor Joan Preston

DECEASED:

Wendy McClelland Aileen McMullen

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael McCrone Harrison Rayner George Murphy Frank Gaynor **Betty Wallace** Rene Harding David Weir Les Weise Gerard Gaynor Mervyn Pike Cec Lynch Norah Flynn **Boyce Brayshaw** Mick Richens Ted Reardon Kethel O'Keeffe Thora Baldwin William Cooney Ron Schulz Frederick Lehane