

11th January, 2026, Baptism of the Lord (Feast) /A

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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St Therese Barellan

In our Prayers: Lee Jackson, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldwell.

For our Deceased: Morgan Cumming, Deceased Family, Friends, Bondi Beach victims, Victims of war, violence, accidents & natural disasters.

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January 17-18

Aria Park 6.00 p.m. *Liturgy Sat*

Mass

Temora 6pm. Saturday 5pm. Sunday

Mass

Ardlethan **8am** Barellan 10am Sunday

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Reflection - *This is my Son, the Beloved.*

Just before he confronts the tempter in the desert, Jesus is baptised in the Jordan. He is revealed as the beloved Son of God, His Baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry, of the time when the role of John the Baptist will decrease and Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God, by word and deed, will increase.

Prayer for the New Year

As we move into 2026, allow Jesus to speak to you:

"If you look for me ..

you won't need a special star -

I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,

I'm right there where you are.

*You may not be aware of me
amid the activities;*

*You'll have to look beyond the stores
and all the decorations.*

*But if you take a moment
from your list of things to do*

And listen to your heart, you'll find



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I'm waiting there for you.

*You're the one I want to be with,
you're the reason that I came,*

*And you'll find me in the stillness
As I'm whispering your name."*

Adapted from: <https://truthbook.com/stories/christmas/if-you-look-for-me-at-christmas>

Memory Jar

You might like to consider the following: *"This January start the year with an empty jar. Each week add a note with a good thing that happened. On New Year's Eve empty the jar and read about the amazing year you had."*

Reflection

In today's Gospel we see Jesus standing with the motley crowd who gathered around John the Baptist on the banks of a part of the Jordan River.

*Today Jesus stands with each and everyone of us, not just in moments of "peace and goodwill" but also in moments of fear, terror, pain and loss.
And that's the only promise Jesus makes namely to be with us
in any and every situation.*

We think of all those who have suffered tragedy and loss and we see the goodness, kindness and care of so many making efforts to be helpful. For me the message of Baptism of Jesus today is that He comes among us, stands with us in this time of tragedy, loss and anxiety for so many.

*Today we bring You, Lord, our body's labour
And we offer our spirit's grief.
Take our pain, our tears,
touch our hopes our fears;
courage and hope we pray to fill our year.*

Christmas Crib

As we will return to Ordinary Time next week it would be appropriate to pack up the crib this weekend. Thank you in anticipation to those who will be able to assist after our Liturgy with this task. Drapes will be changed to green.

Roster 18th Jan

Leader:

Reader: Suzanne

Ex. Minister :

Acknowledgement of Country - With respect, we acknowledge the country, the skies, the waterways and spiritual systems of the Wiradjuri people on whose land we gather. We acknowledge the elders for the passing on of knowledge, language and spiritual connections to country.

Parish Safeguarding Commitment — Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Arian Park 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 Alex Osborne at alex.osborne@cg.org.au. Parishioners are also welcome to contact Maria Hicks, manager for the Archdiocesan Institute for Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) at ipss@cg.org.au or phone 02-62399806.