

14th December, 2025, Third Sunday of Advent/A

## TEMORA MISSION AREA

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### St Therese Barellan

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

**For our Deceased:** Mary Quade, Gloria Tiernan, Deceased Family, Friends,  
Victims of war, violence, accidents & natural disasters.

Dec 20-21

Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. *Liturgy Sat*

Mass

Temora 6pm. Saturday 5pm. Sunday

Mass

Ardlethan **8am** Barellan 10am Sunday

**Reflection** - This 3rd Sunday of Advent, is a time to rejoice. Even as we wait for Jesus, we can find joy in knowing He is near. Isaiah tells us that the desert will bloom and the weak will find strength. James reminds us to be patient and trust in God's timing. Jesus shows that God's promises are being fulfilled through His works.

This Sunday encourages us to stay hopeful. Joy does not come from perfect circumstances but from God's presence among us. We are called to look for signs of His goodness and to wait with faith. Our joy grows as we remember that Jesus brings healing, peace, and new life to the world.

### *We do not proclaim the Gloria during Advent*

**Advent Wreath** - The **third candle**, the pink candle, is the **Candle of Joy**. We light the third candle, yearning for the joy of God that comes to us through the birth of Christ. We remember how Mary sang a song of joy before Jesus was born, of how God was going to make all things new. We sing our own songs of joy, hoping that sadness and mourning will be turned into gladness and dancing. As we gaze upon the candles on the Advent Wreath let us give thanks for the joy we know in Christ Jesus.



## Advent Wreath Prayer— *Loving God,*

*We thank you for the joy you bring us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by helping us see that Christ came for every person we meet wherever we go. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. Amen*

**Reflections on the Gospels for Advent**—this year I have chosen to include them from Susan M. Erschen, Liturgy Brisbane where the focus is on asking ourselves questions:

Mt 11:2-11 — The messengers from John the Baptist

***“Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” (Mt 11:3).***

The question John's disciples ask might remind us of children asking, “Is that the real Santa?” What makes you believe that Jesus is real? Do you recognize that belief as a gift? Have you thanked God for that gift?

***“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Mt 11:4-5).***

Are your eyes open to seeing the miracles around you? Have you received a “miracle” in your life this year? Have you adequately thanked God for it?

The world is still hungry for miracles, but now it is we who must help the blind to see, the lame to walk. Is there a Christmas donation you could give to help someone be healed? Ask God what miracle he is calling you to give this Christmas?



**WORKING BEE—Friday 19th December, at 9am.  
Thank you in advance.**



**CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY COMMUNITY SERVICE 7PM,  
INVITE EVERYONE, SPREAD THE WORD.**



We rejoice with Georgia Beard and Jeremiah Maslin as they proclaim their love for each other next Saturday 20th December, here in our church. May God enrich their marriage with blessings that will nourish and sustain them as they journey more deeply into the Mystery of Living and Loving.

Roster 21st Dec

Leader:

Reader: Linda

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.