

16th November, 2025, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/ C

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In our Prayers: Elly Walton, Gloria Tiernan, Lee Jackson, Robyn Richards,
Neville Caldwell.

For our Deceased: Joan Stevenson, Fum Clark, Deceased Family, Friends,
Victims of war, violence, accidents & natural disasters.

Nov 22-23

Aria Park 6.00 p.m. Sat Mass

Mass

Barmedman 8am. Temora 10am & 5pm Sunday

Liturgy

Ardlethan **9am** Barellan 10am Sunday

Reflection - ‘The end is not so soon.’

Members of the early Church expected the Lord to return in glory very soon. Some people even stopped working in the belief that the end was nigh. St Paul, however urged the members of the community to go on working, quietly earning their food. And in today’s Gospel, Jesus stresses that the end is not so soon. We, His followers, will first have to persevere faithfully through many trials.



The **Memorial Book** is in the foyer for you to add the names of those for whom we will pray during the month of November. There are also mass offering cards if you wish to fill out one of those.

When we grieve the loss of those we love, our faith reassures us that we remain connected, held together in the love of our gracious God. And so our prayers go with them as they journey home to the One whose love embraces us all.

May perpetual light shine upon them and may they rest in peace.

*Remember, those who die go no further from us than God,
and God is very near.” (Anon)*

Embracing the word of God this Advent

Advent is supposed to be a time for joyful waiting, peaceful hope and quiet patience. Too often, however, it is a time of excessive buying, impatient waiting in lines and endless rushing. How do we balance these two extremes — quiet waiting versus crazy rushing? The answer will not be found in some helpful tips column or time-management blog. It is found by going back to the Gospels. Back to the reason for all this celebration in the first place. Back to the story of a divine child born in a humble manger. We can find the peace and joy we seek through *lectio divina*.

Lectio divina means “sacred reading.” This ancient practice, which is gaining renewed popularity, is slow and quiet contemplation of the word of God. As recently as this past September, Pope Francis wrote of the importance of *lectio divina* in his apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis*, in which he declared the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time to be Sunday of the Word of God. He wrote, “We urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures ... otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness” (No. 8).

Pope Francis promised us, “God’s word has the power to open our eyes and to enable us to renounce a stifling and barren individualism and instead to embark on a new path of sharing and solidarity” (No. 13). The season of Advent is a perfect time for us to embark on that new path. Walking softly and gently through Scripture, we will be well prepared to approach the Christmas crib with a renewed appreciation of all that this divine birth should mean in our lives today.

From Liturgy Brisbane By Susan M. Erschen

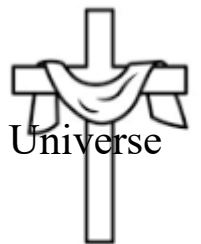
NOVEMBER 30th - Will be on the **5th Sunday** of the month and it is the 1st Week of Advent. Do we wish to have a Liturgy service?

Banner/Drape Colours for the coming weeks:-

23rd November - GOLD or WHITE Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

30th November - VIOLET First Sunday of Advent (Cycle A)/2

7th December - VIOLET Second Sunday of Advent



Roster Nov 23rd

Leader: Linda

Reader: Tracey

Ex. Minister : Paul

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.