

21st December, 2025, Fourth Sunday of Advent/A

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

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

Dec 27-28

Aria Park 6.00 p.m. Sat Mass

Mass

Barmedman 8am. Temora 10am & 5pm Sunday

Liturgy

Ardlethan **9am** Barellan 10am Sunday



Reflection - *A Man of Honour.*

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on Joseph, the husband of Mary, who played such an important role in God's plan of salvation. Joseph was a man of honour who combined respect for the law with compassion for Mary. He was open to hear God's Word to him. He is an example for us all.

Advent Wreath - Today we light the **Angel's** candle, representing the love of the angels who announced the good news. (*purple candle.*)

Today, finally, **all four Advent Candles** will be lit in sequence. The Prophets' candle (Hope), then the Bethlehem candle (Peace), then the Shepherds' candle (Joy) and, finally, the last purple candle will be lit. The **last candle** is the Angels' Candle (Love) and it serves to remind us that the Angels were the heralds of Jesus' birth. Together, all four candles symbolize that Jesus is the Light of the world.



Advent Wreath Prayer

Loving God, We thank you for your gift of love - shown to us perfectly in Jesus Christ Our Lord. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by loving others as Christ loves us. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. Amen

You may like to have a Christmas tree blessing this year, gather everyone around the tree. You can have one person read it aloud, or everyone can say it in unison:



Christmas Tree Blessing Prayer:

“Dear God, You sent Jesus into this world to show us Your love. As we look at this tree, we remember Jesus’ birth and the eternal life He gives us. Bless this tree, and let it remind us of Your Son’s light and love. May the gifts under this tree remind us of the many gifts You have given us. Bless this home and watch over us during this holy season. Amen.”

The Christmas tree is a symbol of rebirth, God’s gift by which He is united forever to humanity. He gives us His life. The lights on the fir tree recall the light of Jesus, the light of love that continues to shine in the world’s nights.

Pope Francis

A message from Sr Maureen,

While we enjoy harmony, peace and security here our hearts are broken by what is happening in so many parts of our troubled world. It is with hope that the Christmas message of peace will touch our leaders so that those crying out for justice, peace, love and protection will have a glimmer of hope.

As we celebrate this wonder-filled feast of Christmas may your heart
*“be refreshed with the joy of the angels,
the peace of the shepherds and
the hope that our Incarnate God instils within us.”*

May many Christmas blessings be yours.

May all that is meaningful, beautiful, and gives you joy
be yours now and throughout the coming year.



Reminder: Community Christmas Eve Service - we will have a service at **7pm, December 24th**. All community members are welcome please pass this message on.



Roster 28th Dec	Leader: Volunteer	Reader: Volunteer
		Ex. Minister : Volunteer

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.