

4th January, 2026, Epiphany of the Lord/A

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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.

Jan 10-11

Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Sat Mass

Mass

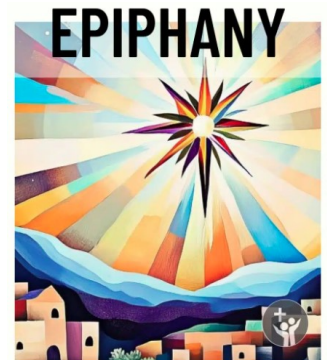
Barmedman 8am. Temora 10am & 5pm Sunday

Liturgy

Ardlethan **9am** Barellan 10am Sunday

Reflection - *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.



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Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

Matthew 2:2

Christmas Eve Liurgy

Thank you for the many ways you contributed to the happy celebration of our Christmas Mass; the involvement of so many ensured that our Christmas liturgy was celebrated meaningfully and well. Thank you also to those who cleaned and prepared the church and grounds prior to Christmas.

Jubilee Celebrations

The coming days of January will be happy days for the Sisters of St Joseph who celebrate the anniversary of their profession. For some it will be a special day of celebration as

memories are shared as they rejoice in God's faithfulness to them over many years. You might like to share in the joy of **Sr Maureen McDermott** rsj who celebrates her Golden Jubilee (50 years), on the 6th January and **Sr Daphne Mills** rsj, Diamond Jubilee (60 years) they along with other jubilarians will celebrate with a special Mass and luncheon on the 9th and 15th January at Mary Mackillop Place. Of course there are many other Jubilarians; let us rejoice and give thanks to God for the many graces that have come our way through their years of generous service and dedication.

House Blessing - As we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany you might like to take the opportunity to bless your home. Doing it on the feast of the "Epiphany marks the occasion of a time-honoured Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2026 — is simple: take chalk of any colour and write the following above the entrance of your home: 20 + C + M + B + 26. (*No need for the actual chalking – information provided for your interest!*) The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "26" at the end mark the year.

Prayer to bless our Home:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

New Year's Blessing

*"For this coming year I wish you:
Love, to see clearly,
Hope, to keep your heart singing,
Peace, to calm and strengthen you, and
Wisdom, to hold those gifts together as a treasure."*



Roster 11th Jan

Leader: Tracey

Reader: Ian

Ex. Minister : Bruce

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.