

7th December, 2025, Second Sunday of Advent/A

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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 13-14

Ariah Park 6.00 p.m. Sat Mass

Mass

Barmedman 8am. Temora 10am & 5pm Sunday

Liturgy

Ardlethan 9am Barellan 10am Sunday

Reflection - *God's Kingdom is near.*

John the Baptist urged the people to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom by repenting of their sins. Their Baptism by John in the Jordan River was an important ritual act of sorrow. But they also had to express their sorrow by reforming their lives. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and right living are excellent means through which we can prepare for the feast of Christmas.

We do not proclaim the Gloria during Advent

Advent Wreath

The **second candle** to be lit is the **Candle of Peace**.

We light the second candle and listen for the word of peace.

We listen for stories where people stop hurting each other and start helping, for words of peace from leaders, that they may unite people and give them hope. We listen for ways to take care of our environment and bring hope for the future of our planet. We remember that Christ is the Prince of Peace. We light the second candle for the peace that sings in our hearts, that God's reign is near.



Advent Wreath Prayer -

Loving God,

Source of all hope and love,

You call us to be your people united in faith.

We thank you for this wreath, the evergreen sign of your faithful love.

As we light the candles on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence

Bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends, and be with all those who are in need this holiday season. 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:

“Prepare the way of the Lord ...” (Mt 3:3).



- Are you spending more time preparing for a spiritual Christmas or a material Christmas? How could you shift the balance a little in favour of the crib rather than the tinsel?

- When your Christmas preparations are more about material things than spiritual things, would it help to get your priorities in order by frequently praying Isaiah’s words, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”



A Question for you:

Which elf was the best singer?

Answer: ELFis Presley

We need to organise a working bee to clean the church before Georgia Beard and Jeremiah Maslins’ wedding on 20th December. Let’s discuss after mass.



Christmas Eve Liturgy Community Service 7pm, invite everyone, spread the word.



Roster 14th Dec

Leader: Suzanne

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.

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