

ADVENT 4 7am and 9am, 20 DECEMBER 2020

WELCOME to St Peter's Church today. I am delighted that we can join together in worship again.

If you are a newcomer or visiting, I especially look forward to meeting you and hope that you feel welcome. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask one of the greeters at the door, or someone in the pew next to you.

A Hearing Loop is available in all of the pews on the left hand side of the church. Toilets are available in the Lower Hall and there is a mobility access toilet in the David Armstrong Room.

Under NSW COVID Health Orders, singing in churches is now permitted by the congregation, though it is recommended and requested that masks be worn by those over the age of 12.

With every blessing in Christ, Tim St Quintin. Rector

SERVICES TODAY

7.00AM	EUCHARIST	
	CELEBRANT & PREACHER	RECTOR
9.00AM	EUCHARIST CELEBRANT & PREACHER	RECTOR
10.30AM	SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S PROGRAM CELEBRANT & PREACHER	RECTOR
	ORGANIST, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	GLENN AMER



NEXT SUNDAY – ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 9.30AM
Please make a note that next Sunday 27 December there will be one service only for all congregations at 9.30am.



We have a COVID-19 Safety Plan and are committed to keeping you safe.

- Please do stay at home if you are at all unwell. Anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms, even if very mild, should get a COVID-19 test as soon as possible. We are not able to admit people who are unwell to the service.
- If you have been in contact with someone who has or suspected of having COVID-19, or have been at a COVID19 hotspot, you must not attend church until you have been cleared of the virus.
- Hand sanitizer is available on entry to the church building and your attendance and contact details will be recorded for tracing purposes. If you have a smartphone, the NSW government also recommends the COVIDSafe app to support contact tracing if required.
- 1.5m physical distancing is required during the service and seating
 positions on the pews have been marked. Please be aware of physical
 distancing before and after the service as well, and as you greet one another.



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Under NSW COVID Health Orders, singing in churches is now permitted by the congregation, though it is recommended and requested that masks be worn by those over the age of 12.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Tune Woodlands 411

The voice of God goes out to all the world; his glory speaks across the universe. yhe great King's herald cries from star to star; 'With power, with justice, he will walk his way.'

The Lord has said, 'Receive my messenger, my promise to the world, my pledge made flesh, a lamp to every nation, light from light': with power, with justice, he will walk his way.

The broken need he will not trample down, nor set his heel upon the dying flame. He binds the wounds, and health is in his hand: with power, with justice, he will walk his way.

Anointed with the Spirit and with power, he comes to crown with comfort all the weak, to show the face of justice to the poor: with power, with justice, he will walk his way.

His touch will bless the eyes that darkness held, the lame shall run, the halting tongue shall sing, and prisoners laugh in light and liberty: with power, with justice, he will walk his way.

The Celebrant greets the people with a welcome.

➡ Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

This child will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

Luke 1:32-33

Let us pray

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

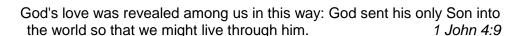
Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

As we light our advent candle **Light of the world, shine on us.**

The Lord of the light comes to save us.

Let us live in his light.



No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13

Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. Love your neighbour as yourself."

Matthew 22:39

We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19



THE CONFESSION

Senior Server

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Silence

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God,

our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:

₱ pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT FOR ADVENT

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and now put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, raise up your power and come among us, and with great might succour us, that, whereas through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please sit

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Samuel 7:1-16

After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² he said to Nathan the prophet, 'Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.' ³ Nathan replied to the king, 'Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you.' 4 But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying: 5 'Go and tell my servant David, "This is what the LORD says: are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? ⁶I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" 8 'Now then, tell my servant David, "This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. 9 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. ¹⁰ And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people shall not oppress them any more, as they did at the beginning ¹¹ and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. "The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: 12 when your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. 14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. When he does wrong. I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. 15 But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 Your house and your kingdom shall endure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever."

Hear the Word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

PSALM 89:1-4, 19-27

- I will sing of the LORD's great love for ever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.
- I will declare that your love stands firm for ever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.
- You said, 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant,
- "I will establish your line for ever and make your throne firm through all generations."
- Once you spoke in a vision,
 to your faithful people you said:
 'I have bestowed strength on a warrior;
 I have raised up a young man from among the people.
- I have found David my servant; with my sacred oil I have anointed him.
- My hand will sustain him; surely my arm will strengthen him.
- The enemy will not get the better of him; the wicked will not oppress him.
- I will crush his foes before him and strike down his adversaries.
- My faithful love will be with him, and through my name his horn will be exalted.
- I will set his hand over the sea, his right hand over the rivers.
- He will call out to me, "You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Saviour."
- And I will appoint him to be my firstborn, the most exalted of the kings of the earth.

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of Romans 16:25-27

 25 Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, 26 but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith $-^{27}$ to the only wise God be glory for ever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Hear the Word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 1:26-38 **▼ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants for ever; his kingdom will never end.' 34 'How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, 'since I am a virgin?' 35 The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.' ³⁸ 'I am the Lord's servant.' Mary answered, 'May your word to me be fulfilled,' Then the angel left her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord, Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

Saviour of the nations, come, known as Virgin Mary's son. God amazes all the earth by the wonder of your birth.

No man's seed, no human plan made the Word of God a man, but the Holy Spirit's power gave the womb its fruit, its flower.

Mary, when the time had come, as a virgin bore her son; in her body was the place where God set his throne of grace.

He who from the Father came has returned with him to reign. He who went to death and hell rose on high, in heaven to dwell.

By the triumph that you won – truly human, yet God's Son – heal our weak humanity, let us share your victory.

From you manger new light beams, through the night your glory streams. Darkness cannot dim your light; faith keeps shining, always bright.

Praise to God the Father sing, praise to God the Son, our king, praise to God the Spirit be now and through eternity.

THE NICENE CREED

Senior Server Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

All stand

the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made. of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures: he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,

We believe in one God, the Father.

the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, Φ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Please sit/kneel

PARISH PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF DISCERNMENT

Heavenly Father, pour down your Holy Spirit upon this parish family of St Peter. We give thanks that you have called us to a ministry of servanthood to all people and especially to each other. Help us, we pray, to discern your vision for us; teach us to use the gifts you have given us to build your kingdom in this place and to reach out to all those in our communities. We ask through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Periods of silence may be briefly kept for personal prayer. Each petition ends with this response: Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All stand

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28 -30

- We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies.
- We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.
- Grant us, therefore gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to greet those immediately around them with the words, "Peace be with you" "And also with you".

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Celebrant

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

We thank you that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may with joy behold his appearing, and in confidence stand before him who redeems us from sin and death and makes us heirs of everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

♣ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And now, gracious God, we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine, and pray that we who receive them, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, according to our Saviour's word, in remembrance of his suffering and death, may share his body and blood.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples saying,

'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.;

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of neverending praise:

№ Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All communicants of other churches are invited to join us in the sharing of Holy Communion. If you are not a communicant we encourage you to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by holding your hands behind your back as you come forward.

As the sacrament is received the communicant responds: Amen.

After taking communion the congregation sits or kneels. Silence for prayerful reflection may be kept.

COMMUNION

SENTENCE

"The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you. Your house and your kingdom shall endure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever."

Samuel 7:11a, 16

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, we thank you that you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. As we joyfully await your Son, keep us ever watchful that we may be ready to stand before him on the day of his coming.

Keep us in this hope that we have grasped; so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen

NOTICES

Please sit

PRAYER FOR OFFERTORY

Gracious God, all things come from you, and you teach us to be generous with what we have. We pray that our gifts may be wisely used for the ministry of the gospel and the relief of those in need, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GOD'S BLESSING

Please stand

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you; and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Senior Server
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Tune i Michael

All my hope on God is founded; all my trust he will renew, through all change and chance he guides me, only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone, calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust; all we build with care and labour, tower and temple, fall to dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness lasts for ever,

deep his wisdom, passing thought; splendour, light and life attend him, beauty springing out of naught. Evermore, from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily, the almighty giver will his bounteous gifts bestow; in his will our souls find pleasure, leading us where'er we go. Love will stand at his hand, joy shall wait for his command.

Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son. Hear Christ call one and all: those who follow shall not fall.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

The sanctuary party leaves and the congregation sits. Following a brief Organ Voluntary, all are requested to observe social distancing and avoid mingling as they depart. A team of parishioners will commence cleaning the pews in preparation for the next service.

A basket for financial contributions to the ongoing ministry of St Peter's is available at the entrance to the church building.

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WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

To request public or private prayer, please email prayer@stpeterscremorne.org.au

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

We pray for the Anglican Communion, for Justin of Canterbury, Geoffrey our Primate, Glenn our Archbishop, Chris our Bishop and the Northern Region. Pray for mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world.

ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin. For our Wardens and Treasurer. Pray for our Pastoral Care team. For the clergy and parishioners of St Clement's, Mosman

THE WIDER WORLD AND LOCAL COMMUNITY

For world peace and for all world leaders in their responsibility to those under their care. For our Governor General, our State Governor, Prime Minister and Premier, and all who have responsibility for government administration. For all patients in hospital over the Christmas period and for their families, and for the hospital staff who will care for them.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Kathy, Naveen, Suma, Nikita and Nia, Esme, Annabel and Chris, Holly and Noah, Camilla and Amelia, Norman and June, Lisa, Gareth, Joshua and Samuel, David, Lyn, Navindiee and Tharindu.

THE SICK

The immediate sick

Barbara, Peter, Max, Dan, Roger, Peter, Janne, Pamela, Peter, Maryanne.

Those requiring on-going prayer

Penelope, Margie and Rein, Liz, Caroline, Sharon, Bobbie Dee, Inga, Joy, Elizabeth, Vatche, Richard, Di, Noel, Tom, Gigi, Frank, Judith, Jenny, Sally.

Those in residential care

Peter and Patricia; Glenyth; Ros; Jeremy.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We praise God for his faithful servants in every age. We pray that we, with all who have died in the faith of Christ, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of God's eternal kingdom. We remember the recently deceased and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially Roy Adam and Beth Spence (Priest).



DECEMBER 2020

Tuesday 22	10.00am	Eucharist and morning tea
Thursday 24	5.30pm	Christmas Eve Family Service
	11.00pm	Solemn Eucharist
Friday 25	9.00am	Christmas Service with Holy
		Communion
Sunday 27	9.30am	Combined service



NEXT SUNDAY - ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 9.30AM

Please make a note that next **Sunday 27 December** there will be one service only for all congregations at 9.30am.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Nine Lessons and Carols - online

Christmas Eve

5.30pm Family Service11pm Solemn Eucharist

Christmas Day

9am Christmas Service with Holy Communion

Please remember to book via our website for the services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

CHRISTMAS PRODUCE STALL RESULT

The Christmas Produce Stall last Sunday raised \$367.10 for Missions. Thank you to all who supplied goods and all who bought them..- Edwina Waddy, Mission Secretary.

CHRISTMAS WORKING BEE THANKS



Thanks to everyone who came along yesterday and gave their time to help prepare the church and the grounds for Christmas. The Wardens are grateful for your support.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS



Our service of Nine Lessons and Carols is now available online via the St Peter's website: www.stpeterscremorne.org.au, or the St Peter's channel on You Tube. A pew sheet is available to download so that you may follow the service and have lyrics to hand.

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE CHRISTMAS SERVICES

COVID restrictions mean that Christmas will be a little different at St Peter's this year. Don't forget to visit the St Peter's website and follow the links to confirm your attendance by booking a free ticket.

If you do not have access to the internet please contact the parish office as soon as possible and we will reserve a place for you. Otherwise you can book your ticket by visiting the St Peter's website, www.stpeterscremorne.org.au and following the links. These services will also be livestreamed with a downloadable service sheet.

The services for which it is necessary to register are: the 5.30pm Family Service and 11pm Solemn Eucharist on Christmas Eve, as well as the 9am Christmas Service with Holy Communion on Christmas Day.

We look forward to seeing you at St Peter's over the Christmas period. If you have any queries about the services please do not hesitate to contact the Rector or the parish office.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS IN 2021

A reminder that the new Memorial Flowers Calendar is now on the noticeboard in the David Armstrong Room ready for names to be added.



NEXT SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER – FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
9.30AM – COMBINED SERVICE
CELEBRANT: REV'D TIM ST QUINTIN PREACHER: BISHOP PETER WATSON

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