

# 2nd Sunday of Advent 10 December 2023, 9am

WELCOME to St Peter's Church today. I am delighted that you can join us in worship.

If you are a newcomer or visiting, I especially look forward to meeting you and hope that you feel welcome. May I invite you to sign the visitors' book on the back table. 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.

I hope you can stay and enjoy morning tea after the service. Tim St Quintin, Rector.

#### **TODAY'S SERVICE**

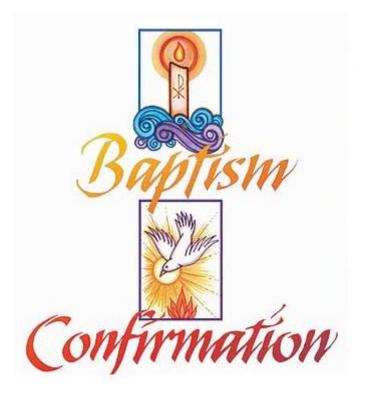
BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

SUNG EUCHARIST CELEBRANT PREACHER

REV'D TIM ST QUINTIN BISHOP CHRIS EDWARDS

ORGANIST	GLENN AMER
CANTOR	ANTONIA BADGER
Setting	DUDMAN

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



#### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#### **Tune:** Cruger

Please stand

- Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son; hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free, and take away transgression, and rule in equity.
- 2 He comes with help and mercy to those who suffer wrong, to raise the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong, to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls condemned and dying were precious in his sight.
- 3 Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring; all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing; to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
- 4 O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest, from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all-blest. The tide of time shall never his covenant remove; his name shall stand for ever, that name to us is love.

**James Montgomery** (1771 – 1854)

Service Leader welcomes the people with a greeting.

✤ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.whose mercy endures for ever.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

### SENTENCE

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

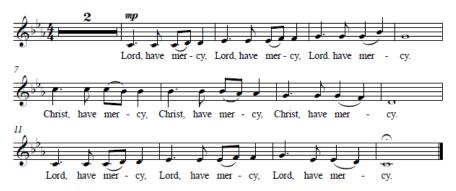
Luke 3.4; Isaiah 40.5a

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**



# LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Advent Candle marks the progress of the Advent season of waiting, watching, and praying - waiting with Israel for the Messiah, reading the prophecies of his arrival, waiting with the world for Messiah's return – the light of the world.

The Lord of the light comes to save us.

# Let us live in his light.



The Lord says: "I am sending my messenger to prepare the way.... But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?" *Malachi: 3:1-2* 

# He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. John 1: 7

Silence is kept

Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comesto judge the earth.1 Chronicles:16:33

The Spirit and the bride say "Come!" Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Revelation: 22:17, 20

#### THE CONFESSION

Senior Server

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

Silence may be kept.

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 OF THE DAY**

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

# FIRST READING

# A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord 's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup> A voice of one calling: 'In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord ; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' <sup>6</sup> A voice says, 'Cry out.' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' 'All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures for ever.'<sup>9</sup> You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God!' <sup>10</sup> See, the

Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. <sup>11</sup> He tends his flock like a shepherd: he gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.



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

- 1 O Lord you were gracious | to your | land: you re|stored the | fortunes • of | Jacob.
- 2 You forgave the iniquity | of your | people: and | covered | all their | sin.
- I will hear what the Lord | God will | speak:
  for he will speak peace to his people to his faithful ones whose |
  hearts are | turned to | him.
- 9 Truly his salvation is near to | those that | fear him: and his | glory • shall | dwell • in our | land.
- 10 Mercy and truth are | met to|gether: righteousness and | peace have | kissed each | other;
- 11 Truth shall flourish | out of the | earth: and righteousness | shall look | down from | heaven.
- 12 The Lord will also give us | all that is | good: and our | land shall | yield its | plenty.
- 13 For righteousness shall | go be|fore him: and tread the | path be|fore his | feet.

### SECOND READING A reading from the Second Letter of Peter 3:8-15

<sup>8</sup> But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: with the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar: the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.<sup>11</sup> Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives <sup>12</sup> as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. <sup>13</sup> But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. <sup>14</sup> So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. <sup>15</sup> Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote to you with the wisdom that God gave him.

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

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Please stand

# Cantor

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path – all people shall see the salvation of God. Mark 1:1-8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 1:1-8



The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, <sup>2</sup> as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: 'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way' – <sup>3</sup> 'a voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."' <sup>4</sup> And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan. <sup>6</sup> John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And this was his message: 'After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON - Please sit

# HYMN Please stand

- 1 We have a gospel to proclaim, Good news for men in all the earth, The gospel of a Saviour's name: We sing his glory, tell his worth.
- 2 Tell of his birth at Bethlehem, Not in a royal house or hall, But in a stable dark and dim: The Word made flesh, a light for all.
- 3 Tell of his death at Calvary, Hated by those he came to save, In lonely suffering on the cross: For all he loved, his life he gave.
- 4 Tell of that glorious Easter morn, Empty the tomb, for he was free: He broke the power of death and hell That we might share his victory.
- 5 Tell of his reign at God's right hand, By all creation glorified: He sends his Spirit on his Church, To live for him, the Lamb who died.
- 6 Now we rejoice to name him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth. This gospel message we proclaim; We sing his glory, tell his worth.

# Edward Joseph Burns (b 1938)

# **BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATIONS**

Without Christ, we are far from God and mired in sin. But through the gospel, God addresses each one of us and calls us back to himself, resulting in a profound change.

The act of baptism is about that change. We follow the direction of Jesus, who said, 'Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.' In baptism, ordinary water is used to point to the extraordinary work of God in cleansing us from sin and giving us a new heart to trust and serve him, through the death and resurrection of his Son. Baptism provides a public opportunity to turn to Christ and express a personal trust in him and what he has done for us and ask for the renewing work of the Holy Spirit.

We have come together to pray for those who seek God's blessing as they affirm their faith in God and their desire to serve him throughout their lives.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that in your great love you have called us to know you and to trust you. Increase this knowledge and strengthen our faith. Grant these people what they cannot have by nature that being born again by the Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from all sin, and inherit your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### The Bishop

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, by your Holy Spirit you have called these your servants and made them your children by adoption and grace; mercifully grant that, being strengthened by the same Spirit, they may continue your servants and receive your promises; through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Bishop says to the candidates

All who come must declare their allegiance to Christ and their rejection of all that is evil: the devil and all his works, the empty display and false values of the world, and the sinful desires of the flesh.

The Bishop addresses the first question to each candidate individually, then asks the remaining questions to all as a group

#### Therefore I ask you Do you turn to Christ? I turn to Christ. Do you repent of your sins? I repent of my sins. Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust? I reject them all. Do you renounce Satan and all evil? I renounce all that is evil. Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

The Bishop says to the congregation

You have heard the responses that have been made to turn from sin to Christ and to love and serve God. Will you support those who have responded to this high calling? We will do so.

Let us all affirm the Christian faith we believe.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church: the communion of saints: the forgiveness of sins: the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Bishop says

Let us pray that God who has begun a good work in will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ.

Almighty and everliving God, you have been pleased to grant to your servants new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and have given them forgiveness of their sins; strengthen them, we pray, with the Holy Spirit; grant that they may grow in grace; and give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of discernment and inner strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and fill them, Father, with wonder and awe in your presence, now and for ever. Amen.

# BAPTISM OF ENZO ALFREDO MACCHIAVELLI

*The Rector says to Enzo* Do you ask for baptism in the faith you have professed? **I do.** 

Enzo comes to the font and the Rector, baptises him saying Enzo Alfredo Macciavelli, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The Rector continues* God has called you into his Church.

The congregation joins with him in saying We therefore receive and welcome you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, as a child of the same heavenly Father, and as an inheritor with us of the kingdom of God.

*The Rector* makes a cross on the candidate's forehead and says I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are to be true to Christ crucified and that you are not to be ashamed to confess your faith in him.

The congregation joins saying Fight bravely under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant to your life's end.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF:**

# PRABHU KIRAN BODDU PRERANA SHARON ROSE GONE OLIVIA GAYE BITI

The Bishop lays his hand on each of the candidates and prays:

Defend, O Lord, your servant N with your heavenly grace, that he/she may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until he/she comes to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

After all the candidates have been confirmed, the Bishop continues.

Almighty and everliving God, we pray for these your servants upon whom we have now laid our hands, following the apostles' example, to assure them of your love for them. May your fatherly hand ever protect them. Let your Holy Spirit ever be with them to uphold them in the love of Christ and to lead them in obedience to your word. Strengthen them with your heavenly grace and keep them in eternal life, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Senior Server Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

All sit/kneel

#### A Prayer for St Peter's in 2023:

Almighty and eternal God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified: graft in our hearts the love of your Name, nourish us with all goodness, prosper the work to which you have called us in Cremorne. With Christ as our cornerstone, enable us to worship you with our lives, grow in faith and love, share Jesus with our community and rejoice in Christ together.

For the honour of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Periods of silence may be briefly kept for personal prayer. Each petition ends with this response:

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us, 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

Celebrant

Hear the words of assurance for those who truly turn to Christ:

Jesus said: Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11.28

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3.16

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.

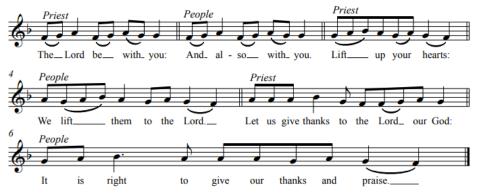
# THE GREETING OF PEACE

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



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

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

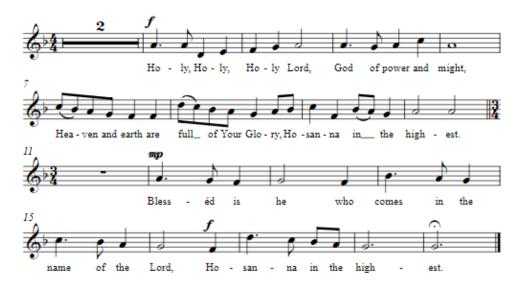
By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people. We thank you that when he shall come again

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 singing:



Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night when he was betrayed 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.

Cantor

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith,



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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 never-ending praise.



# 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** тp Lamb of \_\_\_\_ God, have mer-cy on Je - sus us. Je-sus bear-er of our sins. have mer-cy on Je-sus re-deem-er of the world. us. 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.

As the sacrament is received the communicant responds. Amen.

All baptised Christians who love and serve the Lord Jesus are welcome to join in the sharing of Holy Communion. If you are not yet ready to

receive Communion, we encourage you to come forward for a prayer of blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by holding your hands behind your back.

Those who wish to receive the common cup please come to the communion rails on the right hand side and those who prefer alcoholic or non alcoholic individual cups please come to the communion rails on the left hand side. Alcoholic wine is available in the Common Cup, and both alcoholic and nonalcoholic wine is available in individual cups. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one on your way to the Communion Rail. After receiving communion, the congregation sits or kneels. Silence for prayerful reflection may be kept.

#### COMMUNION

Song from Cantor

### SENTENCE

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Please 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.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

# **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.** 

#### NOTICES Please be seated

# 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.

#### Tune: Num komm, der Heiden Heiland

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN Please stand

- 1 Saviour of the nations, come; virgin's Son, make here Thy home! Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood, but the Spirit of our God, was the Word of God made fleshwoman's Offspring, pure and fresh.
- 3 Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child of the virgin undefiled! Tho' by all the world disowned, still to be in heav'n enthroned.
- 4 From the Father forth He came and returneth to the same, captive leading death and hellhigh the song of triumph swell!
- Thou, the Father's only Son, hast o'er sin the vict'ry won.
   Boundless shall Thy kingdom be; when shall we its glories see?
- Brightly doth Thy manger shine, glorious is its light divine.
   Let not sin o'ercloud this light ever be our faith thus bright.
- 7 Praise to God the Father, sing, praise to God, the Son, our King, Praise to God the Spirit be ever and eternally.

St Ambrose, 340 - 97

# **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

The sanctuary party leaves and the congregation sits. As a courtesy to those who remain in the church to listen to the organ postlude in its entirety, you are encouraged to enjoy conversation and fellowship outside the building.

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

# PARISH BULLETIN WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

# FOR GOD'S KINGDOM

Lord our God, giver of all grace, have mercy on your Church throughout the world. Renew its life; restore its unity; sanctify its worship; empower its witness; and make it a fit instrument for the furtherance of Christ's kingdom among all people, to the glory of his great name. Amen.

# THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

We pray for the Anglican Communion, for Justin of Canterbury, Geoffrey, Primate of Australia, Kanishka our Archbishop and Bishop Chris and The Church of Pakistan (United).

# PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin and our Honorary Associate Minister Peter Watson.

We pray for those that teach SRE in our schools that they will have a good end to their year with final classes and Christmas assemblies.

#### Prayer during the search for a new Rector:

Lord God, you are our eternal shepherd and guide. In your mercy grant your Church in this parish a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways and with loving care watch over your people, that your name may be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Baptism and Confirmation Candidates:** Give thanks for Enzo, being baptised today, and for Olivia, Sharon, and Prabhu being confirmed today. Pray that God will continue to grow and strengthen them in faith.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Pray for the hungry and needy, and those struggling to make ends meet. Pray for God's provision for them, for access to support, for the generosity of others, for protection from exploitation, for wisdom in the management of scarce resources.

Give thanks for the Anglicare Mobile Community Pantries and those who support them (including through the tin bins).

Give Thanks: For the willingness of 54 partner churches to serve alongside the MCP; For shoppers who have come to know Christ through the MCP; That the MCP can meet spiritual and social needs as well as physical ones.

Please Pray: That food shortages will not prevent the MCP being able to serve communities; For protection against COVID-19 as the team members travel and interact with others; That more shoppers will come to know the love of Jesus through the MCP.

# PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Pray for Peace in our region. Pray for a de-escalation of tension in the South China Sea; for protection of fishing crews, maritime and naval forces operating in the area; Pray for the church in the Philippines following the bombing of a Catholic service by IS militants, killing 4 people. Pray for their protection and comfort, and for the perpetrators - that they be brought to justice and repentance.

# **OUR PARISHIONERS**

Ruth & David Cohen, Jenny Davey, Cheryl Dunn, Maria Ellis and Joy Farr.

#### THE SICK

*Those requiring immediate prayer:* Liz Whitehead

#### Those requiring on-going prayer.

Anna Fung, Sofia Awad, Noel and Anne Blake, Bobbie Dee Deal, Robin Dodd, Edwina Lambkin, Marty McCallum, Michael Pollak, Gill Stemp, Susan Upton, Anne Vernon, Gigi, Helen, Janne, JJ, Pamela, Margie & Rein, Jane, Jenny and Sally, Louise, Lyn, Russ McLean

#### Those in residential care

Fr Robert Alexander, Judy Chapman, Kathy Moss, Patricia Reuben, Stan Thomas, Helen Ramsay.

#### 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 especially Peter Gordon and we also remember those whose anniversary occurs at this time.



#### December 2023

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Sunday 10 TODAY	10:30am	Christmas Produce Stall – DA Room
	2:30pm	Bougainvillea Service
Tuesday 12	10.00am	Eucharist & Morning tea
	10am	Table Group Café Laon
		Kelvin is the contact
Saturday 16	8am – 11am	Working Bee for Christmas

# CHRISTMAS PRODUCE STALL – TODAY IN THE DA ROOM.

Gifts for Christmas of St Peter's marmalade, chutney and lemon butter will be available in the DA Room during morning tea.

Proceeds gratefully received for missions. With thanks. Edwina Waddy

# **REV'D TIM ON LEAVE THIS WEEK**

Rev'd Tim will be on leave Tuesday 12 – Thursday 14 December. He will be available Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

# HELP NEEDED - CHRISTMAS POSTCARD MAILBOX DROP

Volunteers are needed **this week** to drop the Christmas Postcards throughout our Parish. The cards have been divided and maps prepared, available in the DA Room. They can be dropped anytime during the week. If you are able to assist, please email me and I can

provide information.

I will be away but will still have access to my email. -Anna Reed-Stephenson

(reed\_stephenson@hotmail.com)

# WORKING BEE SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER 8am – 11am

There will be a working bee held on Saturday 16 December in preparation for the Christmas Services.

We need volunteers to assist with both inside the church and outside tasks.

A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church. All are welcome to lend a hand. Morning tea will be provided.



Thank you. Wardens.





# NEW PARISH BADGES Helping the Locum and Acting Rector to know us

If you would like to order a parish badge, please put your name on the list at the church door.

I will place an order if/when there are 10 names.

Please put \$10 [each badge] in the envelope provided and place in the offertory basket.

Thank you. Edwina Waddy



# SUNDAY ROSTERS

	This week	Next week
	10 December	17 December
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent
	<b>Confirmation Service</b>	_
First Reading	Isaiah 40:1 -11	Isaiah 61.1–4, 61.8–11
Psalm	Psalm 85: 1- 2, 8 -13	Psalm 126
Second Reading	2 Peter 3: 8 - 15	1 Thessalonians 5.12–28
Gospel	Mark 1: 1 - 8	John 1.6–8, 1.19–28
Preacher	Bishop Chris Edwards	Bronwyn Lihou
Celebrant	Rev'd Tim St Quintin	Rev'd Tim St Quintin
Service Leader	Rev'd Tim St Quintin	Rev'd Tim St Quintin
Senior Server	Roy Bartlett	John Halford
Crucifer	Gordon Heathcote	Laura Mock
Thurifer		
Acolyte		
Welcomer	George Paul	David Routley
Sideperson	Lizzie St Quintin	Sharon Boddu
Readers	Ruth Cohen	Margaret MacNabb
	Philip Wood	Cheryl Dunn
Intercessor	Cheryl Dunn	Esme Parker
Chalice	Bronwyn Lihou	
Livestream	Taylor Mock	Prabhu Boddu
Morning tea	Helen Fordham	Anna Reed-Stephenson
	Alison Peterson	Noreen Bernie
Sacristy Linen	Audrey Bradshaw	Mary Layton