

Mass of Christmas Day

25 December 2021

Acknowledgement of Country. As a community, we recognise that the church is built and our worship is offered on the traditional lands of the Kurna people, and close to Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), which is still an important meeting place for the Kurna people today. We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land; our sorrow for the personal, spiritual and cultural costs of that sharing; and our hope that we may walk together in harmony, in the spirit of Reconciliation.

COVID Safety and Face Masks. The Emergency Management (Activities—General No 3) (COVID-19) Direction 2021 and the Emergency Management (Activities—Associated Direction No 16) (COVID-19) Direction 2021 provide that face masks must be worn at all times other than when a person is reading or otherwise leading worship.

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn

Processional Hymn

Let us proceed in peace.

✠ **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!***

**2 God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:**

**3 See how the Shepherds
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:**

**4 Lo! star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child
Bring our heart's oblations:**

Station at the Crib

Let us pray.

Holy Jesus,
to deliver us from the power of darkness
you humbled yourself to be born among us and laid in a manger.
Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,
and bring us at last to the joyful vision of your beauty;
for you are now alive and reign in the splendour of uncreated light,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The presider censes the crib, then the hymn resumes

**5 Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?**

**6 Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the Highest:**

**7 Yea, Lord, we greet thee
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing:**

*Adeste fideles (13th cent.)
trans. Frederick Oakeley 1802–80*

Entrance Antiphon

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Invocation and Greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Litany of Praise

The priest, the deacon, or another minister, says

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

Silence

As we celebrate the mystery of God with us,
let us remember that our Saviour
is rich in mercy and great in kindness.

The minister says, or the cantor may sing

Eternal Word, you have scattered the darkness of sin and death:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Word made flesh, you have made us children of God most high:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Incarnate One, you have united heaven and earth in God's peace:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone
are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
who gave your only-begotten Son
to take our human nature
and as at this time to be born of the virgin Mary:
grant that we being born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through the same our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit,
ever one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52.7–10

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, and has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD's holy arm has been bared before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98



℞. All the ends of the earth shall see the sal - va - tion of our God.

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
With his own right hand and with his holy arm
he has brought deliverance. **℞.**

The LORD has made known his salvation
and his righteousness to the nations.
He has remembered his mercy and truth
towards the house of Israel. **℞.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Let the world be glad in him,
sing, rejoice and give him thanks. **℞.**

Let music sound upon the harp,
and psalms be offered to his praise:
with trumpets and with songs of joy
shout the praise of God our King. **℞.**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'? Or again, 'I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.'

Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.' But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.' And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

A hallowed day has dawned upon us.

Come you nations, worship the Lord,

for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

John 1.1–14

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Profession of Faith

All stand. On this day, it is customary to kneel at the reference to Christ's birth.

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, 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, 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,
and the life for the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The prayers may conclude

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

God's Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

All stand to sing the Offertory Hymn. Please note that there will be no Collection taken up: offerings of money can be left in the Collection plates at the front and rear of the pews.



Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega;
He the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see
evermore and evermore!

- 2 O that birth for ever blessed,
when a virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Saviour of our race;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!
- 3 This is he whom seers and sages
sang of old with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets
promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected:
let creation praise its Lord
evermore and evermore!

4 In the heights of heaven adore him,
angel hosts, his praises sing,
all dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice together sing
evermore and evermore!

4th C trans J.M. Neale 1818-66 and others

When all is prepared, the priest says

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

May the Lord accept our sacrifice
for the praise and glory of God's name,
for our good, and the good of all God's holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

God of peace,
our Saviour Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you.
May all we offer you today
renew us as members of your household.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

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

You created light out of darkness
and brought forth life on the earth.
You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away from you, and our love failed,
your love remained ever steadfast.
You made a covenant to be our God,
and spoke to us through your prophets.

In the fullness of time
you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ
to be our saviour,
and at his birth the angels sang glory to you in the highest
and peace to your people on earth.

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:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san - na in the high - est.

Merciful God, you are blessed indeed,
 and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ.

As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem
 and there found no room,
 so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem
 and was despised and rejected.

As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born,
 so, by the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection
 you gave birth to your church,
 delivered us from slavery to sin and death
 and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

As your Word became flesh,
 born of woman on that night so long ago so,
 on the night 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,
 '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'.

And so, in remembrance of his birth,
 his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,
 his mighty resurrection and exaltation,
 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
 as a holy and living sacrifice.

United to God and one in love, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

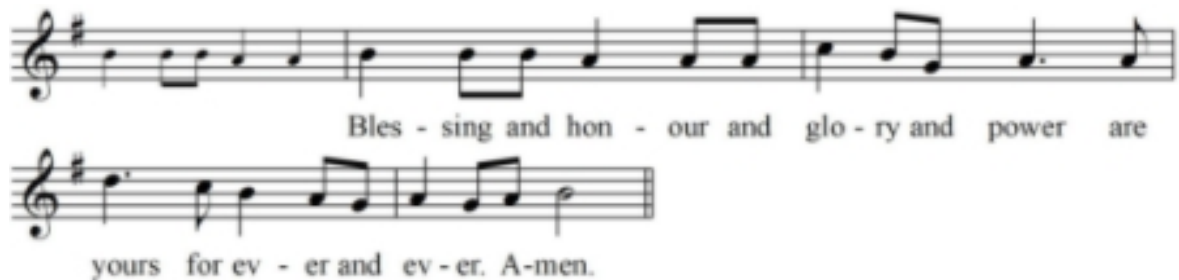


Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and our celebration:

may these gifts of bread and wine be for us
the body and blood of Christ.

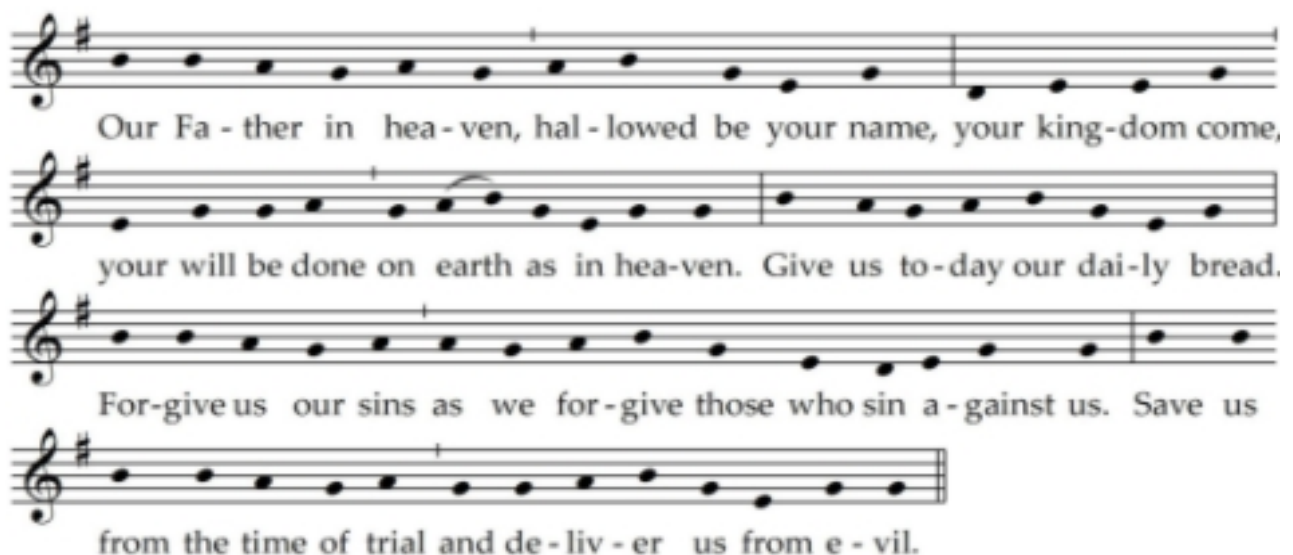
Make us one with Christ and with each other,
and one in service to all the world,
until the day of final glory comes
and we feast at his heavenly banquet
with all your saints for ever.

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:

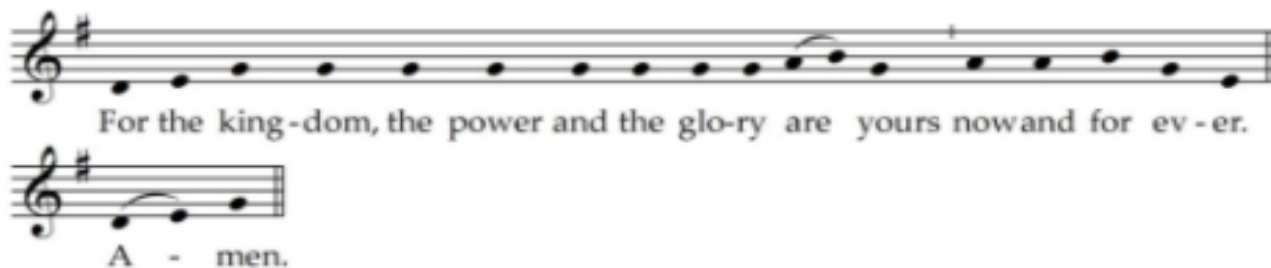


The Lord's Prayer

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



Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



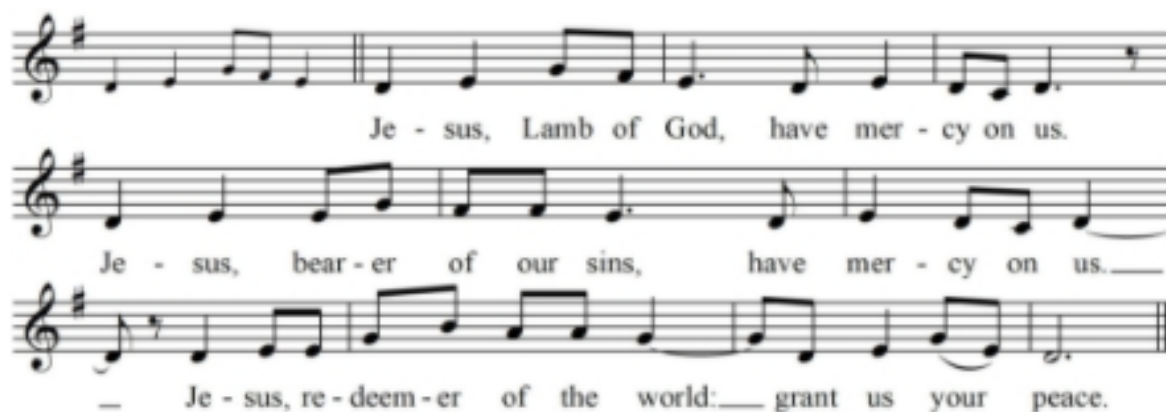
The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the bread, saying

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.

While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung



Invitation to Communion

The priest says

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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 receive Holy Communion. Communion will be administered in one kind only. Communicants should approach in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning via the side aisles. Communicants should remove their face masks immediately prior to receiving Holy Communion, replacing them afterwards.

Those who are not to receive the Blessed Sacrament are invited to unite themselves with Jesus by making a Spiritual Communion.

Act of Spiritual Communion

St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

During Communion, this carol is sung

As I walked down the road at set of sun,
The lambs were coming homeward one by one.
I heard a sheep-bell softly calling them,
Along the little road to Bethlehem.

Beside an open door as I drew nigh,
I heard sweet Mary sing a lullaby.
She sang about the lambs at close of day,
And rocked her tiny King among the hay.

Across the air the silver sheep-bells rang.
"The lambs are coming home," sweet Mary sang.
"Your star of gold, your star of gold is shining in the sky.
So sleep, my little King, go lullaby."

As I walked down the road at set of sun,
The lambs were coming homeward one by one.
I heard a sheep-bell softly calling them,
Along the little road to Bethlehem.

Aled Jones b. 1970

Psalm 98.4

Communion Antiphon

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of heaven, dwelling among us,
we thank you for feeding us with this holy food.
By your grace keep us ever faithful to your Word made flesh
that as the body of Christ in the world
we may bring your presence to all people.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand to sing the Postcommunion hymn



**Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim:
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
*Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!***

**2 Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
*Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!***

**3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth:
*Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!***

Charles Wesley 1707-88

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

May the God of infinite goodness,
who by the incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world
and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy day,
drive far from you the darkness of vice
and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue. **Amen.**

And may God, who wills that the great joy
of his Son's saving Birth
be announced to shepherds by the Angel,
fill your minds with the gladness he gives
and make you heralds of his Gospel. **Amen.**

And may God, who by the Incarnation
brought together the earthly and heavenly realm,
fill you with the gift of his peace and favour
and make you sharers with the Church in heaven. **Amen.**

And the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The priest, deacon or another minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

A happy and blessed Christmas to all! Please join us after Christmas Masses for hospitality in the Mission Hall.

Fr Gwilym's term as locum priest ends on 31 December. His last public Mass will be the daily Mass on Thursday 30 December at 12.10 pm. Fr Steven Ogden will commence as locum priest on Sunday 2 January. Pray for Fr Gwilym as he enjoys a well-earned period of rest and recreation, and for Fr Steven as he prepares to embark on a new ministry.

Sunday and weekday Masses will continue as usual throughout January, with the Sunday Mass at 10 am and the Thursday Mass at 12.10 pm, following the Angelus at 12 noon.

CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL

The Christmas Bowl is one of the longest standing Christmas appeals in Australia. It was established in 1949 by The Revd Frank Byatt to raise money for refugees after World War II. On Christmas Day that year, Frank put a Bowl of Remembrance on the dinner table and asked his family to place a gift inside to help those less fortunate than themselves. The Christmas Bowl was born. The very first Christmas Bowl raised £1,808 - no small sum at that time. Since that time, churches have raised more than \$100 million, illustrating the incredible impact that Australian churches can have when they work together.

The causes to which donations to Christmas Bowl will be applied in 2021 include supporting health clinics in Gaza, where protracted fighting, a blockade that makes it hard to access food or medicine, and COVID-19 hardships, have led to the closure of many clinics, and in particular an end to mental health support and counselling to help children deal with trauma.

ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Each year the Anglican Board of Mission – Australia holds an Advent and Christmas Appeal. The Advent appeal this year will be in aid of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in North Queensland and Nungalinya College in Darwin. Wontulp-Bi-Buya College supports the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders through study programs leading to awards in theology, suicide prevention, addictions management and community development. Nungalinya College serves over 300 remote Indigenous students, most of whom are both church leaders and Elders with responsibilities in their own cultures. Indigenous Elders continually comment that they go there to grow in their faith, to be refreshed and renewed to go back home and continue to serve their people.

We are still receiving completed papers for the National Church Life Survey. Hard copy surveys can be left in the box at the back of the Church. Alternatively, the Survey can be done electronically. To complete the Survey online, simply search on your internet browser for <https://attendersurvey.ncls.org.au/> and in the Church code field enter the unique identifier for our parish which is **ANA10501**.

SERVICE TIMES IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday 10 am Sung Mass with children's ministry and choir

Thursday 12 noon Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass (traditional rite)

From Christmas to the end of January, Mass is offered at St Peter's Cathedral on Wednesday and Friday at 7.30 am, and on Wednesday at 10 am.

Inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings to the Locum Priest. Confessions or confidential personal time with a priest are always available on request.

Regular Giving and Donations

Financial support for our mission and ministry through electronic funds transfer (EFT) is an efficient way of making regular contributions to your congregation. Regular giving helps us plan for the future and ensures you continue offering support when you can't make it to Church.

Our Details: Bank: Bankwest, 8 Rundle Mall, Adelaide 5000
BSB 305 122, account no 0324654. Reference: Your name

The Magdalene Centre

*A partnership in mission between St Mary Magdalene's, St John's Halifax Street,
St Peter's Cathedral, and Anglicare SA*

82 Gilbert Street, Adelaide Tel (08) 8305 9389

Non-perishable food for those in need can be left in the baskets at the back of the church or delivered to the Magdalene Centre from 12 noon to 3 pm, Monday to Friday.

Donations of cash are welcome via <https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/>.

The Collective of St Magdalene (Drop-In Centre)

Pray for all those who receive the Collective's weekly support,
and who are seeking meals and companionship at other times during the week.

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Tomorrow, Sunday 26 December, at 10 am – The Feast of the Holy Family

Readings: Micah 5.2–5a • (Canticle) Luke 1.46b–55 • Hebrews 10.5–10 • Luke 1.39–45

For Your Prayers

Pray for responsible leadership among the nations as the Covid-19 pandemic continues; pray for an end to racist violence and oppression; pray for peace and justice, especially for refugees, asylum seekers, and those seeking places of safety and security.

Pray for all those who are troubled in body, mind or spirit, especially Paull, Valerie, Sim, Clarice, Dulcie, Jasmin, Henry, John Edwards (priest), Peter Garland (priest), Linda, Alex and Mark.

For those who have died. Those who have worked and worshipped in this place before us; those who have died as a result of COVID-19 and in other tragic circumstances; those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

Rest ✕ eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.