

The Sunday after Christmas 26 December 2021

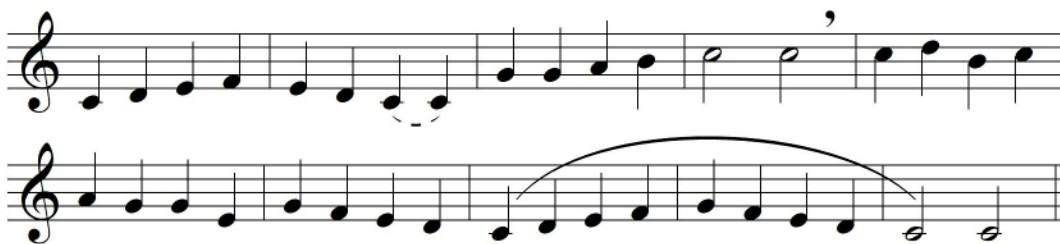
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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.

A ministry of prayer for healing and wholeness will be offered in the Holy Innocents Chapel during the Communion of the People. If you would like to make a note of prayer points or special intentions for prayer, please use the card which is available at the rear of the church.

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn



**Unto us a boy is born!
King of all creation,
Came he to a world forlorn,
The Lord of every nation.**

- 2 Cradled in a stall was he
With sleepy cows and asses;
But the very beasts could see
That he us all surpasses.**
- 3 Now may Mary's Son, who came
So long ago to love us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame
Unto the joys above us.**
- 4 Omega and Alpha he!
Let the organ thunder,
While the choir with peals of glee
Doth rend the air asunder.**

Latin, 15th century,
trans. Percy Dearmer 1867-1936 alt.

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.

God of community,
whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood:
may we so respect and love those whose lives are linked with ours
that we fail not in loyalty to you,
but make choices according to your will;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 2.18–20, 26

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, ‘May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD’; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

from Psalm 148

R. Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.

- 1 Alleluia! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his;
praise him, all his host. **R.**

- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
12 Young men and maidens,
old and young together. **R̄.**
- 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name only is exalted,
his splendour is over earth and heaven.
14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia! **R̄.**

New Testament Reading

Colossians 3.12–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Acts 16.14

Alleluia.

Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son. Son.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2.41-52

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover.

And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I

must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Fr Gwilym Henry-Edwards

Profession of Faith

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

Pray for the world and for the church.

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 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.



**What child is this, who laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds worship and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him praise,
the Babe, the son of Mary.**

**Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Come, have no fear, God's son is here,
his love all loves excelling.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail, the Saviour comes,
the Babe, the son of Mary.**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
all tongues and peoples own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let every heart enthrone him.
Raise, raise your song on high
while Mary sings a lullaby,
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the Babe, the son of Mary.**

William Chatterton Dix 1837-98
and the editors of the New English Hymnal

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 light,
in the birth of your Son we see your glory.
May we who share in this mystery
grow daily in your love.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living 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 the angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, hea-ven and earth

are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles-sed 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 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:

Priest *Congregation*

(... the mys-te-ry of faith.) Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come a-gain.

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:



Bless-ing and hon-our and glo - ry and power are yours for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

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



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come,



your will be done on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us



from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

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.



For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours now and for ev - er.



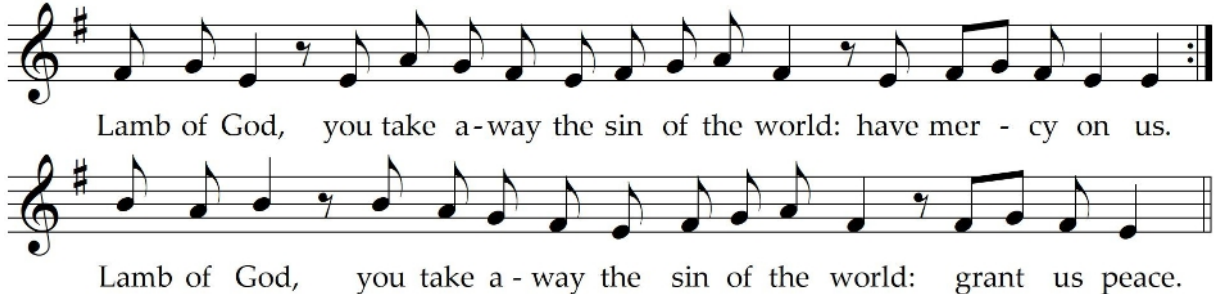
A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

The priest 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 said.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace.

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.

Healing ministry will be offered in the Holy Innocents chapel. Please enter the chapel one at a time. You may wish to record prayer points or remembrances on a piece of paper prior to Mass.

During Communion, the choir sings.

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 98.4

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

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Source of truth and joy,
may we who have received the gift of divine life
always follow the way of your Son.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

All stand to sing the Postcommunion hymn.



Let earth and heaven combine,
Their voices all agree,
To praise in songs divine
The incarnate Deity,
Our God contracted to a span,
Incomprehensibly made man.

2 He laid his glory by,
He wrapped him in our clay,
Unmarked by human eye
The latent Godhead lay;
Infant of days he here became,
And bore the mild Immanuel's name.

3 Unsearchable the love
That has the Saviour brought,
The grace is far above
Our own or angels' thought;
Enough for us that God we know,
Our God is manifest below.

4 He deigns in flesh to appear,
Widest extremes to join,
To bring our vileness near,
And make us all divine;
And we the life of God shall know,
For God is manifest below.

5 **Made perfect first in love,
And sanctified by grace,
We shall from earth remove,
And see his glorious face;
Then shall his love be fully showed,
And we shall then be lost in God.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt.

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The priest, deacon or another minister says,

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

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.

APPOINTMENT OF LOCUM PRIEST



The Churchwardens are delighted to announce the appointment of the Revd Dr Steven Ogden as Locum Priest from 2 January 2022. Fr Steven's appointment is on a part time basis for a period of 6 months.

Fr Steven is known to many members of the community, both from a few recent supply turns on Sundays and weekdays, and during his previous time in the Diocese of Adelaide, especially as Dean of St Peter's Cathedral from 2000-2009. He was subsequently Principal of St Francis' Theological College, Brisbane from 2009-2016.

Fr Steven is a Research Fellow in the Centre for Public and Contextual Theology at Charles Sturt University. His research interests include political theology, political philosophy, gender-based violence, power-relations, entitlement, and masculinity. His most recent book, *Violence, Entitlement, and Politics: A Theology on Transforming the Subject* was published by Routledge in September this year.

Please pray for Fr Steven as he embarks on this new ministry, and for the parish community as it continues to explore the options for ministry in the city in the years to come.

Fr Gwilm Henry-Edwards has made a tremendous contribution since his appointment as Locum Priest in March 2021, supporting the Parish Council and the parish community as we prepare for what we hope will be the last of locum appointment in anticipation of the commencement of a formal nomination process in the coming months. Fr Gwilym's term ends on 31 December, and his last public Mass will be on Thursday at 12.10 pm, following the Angelus at 12 noon.

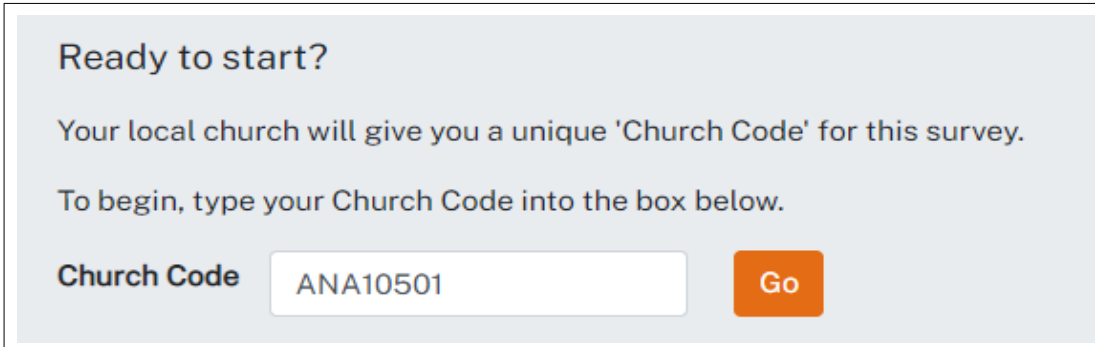
NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY 2021

The National Church Life Survey (NCLS) has been conducted ever 5 years since 1991. This Australian initiative is a world leader in research focused on connecting churches and their communities. Research has examined well-being, spirituality and church health, and with 7 surveys now completed, valuable long-term data has been generated. Cooperating denominations, including Catholics, Anglicans and Protestants, are a network for sharing practical resources to help churches and communities.

Regular worshippers will recall that we completed a Survey only a couple of years ago. That is correct – the Diocese of Adelaide commissioned a special "out of cycle" round of the NCLS to give base-line data as the Diocese developed the "Vision 2022" five year plan. This NCLS collection, in 2021, is the regular 5-yearly version.

The survey can be completed in writing or online. Hard copy surveys will be available today and for the next few weeks.

Alternatively, it is possible to complete the survey online. To do so, simply search on your internet browser for <https://attendersurvey.ncls.org.au/> and in the Church code field enter **ANA10501**. The screen will look like this:



Ready to start?

Your local church will give you a unique 'Church Code' for this survey.

To begin, type your Church Code into the box below.

Church Code

Every member of the community is encouraged to complete the survey, whether in hard copy or online. We have until February 2022 to complete the returns, but we suggest everyone do their best to complete the survey before Christmas.

Hard copy surveys can be returned to the church. Please hand your completed surveys to Fr Gwilym, Alison McAllister, or Peter Burdon.

Thanks in advance for your support!

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING RESUMES

While the current COVID-19 restrictions have remained in force, the Parish Council has determined that congregational singing should be paused. The re-opening of State borders on 23 November has brought with it a renewed emphasis on COVID-safe practice in the community, and requirements such as the wearing of face masks in shared public places – including churches – is likely to be reinforced for the time being. This is especially important in this week when we are experiencing significant outbreaks of COVID-19 in the community.

We have all missed the opportunity to lift up our voices in praise of God, and the Parish Council has therefore decided that congregational singing will resume. **The wearing of face masks is obligatory throughout Mass other than at the time of receiving Communion.** The exceptions are readers and those leading the prayers of the people, when they are actually reading or leading prayers, and the presiding clergy when they are leading worship.

So please remember, bring your face masks! Should you forget, don't worry: disposable masks will be available.

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.

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

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

Mass is offered at St Peter's Cathedral on Monday to 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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Next Sunday, 2 January, at 10 am – The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6 • Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14 • Ephesians 3.1-12 • Matthew 2.1-12

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.