

The 2nd Sunday in Advent

4 December 2022

Acknowledgement of Country. As a community, we recognise that the church is built and our worship is offered on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people, and close to Tarntanyangga/Victoria Square, which is still an important meeting place for the Kaurna 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.

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.

ABERYSTWTH



**Wild and lone the prophet's voice
echoes through the desert still,
calling us to make a choice,
bidding us to do God's will:
"Turn from sin and be baptized;
cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
Quitting all the sins you prized,
yield your life to God's control."**

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle: the Candle of Peace

Prepare the way of the peace-maker:

Make the paths straight.

Prepare your hearts for praise:

Let music sound, as we lift our voices to sing.

Prepare the world for justice:

**For the righteous One comes among us,
and we will praise God!**

The Candle is lit.

Anew we tell the ancient tale, as we prepare to receive the light of the world. This second flame is to bring balance, and the promise of harmony.

This is the candle of Peace.

Let us honour the Light!

The hymn resumes.

- 2 **“Bear the fruit repentance sows:
lives of justice, truth, and love.
Trust no other claim than those;
set your heart on things above.
Soon the Lord will come in power,
burning clean the threshing floor:
then will flames the chaff devour;
wheat alone shall fill God’s store.”**
- 3 **With such preaching stark and bold
John proclaimed salvation near,
and his timeless warnings hold
words of hope to all who hear.
So we dare to journey on,
led by faith through ways untrod,
till we come at last like John
to behold the Lamb of God.**

Carl P Daw b.1944

Cf. Isaiah 30.19, 30

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Greeting

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

Amen.

The grace and peace of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Penitential Act

The choir sings

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

The priest, deacon, or another minister says

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.

Then all say

**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 priest says:

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

Let us pray.
God of all peoples,
whose servant John came baptising and calling for repentance:
help us to hear his voice of judgement,
that we may also rejoice in his word of promise,
and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day
when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 11.1–10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand
as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him,
and his dwelling shall be glorious.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72.1–7, 18–19



℞. In his time shall the right - eous flour - ish.

Give the king your justice, O GOD,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness. ℞

He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another. ℞

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more. ℞

Blessèd be the LORD God, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds!
And blessèd be his glorious name for ever!
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen. ℞

Second Reading

Romans 15.4–13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the gentiles;
in him the gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3.4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 24.36–44

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’ ”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is coming after me is more powerful than I; and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Silence may be kept.

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

The priest may say
Let us pray for the world and for the church.
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

During the preparation of the gifts, the chant is sung. 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.

** may be sung as a canon*

Pre-prepare the way of the Lord. Pre-prepare the way of the Lord,
and all peo-ple will see the sal - va-tion of our God.

Jacques Berthier 1923-94

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 our strength,
we are nothing without you.
Receive all we offer you this day
as you sustain us with your mercy;
in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 him thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

He is the one foretold by all the prophets,
whom the Virgin Mother awaited with love beyond all telling,
the one whose coming John the Baptist heralded,
and whose presence he proclaimed.

This same Lord invites us to prepare with joy
for the mystery of his birth,
so that when he comes
he may find us watchful in prayer,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

And so, with angels and archangels,
with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending chorus of praise:

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.

Lord, you are holy indeed,
you are the fountain of all holiness.

Send down your Spirit upon these gifts to make them holy,
that they may become for us
the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death,
a death he freely accepted,
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my Body, which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup;
again he gave you thanks,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:
Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
this is the Cup of my Blood,
the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for all,
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Remembering therefore his death and resurrection,
we offer you, Lord God,
this life-giving bread, this saving cup.
We thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We pray that all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world:
perfect us in love
together with Geoffrey our Primate and Bishop,
with all bishops, priests, and deacons,
and all who minister to your people.

Remember our brothers and sisters
who have gone to their rest
in the sure hope of rising again;
bring them and all who have died in your mercy
into the light of your presence.

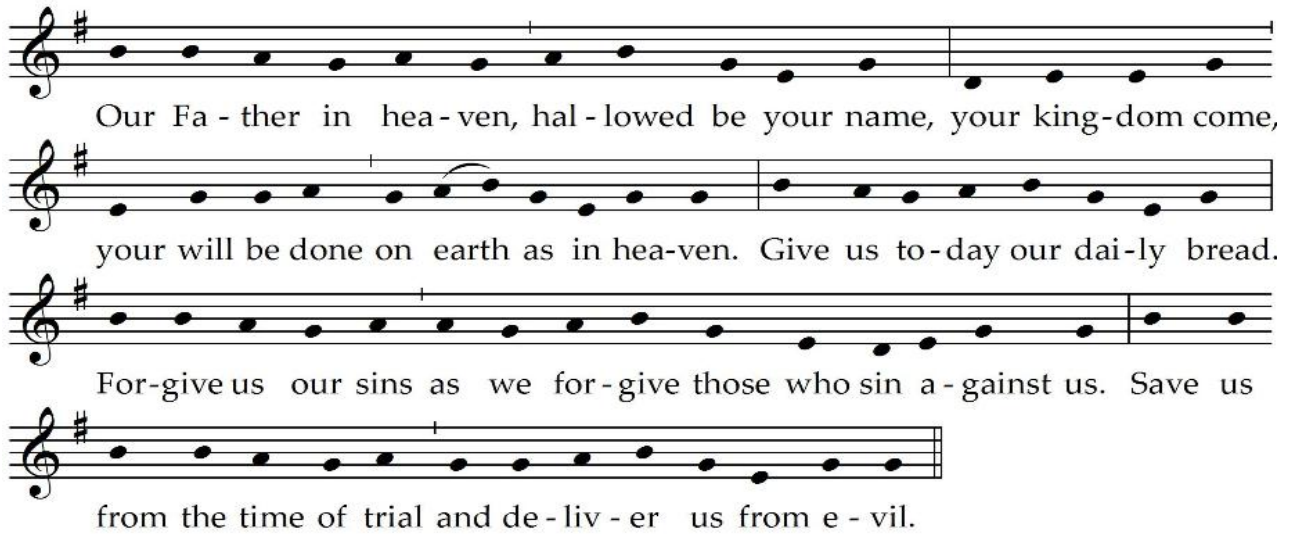
Have mercy on us all:
make us worthy to share eternal life,
with Mary, the virgin Mother of God,
with the apostles and with all the saints,
who have found favour with you throughout the ages;
in union with them
may we praise you and give you glory
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through whom, with whom, in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honours is yours,
almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

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

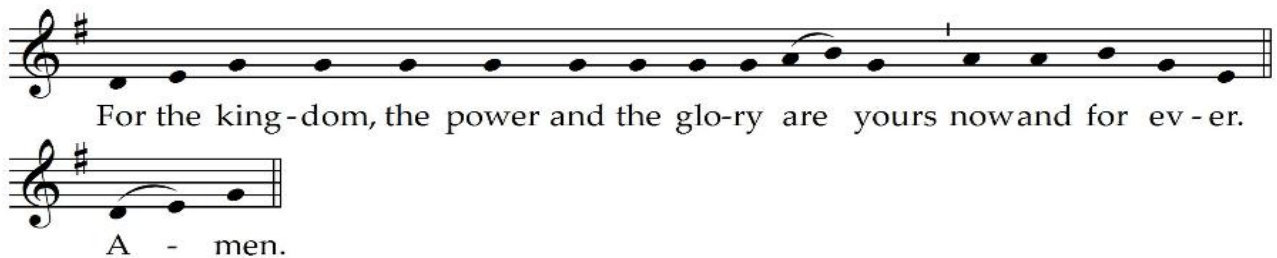


Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come,
your will be done on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us
from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

The Priest continues alone

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.

And all make the prayer their own, singing



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

The Breaking of the Bread

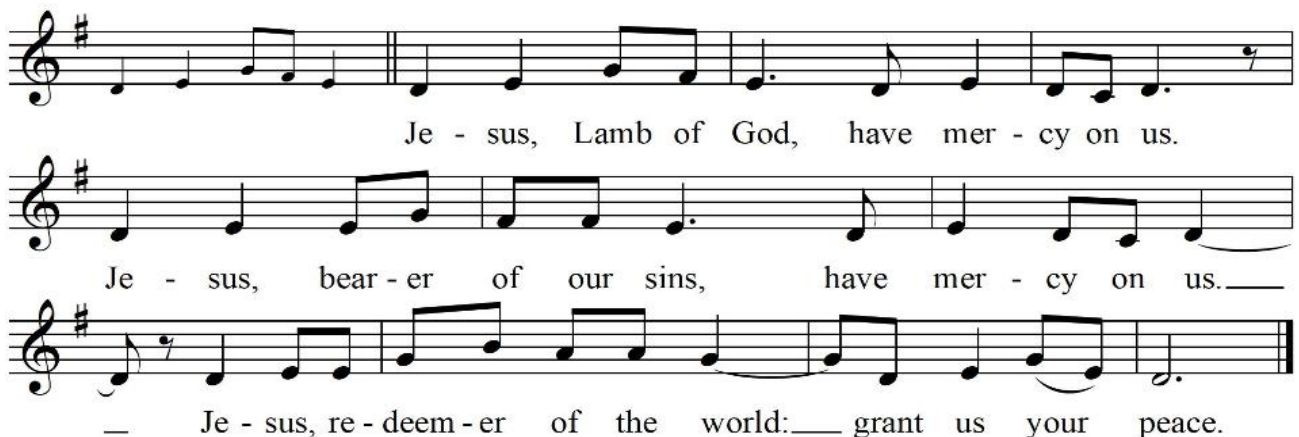
The priest breaks the bread, saying

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 sung.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us. —
— Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: — grant us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

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.**

All receive Holy Communion. Communion will be administered in one kind only. Communicants are asked to approach in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning by the side aisles.

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.

Communion Antiphon

Baruch 5.5; 4.36

The choir sings

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Faithful God,
we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet.
Help us always to hear the prophet's call
to turn our hearts to you;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes, who will make him welcome?

**Long ago, prophets knew
 Christ would come, born a Jew,
 come to make all things new,
 bear his people's burden,
 freely love and pardon,**

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
 Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
 When he comes, when he comes,
 who will make him welcome?*

- 2 **God in time, God in man,
 this is God's timeless plan:
 he will come, as a man,
 born himself of woman,
 God divinely human.**
- 3 **Mary, hail! Though afraid,
 she believed, she obeyed.
 In her womb God is laid:
 till the time expected,
 nurtured and protected.**
- 4 **Journey ends: where afar
 Beth'lem shines, like a star,
 stable door stands ajar.
 Unborn Son of Mary,
 Saviour, do not tarry.**

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
 Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
 Jesus comes, Jesus comes,
 we will make him welcome.*

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

The priest, deacon, or another minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



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CHRISTMAS 2022

Saturday 24 December
11.30 pm Procession, Blessing of the Crib
and Midnight Mass

Sunday 25 December
10 am Procession and Solemn Mass

*LET US ALL REJOICE IN THE LORD, FOR OUR SAVIOUR HAS BEEN BORN IN THE WORLD.
TODAY TRUE PEACE HAS COME DOWN TO US FROM HEAVEN.*

FROM FR STEVEN

The response to yesterday's Quiet Day/Workshop was very encouraging. I suspect this is partly a reflection of a mood for change in the church and the wider community. This mood, which captures deep human aspirations, is often presented under the banner of "spiritual not religious".

This aspiration captures a deep sense of human searching, and it has real substance. For example, the theologian and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer makes a plea for "religionless Christianity". Likewise, French philosopher Jacques Derrida explores "religion without religion".

Of course, we cannot do without institutions, however, we need healthy institutions. In other words, the institution of the church is not an end in itself, but a servant of divine love. In the name of this deep human quest, then, I think it is important that we re-calibrate the way that we interpret the concept of 'future' in relation to Advent.

Advent is a time of waiting and wondering, expecting the new, and hoping for the best. Of course, many of the biblical texts used in Advent are complex. Many of them are written in the apocalyptic genre, which is like a code, written for the faithful hoping for the future. Like the people of Ukraine, facing a tyrant, these ancient faith communities are thinking of the immediate future.

The roots of the apocalyptic go back to the third century BCE book of Daniel (11:32), and resistance to the Seleucid tyrant Antiochus IV Epiphanes. The apocalyptic genre culminates in the book of Revelation, where hope is nurtured in the face of Roman oppression (e.g., arguably Nero). Critically, Jesus identifies with this tradition when he uses the term "the son of man" to describe himself and his mission. The term comes from Daniel and is reliably translated today as "the human one".

In both cases, Daniel and Revelation, the sense of the future is 'the immediate future'. That is, they expected the new to burst into the now. Unfortunately, we have lost that sense of immediacy, as the multi-layered language has often been misinterpreted literally.

Our parish is in good heart. And there are signs of the new among us. These are Advent signs, full of promise and possibility. In fact, Advent is a season of preparation, promise, and new possibilities. So, we can expect divine inspiration and empowerment, in the here and now.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SR JULIANA, who celebrates the 30th anniversary of her ordination to the priesthood tomorrow. Sr Juliana's links with the parish go back to her student days during the time of Fr Malcolm Lindsay, and we are blessed to have her support and friendship. There will be a Diocesan celebration of the anniversary at Choral Evensong in the Cathedral **TONIGHT at 6 pm**.

A REMINDER that each Wednesday morning in Advent, prayers will be offered in the church at 8 am. This is intended to be a reflective, accessible celebration of the season, focussing on the themes of each week of this season of preparation: **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**. The format of the service is simple - an introduction, a short reflection followed by a time for reflection, some prayers and song or hymn. A calm, gentle way to start the day. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

ANGLICARE SA CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE. Thanks to everyone who donated to the Christmas Hamper drive for The Magdalene Centre. Catherine and Heather delivered 2 carloads of donations to the Magdalene Centre to support this year's appeal.

NEXT SUNDAY AFTER MASS morning tea will be provided by the Tuesday Art Group. This will be a great opportunity for the members of the art group to show what they have done during the year and meet members of the wider parish community.

CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL 2022

WEEK 3: THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

THE GIFT OF PEACE

Today, on the 2nd Sunday in Advent, when we focus on the gift of peace, we are invited to reflect on the plight of refugees in our own time. It is fast becoming a cliché for churches to write **All Welcome** on signs and flyers. While we mean it, and believe it, just writing 'all welcome' isn't enough. It doesn't necessarily mean that strangers will be included, and it certainly doesn't mean that outsiders will be heard and valued.

In the reading from the letter to the Romans today, Paul implores the Roman church to 'welcome one another ... just as Christ has welcomed you' he is not talking about the provision of food and opportunities for fellowship. He is addressing a serious division in the church, between those who kept the Jewish religious codes, and those who didn't. This conflict was exacerbated when Emperor Claudius expelled Jews from Rome in 49CE. By the time Emperor Nero allowed them back, the gentile Christians may have had the upper hand over the Jewish Christians. Paul has asked the believers not to judge or provoke one another, and now he emphasises that God always planned to include gentiles in the vision.

The Christmas Bowl, through its national and international partners, provides not only food and care to refugees, but training that enables people to participate in economic life. This is radical inclusion, and a way in which we can really include all people in God's work. In a world of so much inequity, we need 'all hands on deck' to assist in God's mission. Welcoming new people, whether they be the newcomer at the door, or the refugee, or the stranger, isn't for our benefit, but for the benefit of the world.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR GIFT

Envelopes for giving by cash or cheque are available at the back of the church. If you wish to claim a tax deduction for this donation, please complete the relevant portions of the envelope.

You can also **give electronically** via <https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/donate> At the bottom of the page, please start typing "St Mary Magdalene" in the "Or donate through your church" box then select "Adelaide St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Parish". You will then be taken to pages where you can enter the amount of your donation and your details for your tax deductible receipt.

Or donate through your church

Search for your church here to have your donation add to the total from everyone else in your church.

Bardon St Mary Magdalene Catholic Parish	\$0
Adelaide St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Parish	\$0

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 8 am Advent Reflection
Thursday 12 noon Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass (traditional rite)
Sunday 10 am Sung Mass with choir

Mass is offered at St Peter's Cathedral 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.

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The Magdalene Centre

*A partnership in mission between St Mary Magdalene's, St John's Halifax Street,
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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 Mary Magdalene (Mary Mags Dinner)

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, 27 November, at 10 am - The 3rd Sunday in Advent

Readings: Isaiah 35.1-10 • Psalm 146 • James 5.7-10 • Matthew 11.2-11

For Your Prayers

Pray for responsible leadership among the nations as the COVID-19 pandemic continues; pray for an end to 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, Sim, Jasmin, Henry, John Edwards (priest), Peter Garland (priest), Robert Whalley (priest), John Parkes (bishop), Stephan Clark (priest), Mark, Olivia, Nance, Neil, Elaine and Edward.

Pray 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, especially Peter Bird and Heide, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. † *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*