

# The Epiphany of the Lord

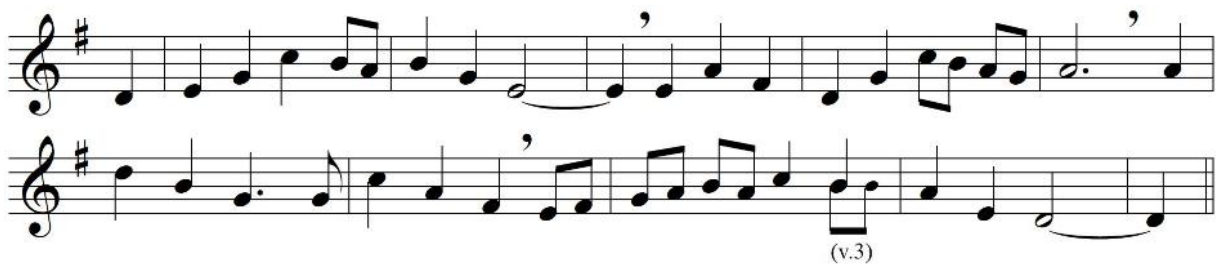
2 January 2022

**Acknowledgement of Country.** As a community, we recognise that the church is built and our worship is offered on the traditional lands of the 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



- We sought him dressed in finest clothes,  
where money talks and status grows;  
but power and wealth he never chose:  
it seemed he lived in poverty.
- 2 We sought him in the safest place,  
remote from crime or cheap disgrace;  
but safety never knew his face:  
it seemed he lived in jeopardy.
- 3 We sought him where the spotlights glare,  
where crowds collect and critics stare;  
but no one knew his presence there:  
it seemed he lived in obscurity.
- 4 Then, in the streets, we heard the word  
which seemed, for all the world, absurd:  
that those who could no gifts afford  
were entertaining Christ the Lord.
- 5 And so, distinct from all we'd planned,  
among the poorest of the land,  
we did what few might understand:  
we touched God in a baby's hand.



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.

Lord God of the nations,  
 we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendour:  
 may the brightness of your incarnate Word  
 pierce the night that covers the earth,  
 signal the dawn of justice and peace,  
 and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light.  
 We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 in the splendour of eternal light,  
 God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60.1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
 and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
 For darkness shall cover the earth,  
 and thick darkness the peoples;  
 but the LORD will arise upon you,  
 and his glory will appear over you.  
 Nations shall come to your light,  
 and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
 they all gather together, they come to you;  
 your sons shall come from far away,  
 and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14



**R.** Kings fall down be - fore him, all na - tions do him ser-vice.

Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness unto the king's son;  
That he may rule your people with right  
and the poor with justice.  
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. **R.**

He shall come down like rain upon the field,  
like showers that water the earth.  
In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace for ever.  
The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.  
All kings shall bow down before him,  
and all nations shall do him service. **R.**

For he shall deliver the poor in their distress,  
and the oppressed who have no helper.  
He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  
He shall redeem their lives from oppression,  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight. **R.**

### New Testament Reading

Ephesians 3.1-12

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-

heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 2.2

Alleluia.

We saw his star as it rose  
and have come to do the Lord homage.

Alleluia.

## **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 2.1-12

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage. When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Homily**

Fr Steven Ogden

## **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.*

*The prayers may conclude*

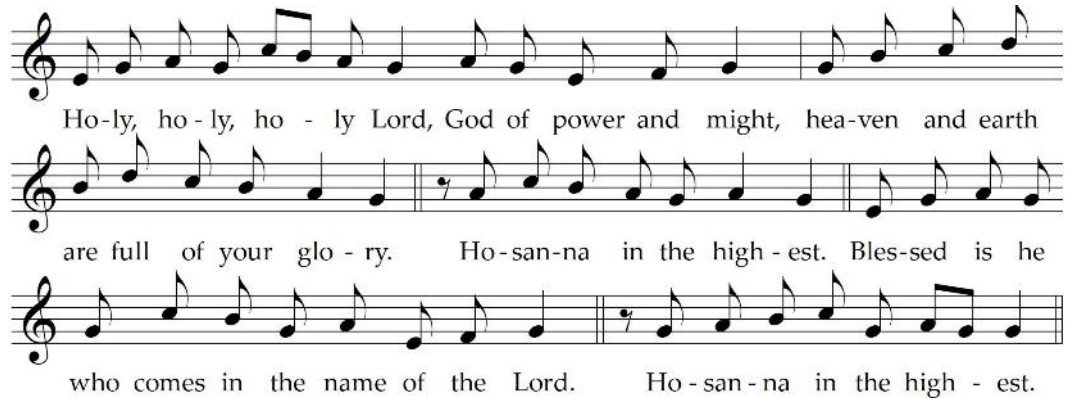
Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

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



By the guiding of a star,  
you made him known to the nations  
as the son of David and king of Israel;  
that in following him,  
we might be led from darkness  
and into his marvellous light.

As children of your redeeming purpose  
who celebrate the manifestation of your Son,  
we offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:



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.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,  
most loving Father.

In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us.  
Our hope is built on him  
in whom you are well pleased.

Having been shown to the world  
as your beloved Son,  
he proclaimed the good news of your kingdom.  
The blind received their sight,  
the lame walked, the lepers were cleansed,  
and the captives set free.

At his word, water became wine,  
the hungry were filled with bread,  
and the dead were raised.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
desiring to complete the work  
for which he came into the world,  
at supper with his disciples  
he took bread and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread,  
and gave it to them, saying:  
“Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.”



After supper, he took the cup,  
he offered you thanks,  
and gave it to them saying:  
“Drink this, all of you.  
This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son's command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves,  
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,  
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

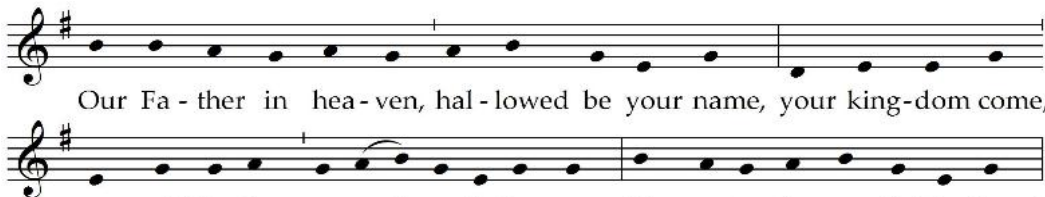
Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body  
to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage  
in the company of the Virgin Mary,  
the apostles, and prophets,  
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages,  
world without end. **Amen.**

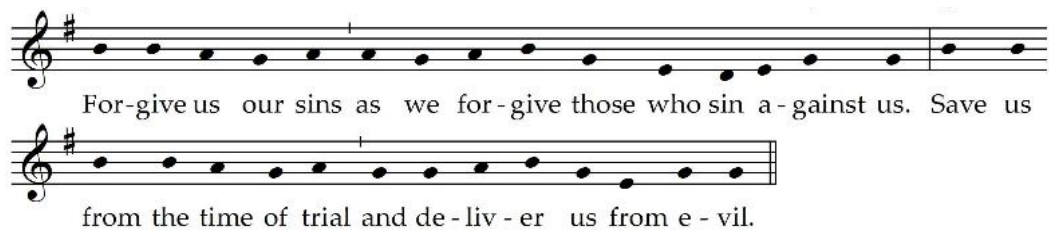
## THE COMMUNION RITE

### The Lord's Prayer

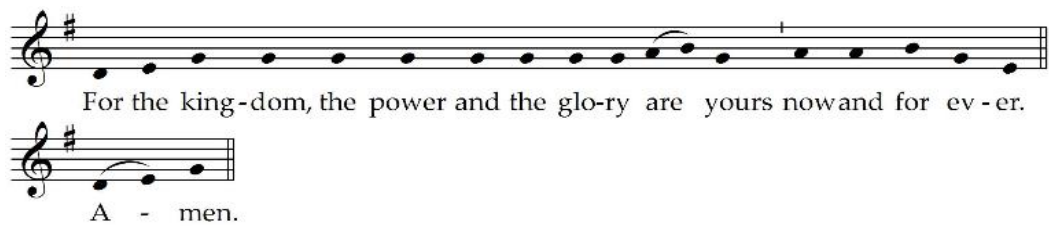
As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lored 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.



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.

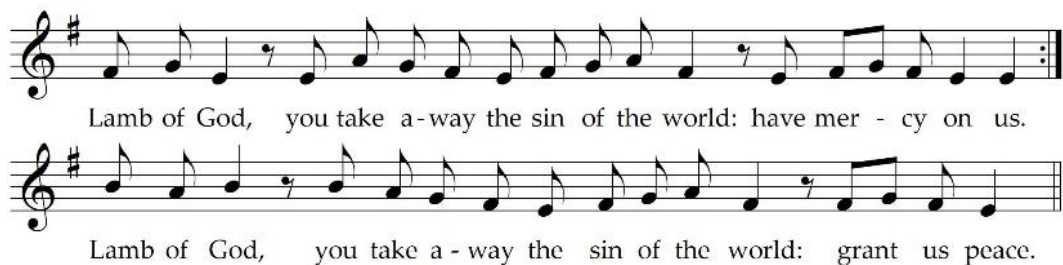


## The Breaking of the Bread

The 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.



## Invitation to Communion

The celebrant 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.**

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.

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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.

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During Communion, the choir sings.

- Behold the great Creator makes  
Himself a house of clay,  
A robe of virgin flesh he takes  
Which he will wear for ay.
- 2 Hark, hark, the wise eternal Word,  
Like a weak infant cries!  
In form of servant is the Lord,  
And God in cradle lies.
- 3 The wonder struck the world amazed,  
It shook the starry frame;  
Squadrons of spirits stood and gazed,  
Then down in troops they came.
- 4 Glad shepherds ran to view this sight;  
A choir of angels sings,  
And eastern sages with delight  
Adore this King of kings.
- 5 Join then all hearts that are not stone,  
And all our voices prove,  
To celebrate this holy One,  
The God of peace and love.

Thomas Pestel 1584-1659  
Music: English carol, 15th century

### Communion Antiphon

Matthew 2.2

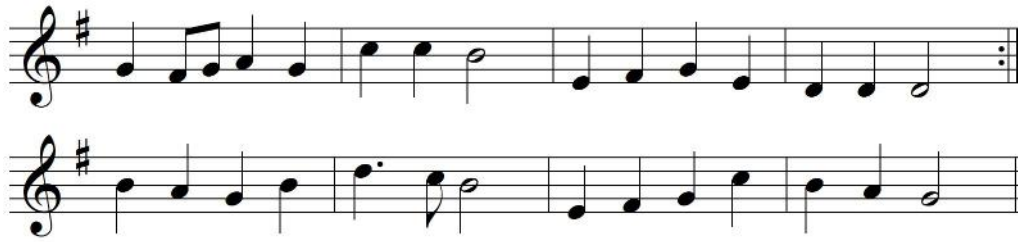
We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of all the nations of the earth,  
guide us with your light.  
Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us  
in this eucharist and in our neighbours.  
May we welcome him with love,  
for he is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

All stand to sing the Postcommunion hymn.



As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold,  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright,  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped  
To that lowly manger-bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Him whom heaven and earth adore,  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek the mercy-seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

4 Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

5 In the heavenly country bright  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,  
Thou its Sun which goes not down:  
There for ever may we sing  
Alleluias to our King.

W Chatterton Dix 1837-98

## Blessing and Dismissal

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

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,  
that your lives may be a light to the world;  
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.

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### APPOINTMENT OF LOCUM PRIEST



The Revd Dr Steven Ogden begins his appointment as Locum Priest today. 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.

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### PARISH FINANCES

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that in the last days of 2021, a transfer of funds to the Synod Office means that the Parish is completely acquitted its accumulated financial arrears to the Synod.

We want to thank every member of the Parish community, and our many supporters further afield, for their ongoing support in 2020 and 2021 while the Parish Council has worked with successive locum priests to stabilise our finances and explore the opportunities for ministry in the future with a predictable and sustainable financial framework.

This is an achievement of great significance for the community. In addition to addressing accumulated arrears to the Synod of around \$40,000, we have spent \$25,000 on the Rectory and in recent months have spent over \$10,000 on the Hall to meet new Work Health and Safety standards. Some \$10,000 of minor works on various items on the Church building are also in preparation, and are fully funded.

The completion of the remediation of arrears to the Synod Office is hoped to be with it the commencement of the nomination process for the appointment of a permanent priest.

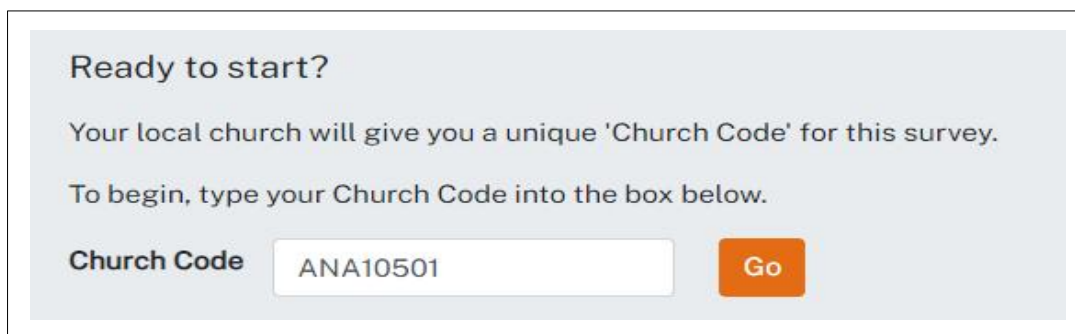
## NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY 2021

The National Church Life Survey (NCLS) has been conducted every 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 in the next few weeks.

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

Thanks in advance for your support!

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## 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, especially with the significant outbreaks of COVID-19 now present in the wider 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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

**Donations to both the ABM Appeals and to Christmas Bowl will be accepted for another few weeks if you wish to give at Parish level.**

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## 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.

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### 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

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### 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/>.

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### 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, 9 January, at 10 am – The Baptism of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 43.1-7 • Psalm 29 • Acts 8.14-17 • Luke 3.15-22

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### 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.*