The 1st Sunday of Advent 3 December 2023

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.

When the bell rings, all stand and the choir sings the Matin Responsory

After Palestrina

- V. I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him, and say:
- R. Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
- . High and low, rich and poor, one with another,
- R. Go ye out to meet him, and say:
- V. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadeth Joseph like a sheep,
- R. Tell us, art thou he that should come?
- V. Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come
- R. to reign over thy people Israel.
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
- R. I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
- \mathring{V} . Go ye out to meet him and say:
- R. Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

Then all sing the hymn.

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR



Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, And manifest thy virgin-birth: Let every age adoring fall, Such birth befits the God of all.

2 Begotten of no human will, But of the Spirit, thou art still The Word of God, in flesh arrayed, The Saviour, now to us displayed.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Heavenly Father, we look forward to the celebration of Christmas and to the coming of the Lord in glory.

♣ Bless this Advent wreath, and bless us all.

Fill us with your love, and strengthen us for our work in the world.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighting of the First Advent Candle: the Candle of Hope

Let us go to the house of our God, so that Christ may teach us the way and we may walk holy paths!

Together, we will proclaim the peace of our God, praying for peace and security for all.

For the sake of all whom we love, we listen for hope, seeking God's peace.

For the sake of the God we adore,

we will spread hope, by proclaiming God's goodness.

The Candle is lit.

Anew we tell the ancient tale, as we prepare to receive the light of the world.

This first flickering is to banish darkness.

This is the candle of Hope. Let us honour the Light!

The hymn resumes.

- 3 O equal to thy Father, thou!
 Gird on thy fleshly mantle now,
 The weakness of our mortal state
 With deathless might invigorate.
- 4 Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, And darkness glow with new-born light, No more shall night extinguish day, Where love's bright beams their power display.
- 5 O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee Eternal praise and glory be, Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit, evermore.

St Ambrose, 4th cent., trans. John Mason Neale 1818-66 and others

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 25.1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Invocation and Greeting

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

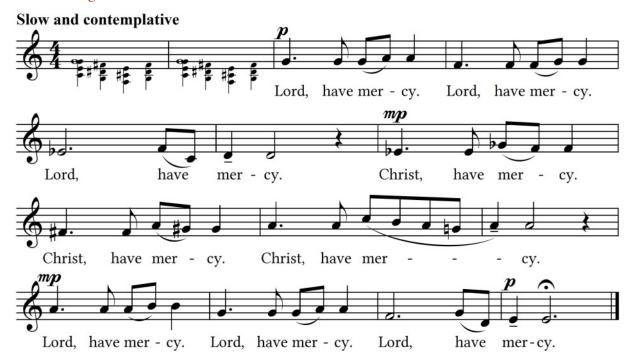
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The grace and peace of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Penitential Act

The choir sings

William Mathias 1934-92



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

Silence. 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.

Eternal God,
through long generations you prepared a way
for the coming of your Son,
and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths:
renew us in faith and hope
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts
and claim our love;
to whom be glory for ever. **Amen**.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 64

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood

and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,

no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;

because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you,

for you have hidden your face from us

and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;

we are the clay, and you are our potter;

we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever.

Now consider, we are all your people.

For the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock: you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory; Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh: stir up your power, and come to save us. Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts:

how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

You have fed them with the bread of tears:

and given them tears to drink in good measure.

You have made us the victim of our neighbours:

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:

show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let your power rest on the one at your right hand

whom you made so strong for yourself.

And so we shall not turn back from you:

give us life, and we will call upon your name.

Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:

show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

The beginning of the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by him you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 84.8

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel Mark 13.24-37

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

▲ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Fr Steven Ogden

Profession of Faith

All stand.

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

Offertory Antiphon

Ps 25.5

The choir sings

O Lord, make me know your ways. Teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation.



George Crawford Hugg c.1848-1907

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 love and power,
your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this 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.

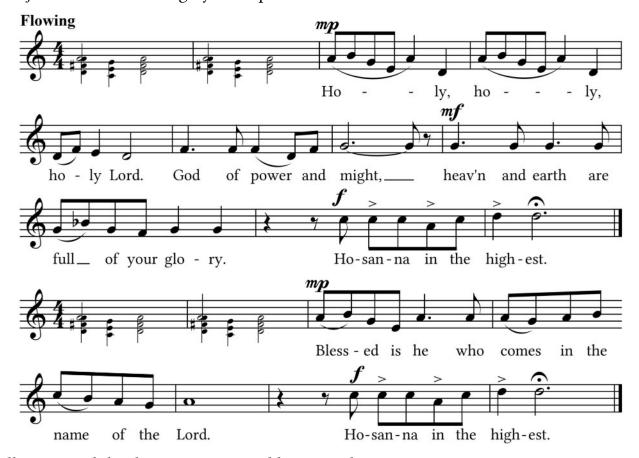
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy at all times and in all places to give you thanks, holy Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Who in the fullness of time came among us opening to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he comes again to judge the world, revealing the light of his presence that we may behold his power and glory.

And so with the hosts of angels and all the company of heaven we proclaim the glory of your name and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Mathias



All praise and thanks to you, true and living God, Creator of all things, Giver of life. You formed us in your own image; but we have marred that image and fall short of your glory.

We give you thanks that you sent your Son to share our life; you gave him up to death that the world might be saved, and you raised him from the dead that we might live in him and he in us.

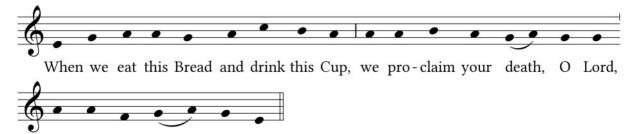
Sanctify with your Spirit this bread and wine, your gifts to us, that they may be for us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, Drink from this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins: do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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As he has commanded us, Father, we remember Jesus Christ, your Son. Proclaiming his victorious death, rejoicing in his resurrection and waiting for him to come in glory we bring to you this bread, this cup.

un - til you

Accept our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Restore and revive your people,
renew us and all for whom we pray
with your grace and heavenly blessing,
and at the last receive us
with Mary Magdalene and all your saints
into that unending joy promised by your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

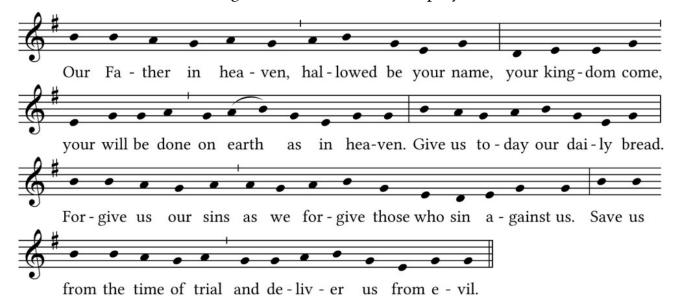
come

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

THE COMMUNION RITE

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.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the bread, saying

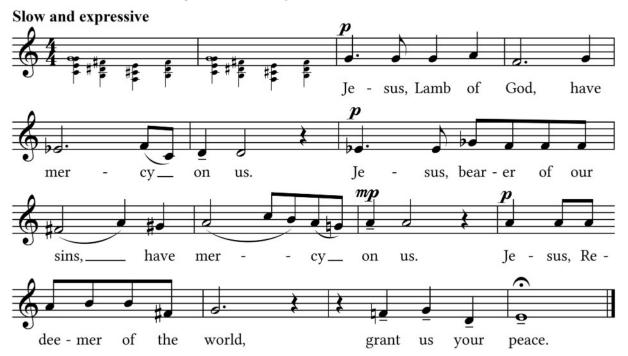
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung.

Mathias



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.

All receive Holy Communion, or a blessing, as they prefer. Please approach in single file, returning via 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.

During Communion, the choir sings

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 85.11-12

The choir sings

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait

you have fed us with the bread of eternal life

Keep us ever watchful

that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.

We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

All stand to sing the hymn.

HELMSLEY



Lo! he comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain; thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:

Alleluya!

God appears, on earth to reign.

- 2 Every eye shall now behold him robed in dreadful majesty; those who set at naught and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the tree, deeply wailing shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears, cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshippers:

 with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4 Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne; Saviour, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own; O come quickly; Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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.

ADVENT IS HERE

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Liturgically, this is a season of preparation, reflection, and anticipation. To this end, we are offering an extensive program. All this will be sustained and enhanced in our worship and our music.

Advent reflections on the practice of hope

Our world is changing. And we have changed. As such, there is a growing mistrust of institutions (like the church), the climate crisis, and increasing violence, anxiety, and loneliness. We are in the middle of a paradigm shift.

A paradigm is a guiding example. It is like a benchmark. We are in the middle of a paradigm shift as many of our old principles and practices for living are not working. There is a loss of that deep trust that nurtures life and build communities. So, what about hope? In this series of reflections, I explore the theme of hope, where hope is a shared aspiration. Together, we live hopefully. Hope is a performative. We aspire, we live, and we enact hope.

- December 3 Powerlessness and hope
- December 10 Queering faith, living with integrity
- December 17 On Thor, the messianic, and the future
- December 24 Cultivating the practice of hope

Advent studies articulating the practice of hope

On Thursday at 10am or 6pm on November 30, December 7, 14, and 21.

Our Advent study consists of four one-hour sessions. Each session consists of a half-hour analysis of a text, followed by a half-hour for questions and discussion.

- November 30 on Job 38:1 Vulnerability and mystery
- December 7 on Galatians 3:28 A gueer church
- December 14 on Daniel 11:32 Resistance
- December 21 on John 1:5 Light

Advent midweek reflections, great way to start you day

Wednesdays 8am in the Nave on November 29, December 6, 13, 20

All this sounds like a smorgasbord. And I hope you can find something here that will assist your Advent preparation. Above all, however, I hope you can participate in all these things. It can be good for the soul, and a tonic for our faith community.

Bring a friend. Make it memorable.

Fr Steven

ASSISTANT PRIEST IN 2024 - FR CAMERON BURR

We are delighted to announce that Fr Cameron Burr will join the ministerial team at St Mary Magdalene's for 2024. Fr Cameron was ordained deacon and priest last year, and has served in the Parish of Gawler. He has now been appointed to the Chaplaincy team in the Central Adelaide Local Health Network, and will spend most Sundays at St Mary Magdalene's as part of his ongoing formation.

Fr Cameron is a proud Booandik man, whose people come from South-eastern, South Australia down around the Mount Gambier region to just across the Victorian boarder of the Glenelg River region. His last name comes from Mount Burr, the extinct volcano that sits about 10-15km outside of Millicent in the South East, near a mission where his great grandmother was cared for as an orphan in the 1860s. We look forward to hearing more of his story.

Fr Cameron will be with us from today. Please make him welcome.



WEEK 1: THE SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT: THE REIGN OF CHRIST

Mark wrote his gospel at a time when disaster was unfolding in Judea. From Galilee in the north to Judea in the south there was a major uprising against Rome, in 66 CE which took them seven years to quell. Rome's power was overwhelming. It reached a climax with the capture of Jerusalem and the dismantling of the temple in 70 CE, a symbolic victory. It was the inevitable end of any such resistance. Jesus must have pointed to it long before. Mark now brings an elaboration of his remarks, reflecting the confusion and devastation of those times, from claims the end had come, the Messiah appeared, to the desperation of men and women needing to flee for their lives. He draws on traditional images of cosmic signs and wonders to assert that history was approaching its end indeed within their generation, a common expectation we know that Paul, too, shared, but then offers wisdom: no one knows when, not even Jesus. Don't speculate. Just be ready. Being ready means: stay connected to God. Let God's love inspire and shape who you are and what you do as you read the signs of the times and see powerful and destructive forces at work. That is how Mark finally sums it up. Alert to love and alert to need is the challenge, not despair or speculation. That generation passed and now nearly two millennia later as we face new dangers and challenges, that call is as relevant as ever. The Christmas Bowl provides an opportunity to put such alertness into action.

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.



SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 8 am Prayer and Reflection

Thursday12 noon Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass (traditional rite)Sunday10 am Sung Mass with children's ministry and 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 Fr Steven Ogden.

Confessions or confidential personal time with a priest are always available on request.

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The Magdalene Centre

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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.

Directory

Parish Priest: The Revd Dr Steven Ogden

Fr Steven's appointment is part-time. His days on duty are Tuesday to Thursday and Sunday.

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Next Sunday, 10 December, at 10 am - The 2nd Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9 • Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19 • 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 • Mark 13.24-37

For Your Prayers

Pray for responsible leadership among the nations; 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, John Edwards (priest), Peter Garland (priest), John Parkes (bishop), Stephan Clark (priest), Nance, Neil, Elaine, Edward, Neil, Hugh and Bart O'Donovan (priest).

Pray for those who have died: those who have worked and worshipped in this place before us; those who have died recently, especially Hamish Jamieson (bishop), and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. † Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.