# The 3rd Sunday of Advent 17 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 sing the hymn.

VENI EMMANUEL



Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-ma - nu-el shall come to thee, O Is - ra-el.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave:

### Lighting of the Third Advent Candle: the Candle of Joy

The blossoms of spring tell of rejoicing.

Creation breaks forth into joy.

Desert sands ripple and vast oceans cast waves onto shore.

Creation dances in joy

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In places of flood and places of drought, we ask that again: **Creation may flow with joy.** 

We are called to worship God with rejoicing:

Strengthen and sustain us, that we may sing and dance before the Lord!

#### The Candle is lit.

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

This third flame is to bring delight and rejoicing.

This is the candle of Joy.

### Let us honour the Light!

The hymn resumes.

- 3 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight:
- 4 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery:
- 5 O come, O come, thou Lord of Might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height, in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe:

Latin Advent Antiphons trans. John Mason Neale 1818-66

### **Entrance Antiphon**

Philippians 4.4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

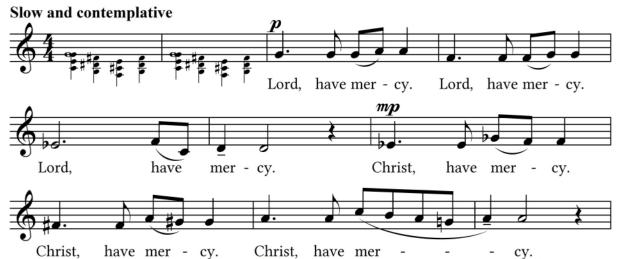
### **Invocation and Greeting**

▲ 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**

All sing 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, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son: grant us wisdom to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ who is coming in power and glory to establish his rule of peace and justice; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD said:

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me because the LORD has anointed me;

he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who mourn in Zion to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I, the LORD, love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my whole being shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

### Psalm 126

1 When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion: then were we like those restored to life.

- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongue with singing.
- 3 Then said they among the heathen: 'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- 4 Truly the Lord has done great things for us: and therefore we rejoiced.
- 5 Turn again our fortunes, O Lord: as the streams re|turn to the dry south.

Chant, Percy Whitlock 1903-46

- 6 Those who sow in tears: shall reap with songs of joy.
- 7 They that go out weeping, bearing the seed: shall come again in gladness, bringing their sheaves with them.

### **Second Reading**

1 Thessalonians 5.12-28

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Brothers and sisters, pray for us.

Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss.

I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the brothers and sisters.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

For the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Isaiah 61.1 (Luke 4.18)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel John 1.6-8, 19-28

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

▶ The beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### John 1.6-8, 19-28

▲ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but he confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'

as the prophet Isaiah said."

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why, then, are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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,

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

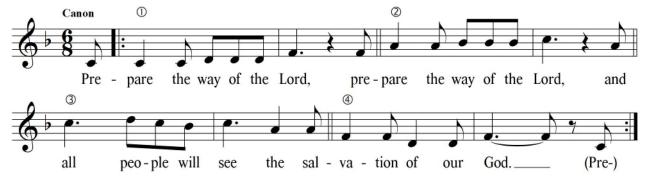
### **Offertory Antiphon**

Ps 85.23a

The choir sings

O Lord, you have blessed your land, you have put an end to Jacob's captivity; you have forgiven the guilt of your people.

All stand to sing the chant, during which a Collection will be taken up.



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 of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake 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.

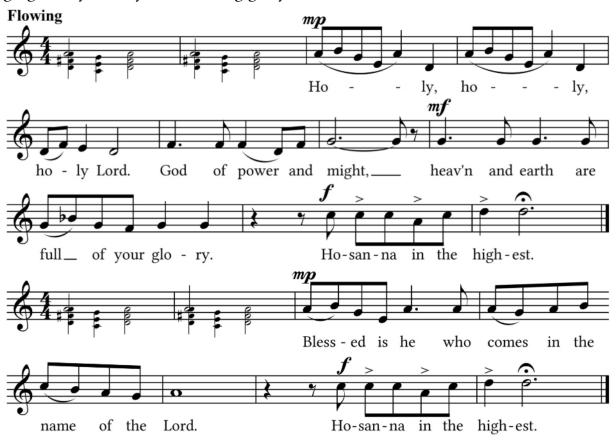
Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker. Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be, and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment. Dawn and evening celebrate your glory till time shall be no more.

In Christ your Son the life of heaven and earth were joined, sealing the promise of a new creation, given, yet still to come.

Taught by your Spirit, we who bear your threefold likeness look for the City of Peace in whose light we are transfigured and the earth transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose who await the coming 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:

Mathias



Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father.

In Jesus you showed us yourself.
Our hope is built on him,
the first, the last, the living one.
Obedient, even to accepting death,
He opened the gate of glory
and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, alight with the vision of a feast that heralded a kingdom yet to come, 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.

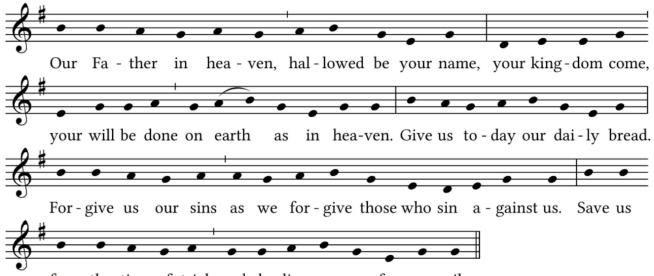
Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters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



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 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.

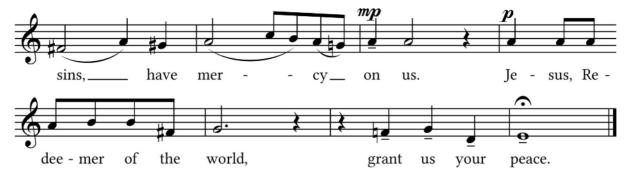
We who are many are one body,

#### 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**

Isaiah 35.4

The choir sings

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come and save you."

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

Merciful God

may this eucharist free us from our sins

fill us with unending joy,

and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,

who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.



Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding; 'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say; 'cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day.'

- 2 Wakened by the solemn warning, let the earth-bound soul arise; Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 Lo, the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven; let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven;
- 4 That when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear, with his mercy he may shield us, and with words of love draw near.
- 5 Honour, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son, with the everlasting Spirit, while eternal ages run.

Latin, trans Edward Caswall 1814-78

### **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 Third 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 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" please make him welcome.



#### **WEEK 3: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

In our gospel passage the author retells the story of John in a way that emphatically confines his role to that of a witness to Jesus as alone the Messiah and bringer of forgiveness and light. By contrast, the reading from Isaiah is like an explosion of joy and positivity. Writing probably in the late sixth century, the prophet, whose sayings are now incorporated in the book of the much earlier prophet, Isaiah, reports his inspiration and his brief. God's Spirit inspires him to announce hope in a context where his fellow Israelites were experiencing oppression. Liberation beckons and it fills the prophet with joy, depicted as like the joy of a wedding celebration, a favourite image of hope. Why? Because "the Lord God will cause righteousness/justice and praise to spring up before all the nations". Luke knows a tradition according to which Jesus adapted this job description as his own and declared it before members of his own local synagogue in Nazareth (Luke 4:16-20). Feasts, wedding feasts, also filled his vision of hope and remain alive in celebration of the eucharist. A vision for Israel, it became a vision for all peoples: justice and joy. One of the ways we can make that vision our agenda is to support programs like Act for Peace's partners in Jordan to help refugees rebuild their lives.

#### **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 <a href="https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/donate">https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/donate</a> 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.

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# **CHRISTMAS 2023**

Sunday 24 December 11 pm Procession, Blessing of the Crib and Midnight Mass

Monday 25 December 10 am Procession and Solemn Mass

Thursday 28 December
The Holy Innocents
12 noon Angelus, 12.10 pm Mass

Sunday 31 December
The Feast of the Holy Family
10 am Procession and Solemn Mass

Thursday 4 January 2024 *Thursday before Epiphany* 12 noon Angelus, 12.10 pm Mass

Sunday 7 January
The Epiphany of the Lord
10 am 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.

#### 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.

### **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

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 <a href="https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/">https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/</a>.

### 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, 24 December, at 10 am - The 4th Sunday of Advent

Readings: 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16 ● Magnificat ● Romans 16.25-27 ● Luke 1.26-38

#### **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, 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 Neil Smith, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. † Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.