

The 2nd Sunday in Advent

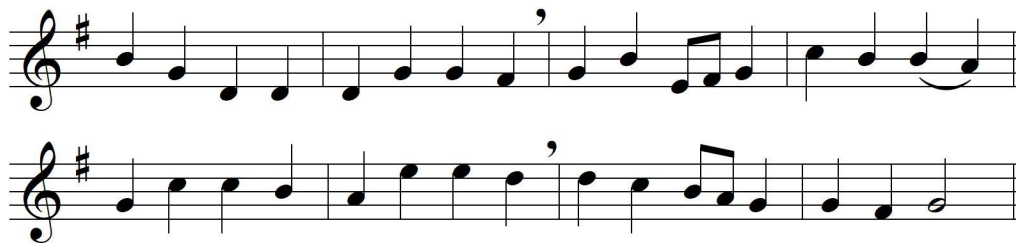
5 December 2021

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.



**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.**

**2 Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.**

Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle, the Candle of Love

Today we light the Candle of Love.

The prophets of old called the people to repentance,
that they might receive the pure love, grace and compassion of God
who is slow to anger and abounding in mercy.

The candle is lit, and the Priest says:

Lord Jesus, Light of the World,
the prophets spoke of your love
for the world and for us all.

Give love in our hearts at Christmastide.

We ask that as we wait for you to come again,
that you would remain present with us.

And all say:

**Help us today, and everyday to worship you,
to hear your word, and to do your will
by sharing your peace with each other.
We ask this in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

The hymn resumes:

- 3 **Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.**
- 4 **By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Charles Wesley 1717-87

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 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.

**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.**

And the Kyrie is sung.

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

Collect

Let us pray.
Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,
and make us strong in faith,
so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth,
we may go out joyfully to greet him;
and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Malachi 3.1–4

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

Canticle

Luke 1.68–79

O bless the God of Israel
Who comes to set us free;
Who visits and redeems us,
With love for all to see.
The prophets spoke of mercy,
Of rescue and release;
God shall fulfil his promise
And bring our people peace.

He comes! The Child of David,
The Son whom God has given;
He comes to live among us
And raise us up to heaven;
Before him goes his servant,
Fore-runner of the way,
The prophet of salvation,
The herald of the Day.

Where once were fear and darkness
The sun begins to rise –
The dawning of forgiveness
Upon the sinner's eyes,
He guides the feet of pilgrims
Along the paths of peace:
O bless our God and Saviour
With songs that never cease.

Paraphrase by Michael Perry 1942-96

Second Reading

Philippians 1.1–11

The beginning of the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi,
with the bishops and deacons:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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!

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Fr Gwilym Henry-Edwards

Profession of Faith

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life for the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The priest may say

Let us pray for the world and 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.

Canon

Pre - pare the way of the Lord, pre - pare the way of the Lord, and
all peo - ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. (Pre-)

Jacques Berthier 1923-94

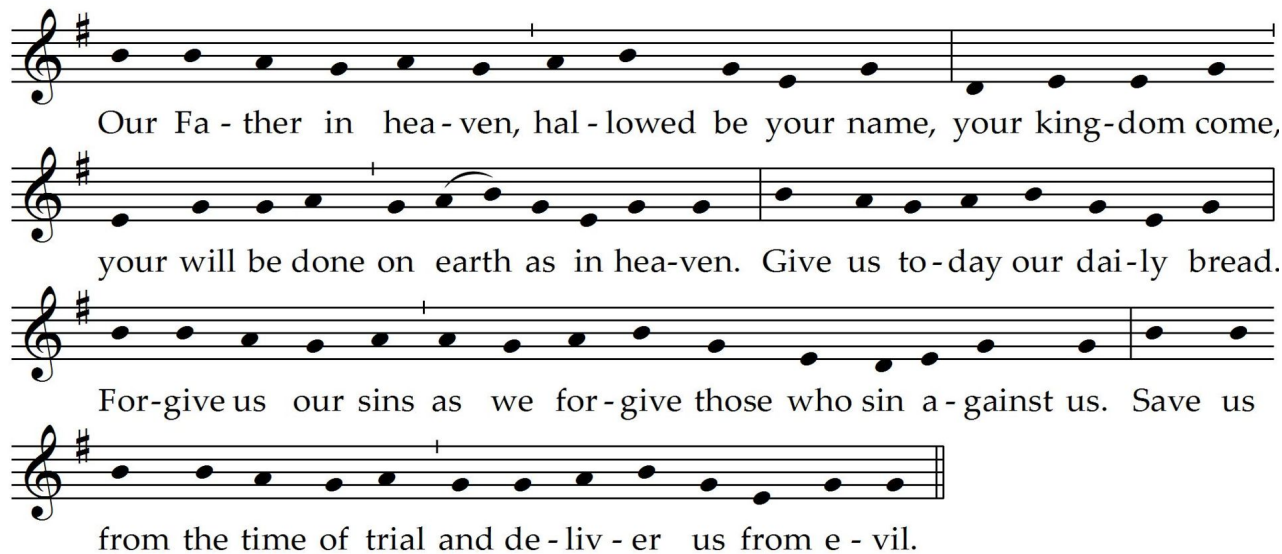
When all is prepared, the priest says

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.**

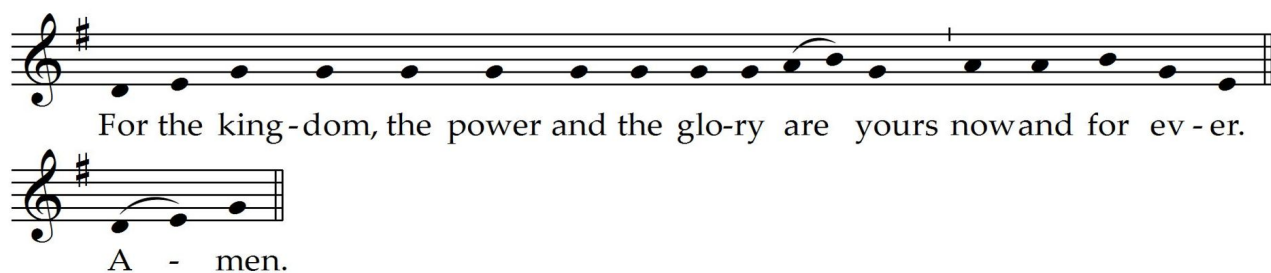
The Lord's Prayer

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



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

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



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

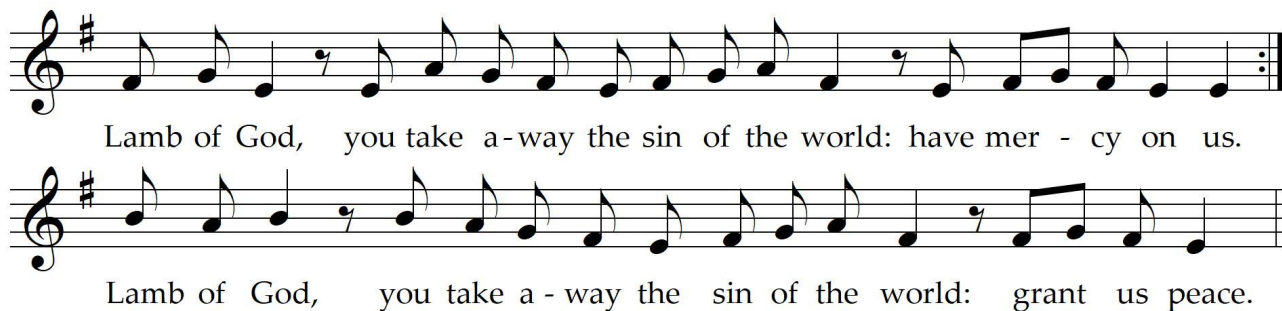
The Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the bread, saying

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung:



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

Invitation to Communion

The priest says

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All receive Holy Communion. Communion will be administered in one kind only. Communicants should approach in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning via the side aisles. Communicants should remove their face masks immediately prior to receiving Holy Communion, replacing them afterwards.

Those who are not to receive the Blessed Sacrament are invited to unite themselves with Jesus by making a Spiritual Communion.

Act of Spiritual Communion

St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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

During Communion, the choir sings.

Communion Antiphon

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.

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.**



Hills of the North, rejoice,
river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing.
Christ comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

2 Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.

3 Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
your seers have longed to know their Lord;
to you he comes, the final word.

4 Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

5 Shout, as you journey home,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the universe be blest.

Charles E. Oakley 1832-65

THE CONCLUDING RITES

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 assistant, or the priest or deacon, says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

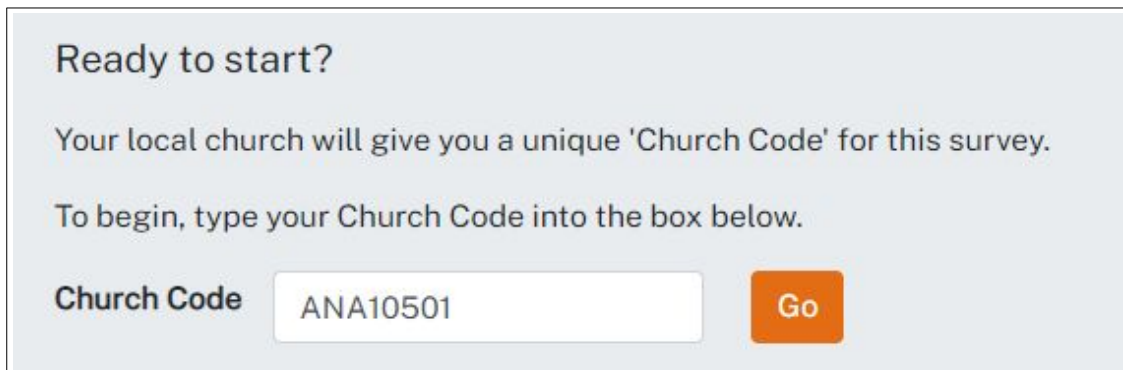
NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY 2021

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

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

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

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



Ready to start?

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

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

Church Code

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

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

Thanks in advance for your support!

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING RESUMES

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

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

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

This move brings with it an opportunity to remind the community of the encouragement on the part of the Archbishop as well as the Parish Council to receive your COVID-19 vaccinations, if you have not already done so. We are fully committed to vaccination as a responsible act that is in the interest both of individuals and of the wider community.

ADVENT PRAYER ON WEDNESDAY MORNING

Through Advent, each Wednesday morning, Alison McAllister and Leonie Zadow will be in the church at 7.30 am for 30 minutes of silent prayer. You are welcome to join us.

Prayers will start at 7.30 am promptly and finish at about 8 am ... If you're late, just come in. You can also join us remotely - you can be at home, or even in the car on the way to work, increasing the saints in the room!

If you would like to invite a friend that would be great too.

There are no special requirements; a short reading, 20 minutes of silent prayer and a hymn to conclude.

The readings for the week and the song will be posted in the Tuesday email newsletter, so you can join in even if you are not in the church.

Any questions please talk to one of us at church or email leonie@redirt.com.au. If you do intend to join us remotely we'd love to know.

Alison and Leonie

CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL

The Christmas Bowl is one of the longest standing Christmas appeals in Australia. It was established in 1949 by The Revd Frank Byatt to raise money for refugees after World War II. On Christmas Day that year, Frank put a Bowl of Remembrance on the dinner table and asked his family to place a gift inside to help those less fortunate than themselves. The Christmas Bowl was born. The very first Christmas Bowl raised £1,808 - no small sum at that time. Since that time, churches have raised more than \$100 million, illustrating the incredible impact that Australian churches can have when they work together.

The causes to which donations to Christmas Bowl will be applied in 2021 include supporting health clinics in Gaza, where protracted fighting, a blockade that makes it hard to access food or medicine, and COVID-19 hardships, have led to the closure of many clinics, and in particular an end to mental health support and counselling to help children deal with trauma.

ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Each year the Anglican Board of Mission – Australia holds an Advent and Christmas Appeal. The Advent appeal this year will be in aid of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in North Queensland and Nungalinya College in Darwin. Wontulp-Bi-Buya College supports the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders through study programs leading to awards in theology, suicide prevention, addictions management and community development. Nungalinya College serves over 300 remote Indigenous students, most of whom are both church leaders and Elders with responsibilities in their own cultures. Indigenous Elders continually comment that they go there to grow in their faith, to be refreshed and renewed to go back home and continue to serve their people.

BLUE CHRISTMAS, THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER



A church service to support people who have lost loved ones and are experiencing grief.

The worship recognizes that many experience loss and pain and provides the promise of hope.

Candles, arranged as an Advent wreath, are lit and empty chairs are reserved as a way of commemorating those who have been lost in previous years.

This time is for those who struggle to find joy and hope during festive seasons.

The service is set to begin at 6:30pm on Thursday 9 December.

PASTORAL VISIT – BISHOP DENISE FERGUSON – NEXT SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER

Each year Archbishop Geoff Smith and Bishop Denise Ferguson each have pastoral oversight of around half the parishes in the Diocese. Bishop Denise will be our area bishop for the coming year. Among her first visits this year will be St Mary Magdalene's, when she will be the principal concelebrant and preacher **next Sunday 12 December**. Please mark the date in your diaries. Bishop Denise has a great affection to our community, as St Mary Magdalene's was the first church in which she officiated as a bishop following her episcopal ordination in July 2019.

ART EXHIBITION – FR KIM EN JOONG OP – SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER

An exhibition of the works of Fr Kim En Joong OP was held in the Hall last Sunday. Worshippers enjoyed the enormous variety of beautifully coloured originals and prints on display, and even splashed out on early Christmas presents, with ATF staff member Gabriel Siqueira kept busy placing "red dots" on a number of the works displayed!

We were surprised and delighted to be presented with a gift to the Parish of a limited edition print of one of Fr Kim's art works. Out thanks to AFT Press and Hilary Regan and, of course, Fr Kim, for this generous gift.



The image is a large numbered print, 7/80, from an original art work created in 1992. As with much of Fr Kim's abstract art, the piece is untitled.

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

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

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

Mass is offered at St Peter's Cathedral on Monday to Friday at 7.30 am, and on Wednesday at 10 am.

Inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings to the Locum Priest. Confessions or confidential personal time with a priest are always available on request.

Regular Giving and Donations

Financial support for our mission and ministry through electronic funds transfer (EFT) is an efficient way of making regular contributions to your congregation. Regular giving helps us plan for the future and ensures you continue offering support when you can't make it to Church.

Our Details: Bank: Bankwest, 8 Rundle Mall, Adelaide 5000
BSB 305 122, account no 0324654. Reference: Your name

The Magdalene Centre

*A partnership in mission between St Mary Magdalene's, St John's Halifax Street,
St Peter's Cathedral, and Anglicare SA*

82 Gilbert Street, Adelaide Tel (08) 8305 9389

Non-perishable food for those in need can be left in the baskets at the back of the church or delivered to the Magdalene Centre from 12 noon to 3 pm, Monday to Friday.

Donations of cash are welcome via <https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/>.

The Collective of St Magdalene (Drop-In Centre)

Pray for all those who receive the Collective's weekly support,
and who are seeking meals and companionship at other times during the week.

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Next Sunday, 12 December, at 10 am – The 3rd Sunday in Advent Pastoral Visit by the Assistant Bishop

Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-20 • (Canticle) Isaiah 12.2-6 • Philippians 4.4-7 • Luke 3.7-18

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, and Alex.

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 Casson, Ann Bednall, Matt Byrne, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. *Rest ✕ eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*