

## The 3rd Sunday in Advent

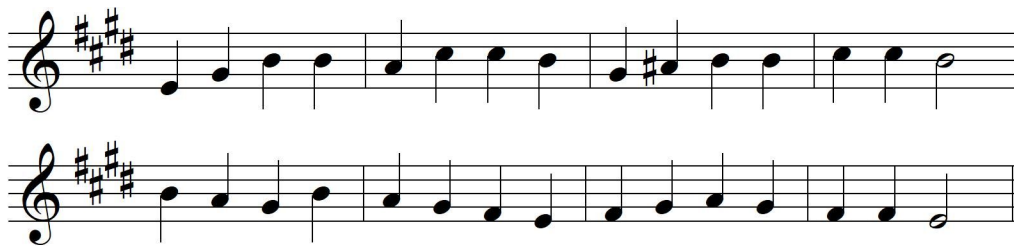
12 December 2021

**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.*



**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 Startled at the solemn warning,  
Let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.**

### Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle, the Candle of Joy

*The bishop, priest or another minister says:*

Today we light the Candle of Joy.  
Your prophet John the Baptist brought joy to his family,  
and many rejoiced at his birth,  
for he was great in the sight of the Lord.

*The candle is lit*

Lord Jesus, Light of the World,  
give joy in our hearts at Christmastide.  
Call us out of distraction and back to attentive anticipation  
as we prepare for the joyful wonder of Christmas.

*And all say*

**Help us today, and everyday to worship you,  
to hear your word, and to do your will  
by sharing your joy with each other.**

**We ask this in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

*The hymn resumes*

- 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!**

*Vox clara ecce intonat*, 6th cent.,  
trans. Edward Cassell 1814-78

### **Entrance Antiphon**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.

Philippians 4.4-5

### **Greeting**

*The celebrant says*

✠ 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 celebrant 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 bishop pronounces the Absolution:*

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 said.*

Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Christ, have mercy.	<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>
Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>

## Collect

Let us pray.  
Almighty God,  
you sent your Son into a world  
where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff  
and evil clings even to what is good:  
let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption,  
so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for him  
whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near,  
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Zephaniah 3.14-20

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgements against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned  
and praised among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,  
says the LORD.

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

### **Canticle**

Isaiah 12.2-8

Surely God is my salvation:  
I will trust and will not be afraid,  
for the Lord God is my strength and my might,  
and has become my salvation.

With joy you shall draw water  
from the wells of salvation.

And you shall say in that day, 'Give thanks to the Lord,  
and call upon his name.'

Make known his deeds among the nations:  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously:  
let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

### **Second Reading**

Philippians 4.4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Isaiah 61.1 (Cf. Luke 4.18)

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptised by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptised, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

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

**Homily**

The Right Revd Denise Ferguson

**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 celebrant 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.*



Anon, 16th cent.

*When all is prepared, the celebrant 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.**



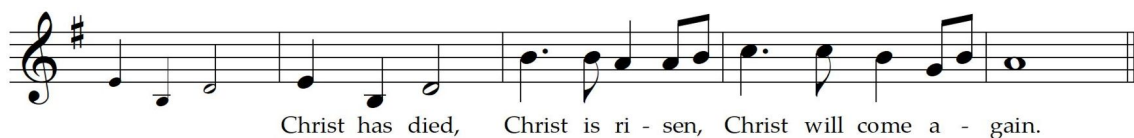
Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

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

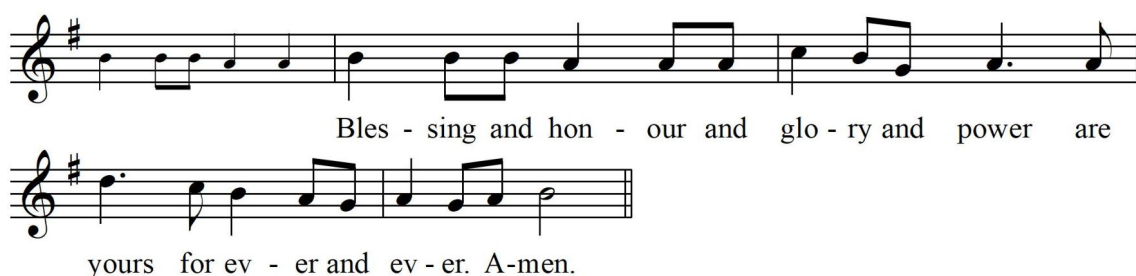
After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



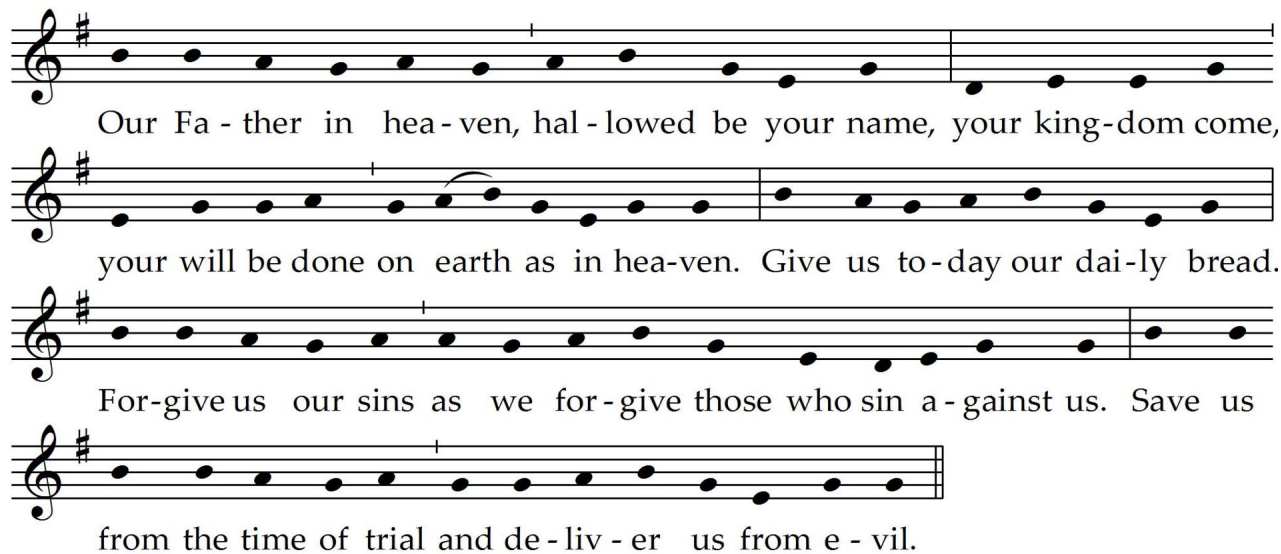
Renew us by your Holy Spirit  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:





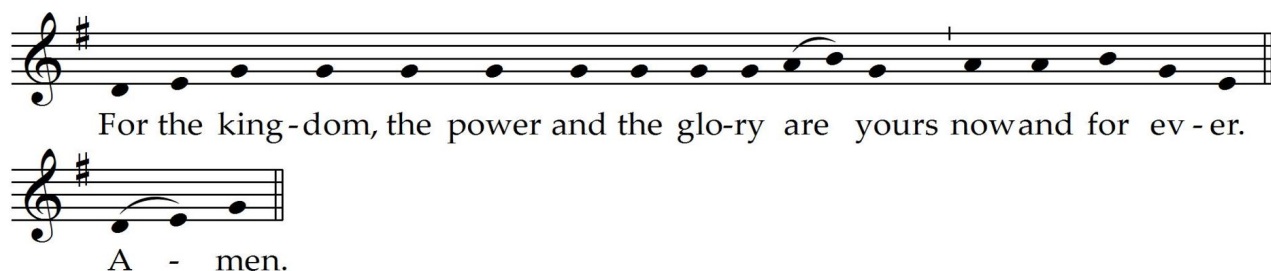
## The Lord's Prayer

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.

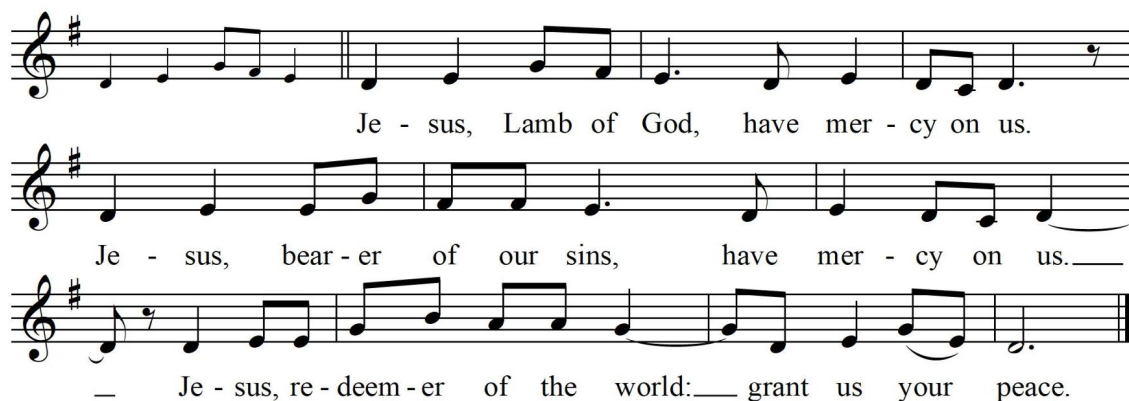
## The Breaking of the Bread

*The celebrant breaks the bread, saying*

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

**for we all share in the one bread.**

*While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung:*



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

## Invitation to Communion

*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.**

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.*

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*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.*

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Isaiah 35.4

*The choir sings*

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

### 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.**



- Awake, awake: fling off the night!  
for God has sent a glorious light;  
and we who live in Christ's new day  
must works of darkness put away.
- 2 Awake and sing, with praises strong,  
in psalm and hymn and Spirit-song.  
Let love our words and works renew  
with all that's good, and right, and true.
- 3 Let in the light; all sin expose  
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.  
Then rise, as children of the light.  
Be neither proud, nor hide from sight.
- 4 Through Christ give thanks to God, and say  
to other sleepers on the way:  
"Awake, and rise up from the dead  
that Christ may shine on you instead!"

J. R. Peacey 1896-1971

#### THE CONCLUDING RITES

#### Blessing and Dismissal

*The bishop says*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
**now and for ever.**

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 celebrant, deacon, or another minister, says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

# NOTICES

## WELCOME TO BISHOP DENISE FERGUSON

Each year Archbishop Geoff Smith and Bishop Denise Ferguson each have pastoral oversight of around half the parishes in the Diocese. Bishop Denise is our area bishop for the coming year, and we are delighted to welcome her today. St Mary Magdalene's was the first church in which Bishop Denise officiated as a bishop following her episcopal ordination in July 2019.

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## APPOINTMENT OF LOCUM PRIEST



The Churchwardens are delighted to announce the appointment of the Revd Dr Steven Ogden as Locum Priest from 2 January 2022. 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.

**Fr Gwilm Henry-Edwards** has made a tremendous contribution since his appointment as Locum Priest in March 2021, supporting the Parish Council and the parish community as we prepare for what we hope will be the last of locum appointment in anticipation of the commencement of a formal nomination process in the coming months. **We will have a celebration of his ministry after Mass next Sunday, 19 December**, as the following week will be largely overshadowed by Christmas celebrations!

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## 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!

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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. 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 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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## **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](mailto:leonie@redirt.com.au). If you do intend to join us remotely we'd love to know.

Alison and Leonie

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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.

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## GAUDETE SUNDAY – REJOICE!

The 3rd Sunday in Advent is often called “Gaudete” Sunday in the Catholic tradition, after the first words of the Entrance Antiphon, “Gaudete in Domino semper” (“Rejoice in the Lord always”).

The season of Advent originated in the early days of the Church as a fast of 40 days in preparation for Christmas. In the 9th century, the duration of Advent was reduced to four weeks (a period starting four Sundays before Christmas). Advent preserved most of the characteristics of a penitential season, which made it a kind of counterpart to Lent, including a break for “refreshment” in the middle of the season, when the disciplines of the season were slightly relaxed. (In Lent, the 4th Sunday in Lent Laetare Sunday, again from the words of the Entrance Antiphon, “Laetare Jerusalem” (“Rejoice, Jerusalem”).

On Gaudete Sunday, rose-coloured vestments may be worn instead of violet (or deep blue, which is also worn in Advent in some traditions). On the Advent wreath, the candle for this Sunday is also rose-pink. The use of this colour, a “lighter” shade of the violet or blue of the season, is intended to be a visual reminder that the season of preparation is coming to a close and the great feast is swiftly approaching.

The colour is described, in liturgical books, as “rosacrea”, and the spectrum is quite broad. Some are rich in hue, while others have more pink in the sense that is usually understood; a sort of pastel colour that comes about by mixing equal parts of red and white. Others have elements of orange or purple in them, or greater amounts of red than white. We are lucky enough to have vestments in this colour, and rejoice that we are able to adorn our worship of Almighty God with what beauty and splendour we can.



## 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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### Directory

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### Next Sunday, 19 December, at 10 am – The 4th Sunday in Advent

Readings: Micah 5.2–5a • (Canticle) Luke 1.46b–55 • Hebrews 10.5–10 • Luke 1.39–45

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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, 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.*