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# ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

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EAST BURWOOD



27<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”*

## Welcome to Church

### Sentence for Today

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. Isaiah 2.3a.



**For those who have children with them, there is a children's corner in the church for the little ones. During school term, children who are pre-school age and above can attend 'Godzone' - Special Children's Activities - shortly after we begin the 9.30am service.**

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*Before each service we enter a time of silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.*

**Entrance hymn: TiS 271**     *“The advent of our God”*

The advent of our God  
with eager prayers we greet,  
and singing haste upon His road  
his coming reign to meet.

The everlasting Son  
was born to make us free;  
and He a servant’s form put on  
to gain our liberty.

Let Zion now arise  
To greet her infant king,  
and gladly take with thankful heart  
the peace he comes to bring

As Judge, on clouds of light,  
he soon will come again,  
his scattered people to unite  
with them in heaven to reign.

Praise to the incarnate Son  
who comes to set us free,  
with Father, Spirit, ever one,  
to all eternity.

Charles Coffin 1676-1749 tr. John Chandler 1806-76 and others

### **Acclamation**

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever.**

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

### **Welcome**

#### ***The Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath***

**Reader:** Dear People of God, at the beginning of this season of Advent, let us listen to the ancient stories and prophecies of the Old Testament, which speak of God’s great purpose for the world when Emmanuel, God is with us, comes among us. Today, we remember the prophets of old, who prepared hearts for the coming of the expected One as redeemer.

**Blessing:** Send down your blessing on this parish family's wreath. May all of us who look at its flame prepare a special place in our hearts for Christ's promised coming.

**Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who dare us to challenge the world's injustices, and who show us a future we never anticipated.**

**Reader:** On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this first candle as a symbol of the hope and expectation and promise that our God, as foretold by the prophets of old, is truly in charge of this often dark world.

A candle is lit.

**Reader:** As we light the first Advent Candle, we hope for the fuller brightness that is to come. We want the light to remind us to wait and watch for what the coming of our God will bring, and to remember what he has already given. We may well look around us to see the flowering of the purple jacarandas and the violet agapanthus and the lilac in bloom as a surety of his coming this Christmastide.

***Prayer of Preparation:***

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***The Two Great Commandments:***

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

***Invitation to Confession:***

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

***Confession:***

**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.**

***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.**

***Trisagion:***

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

***The Prayer of the Day:***

Faithful God,  
whose promises stand unshaken through all generations:  
renew us in hope,  
that we may be awake and alert  
watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ,  
our Judge and Saviour,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*We give thanks to God:*

**We thank you, Lord,  
for keeping us under the shadow of your mercy,  
for sustaining and supporting the anxious and fearful,  
for lifting up all who are brought low.  
May we always rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us  
from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen**

***Godzone Blessing***

***The ministry of the Word:***

***The first reading: Isaiah 2.1-5***

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.  
In days to come  
the mountain of the Lord 's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord ,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.’  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.  
O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord !

For the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 122**

I was glad when they said to me:  
**‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’**  
And now our feet are standing:  
**within your gates, O Jerusalem;**  
Jerusalem which is built as a city:  
**where the pilgrims gather in unity.**  
There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:  
**as he commanded Israel,**  
**to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**  
There are set thrones of judgement:  
**the thrones of the house of David.**  
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
**may those who love you prosper.**  
Peace be within your walls:  
**and prosperity in your palaces.**  
For the sake of my kindred and companions:  
**I will pray that peace be with you.**  
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God:  
**I will seek for your good.**

### ***The second reading: Romans 13.9-14***

The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet’; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

For the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual hymn: TiS: 272** *“Come, thou long-expected Jesus”*

**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.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us for ever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

***The Gospel reading:***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Matthew, chapter 24 beginning at verse 36

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

Jesus said ‘but about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

For the gospel of the Lord.

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

**By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

***The Sermon***

### ***The Creed:***

Let us stand together and 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.**

### ***The Prayers of the People:***

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*At the conclusion*

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.**

### ***Preparation***

Jesus said: Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11.28

***Prayer of Approach:***

We do not presume  
to come to your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord,  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. Amen.

***The Greeting of Peace:***

We are the body of Christ.  
**His spirit is with us.**  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

***Offertory hymn: TiS 217 “Love divine, all loves excelling”***

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave:  
thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be,  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley 1707-88 *alt.*

***Prayer over the gifts:***

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***The Great Thanksgiving:***

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 our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who was looked for by the prophets,  
heralded by the Baptist  
announced by an angel,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
and revealed at last to men and women of every race.

By his death on the cross,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

We thank you that when he shall come again  
in power and great triumph to judge the world,  
we may with joy behold his appearing,  
and in confidence stand before him  
who redeems us from sin and death  
and makes us heirs of everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 you 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.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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.

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:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

***The breaking of the bread:***

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.

***Agnus Dei:***

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

***Invitation to communion:***

The gifts of God, for the people of God.  
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.

***The Communion***

***Post communion hymn: TiS 530 "Now let us from this table rise"***

Now let us from this table rise  
renewed in body, mind and soul;  
with Christ we die and rise again,  
his selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace,  
to spread the Word in speech and deed,  
we follow in the steps of Christ,  
at one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love,  
it is the sacrament of care;  
the work that Christ began to do  
we humble pledge ourselves to share.

Then grant us grace, Companion-God,  
to choose again the pilgrim way  
and help us to accept with joy  
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

Frederik Herman Kaan 1929-

***Prayer after Communion:***

God for whom we wait,  
we thank you that you have fed us  
with the bread of life  
and the cup of salvation.  
As we joyfully await your Son,  
keep us ever watchful  
that we may be ready to stand before him  
on the day of his coming.

**Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit.**

**Notices**

**The Blessing:**

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.**

**Final hymn:     *TiS 636   “God has spoken to his people, hallelujah”***

***God has spoken to His people, hallelujah!  
And His words are words of wisdom, hallelujah!***

**Open your ears, O Christian people,  
Open your ears, and hear good news.  
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,  
God has come to you,  
God has come to you,**

***Refrain***

**Israel comes to greet the Saviour,  
Judah is glad to see His day.  
From East and West the people travel,  
He will show the way,  
He will show the way,**

***Refrain***

**Those who have ears to hear His message,  
those who have ears then let him hear.  
those who would learn the way of wisdom,  
Let them hear God’s word,  
Let them hear God’s word,**

***Refrain***

*Willard Francis Jabusch 1930-*

**Dismissal**

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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**WELCOME TO CHURCH.** . . We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today, please take Communion, whatever your denomination and come and worship with us again. If you are visiting, please make yourself known to Fr Anthony or to one of our welcomers following the service and do stay for a cuppa and chat!

## NOTICES

**Annual Parish Meeting:** The meeting will be held TODAY in the church following the 9:30am service.

The Parish Annual Report and financial papers are available today in the Narthex, please take a copy.

**Electoral Roll:** If your name is not on the roll in the Narthex, please see Fr Anthony, or one of the Wardens before the meeting today.

**Pat's Jams:** Pat has kept herself busy preparing with a wide variety of jams which make great Christmas gifts, they will be available next Sunday.

**Pat's Christmas Raffle:** Pat Eadon has been busy preparing prizes for the Christmas raffle.

1<sup>st</sup> prize is her famous Christmas cake

2<sup>nd</sup> prize her equally famous Christmas pudding

3<sup>rd</sup> prize her award-winning mince pies

Tickets are available next Sunday.

**Carols and Cake** Tuesday December 6 at 1:30 at the Ascension. Admission - donation at the door, fundraiser for Girl Guides Hand in Hand program.

Be entertained by the Scotglen Singers, join in the carols and enjoy the cake. See Alma Brand for more details.

**Lectionaries:** The Lectionaries for 2023 are available from Christine (or Ron and Sue). They are \$16 each and are a lovely "Off White" colour! The Lectionary is an organised daily set of readings for every day of the year and is a really great way to read your Bible, and give you an idea of the sermon theme for each Sunday!

**ANGLICAN RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND** has opened up a Flood Appeal to enable our supporters to donate funds to support flood victims through local Anglican churches and dioceses. Churches are embedded in the community and have the network and the relationships in the community to know how to best assist flood victims and support longer-term recovery. See the email Fr Anthony sent out on Thursday for the "link" for further details.

**WHY BUY A USEFUL GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS (or BIRTHDAY)? TEARFUND AUSTRALIA would like you to consider the following:**

There are order forms in the Narthex, with images that appear on the cards. Cath Ortlieb will organise the cards and receipts. No payment is required until the gift cards are delivered.

These gifts also fulfil the focus of one of our Mission Action Plans – Sharing Hope.

**Buying a Useful Gift is not intended to replace any seasonal donations to Anglican appeals. It is only a replacement for gifts intended for others.**

**News and views on faith from Australia and around the world brought to you by *The Melbourne Anglican*. The NewsStand is now live on TMA's website, using the link <http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/newsstand>. In this week's NewsStand:**

- The international student who relied only on God
- Liberal candidate 'agent' for ultra-conservative church, family says
- Interfaith fight against family violence
- Northern Territory parliament passes anti-discrimination law reform amid fierce backlash
- Victims seek help from NSW attorney general over 'paltry' Catholic church abuse payouts
- Have Baptists just sold their soul over same-sex marriage?

- At the 13th hour, COP27 delivers loss-and-damage fund for vulnerable nations
- ‘At 52, I abandoned everything, every friend, every family member’: the top official who escaped Scientology
- A Turkish cult leader has been handed an 8,658-year jail sentence. What crimes did he commit?
- Old Latin Mass Finds New American Audience, Despite Pope’s Disapproval
- and more...

## **SAINTS AND HOLY WOMEN AND MEN FOR THIS WEEK**

Wednesday **ANDREW, APOSTLE AND MARTYR**

Friday Frances Perry, founder of the Royal Women’s Hospital, Melbourne (d. 1892)

Saturday Francis Xavier, priest and missionary (d. 1552)

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Wednesday:**

Deuteronomy 30.11-14

Psalm: 19.1-6

Matthew 4.18-22

### **Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 11.1-10

Psalm: 72.1-7, 18-21

Romans 15.4-13

Matthew 3.1-12

## **WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS, LET US PRAY EACH DAY FOR: THE CHURCH**

We pray that God will raise up able and dedicated ministers for vacant parishes in our Diocese.

*Sun 27* The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; The Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Geoff Smith, Asst Bps Denise Ferguson, Timothy Harris, Christopher McLeod; Clergy & People); University of Divinity (Peter Sherlock, Vice-Chancellor); St Matthias' Richmond (Yvonne Poon); St Stephen’s Bayswater – Pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); Parish of Christ Church, Lancefield – Pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd); St Silas’ & St Anselm Albert Park – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell);

*Mon 28* The Diocese of Armidale (Bp Rod Chiswell, Clergy & People); Melbourne Anglican Foundation; St Stephen's Richmond (Matthew Healy);

*Tues 29* The Diocese of Ballarat (Bp Garry Weatherill, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Stonnington (Howard Langmead); The Parish of All Saints, Rosebud w. St Katherine's, McCrae (Lynda Crossley); St Paul’s Cathedral – Collation of Archdeacon of Kew Peter MacPherson (Bp Genieve Blackwell);

*Wed 30* The Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Mark Calder, Clergy & People); Melbourne Girls Grammar School (Dr Toni Meath, Principal; Kirsty Ross, Chaplain); All Souls' Sandringham (Jeremy Watson, Samantha White);

**DECEMBER** *Thurs 1* The Diocese of Bendigo (Bp Matt Brain, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of The Yarra (Tim Johnson); St Paul’s Cathedral, Lowther Hall School – (Bp Kate Prowd); All Saints' Carlotta Tye Memorial Selby (Barbara Colliver);

*Fri 2* The Diocese of Brisbane (Abp Phillip Aspinall, Regional Bps Jeremy Greaves, Cameron Venables, John Roundhill, Clergy & People); Melbourne Grammar School (Philip Grutzner, Principal; Hans Christiansen, William Peacock, Malcolm Woolrich, Chaplains); The Parish of St John's, Sorrento w. St Andrew's, Rye (Nicholas Wallace);

*Sat 3* The Diocese of Bunbury (Bp Ian Coutts, Clergy & People); Ministries to Youth; Christ Church South Yarra (Craig D'Alton, Emily Fraser).

## **AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND**

Reconciliation and justice for our First Nations People. Those impacted by the state of the economy and recent natural disasters.

## **THE WORLD**

Containment of the coronavirus pandemic, those suffering and the medical staff. A compassionate outcome for all Asylum Seekers. Productive and harmonious relationships among Pacific neighbours. A peaceful outcome in Eastern Europe. Those affected by climate change - wisdom and leadership to prevent further environmental damage.

## **THE ASCENSION COMMUNITY**

Please hold in your daily prayers any individual parish members who may be on your heart, and for an awareness of God's presence in the events of the week.

Those in special need of prayer: *Helen Daniels, Estelle Carman, Jean & Alan Close, Shirley and Alan Wagner, Glenys Howell, Barbara Stark, Gwen McMahon, Carole Smith, Pauline Le Riche, Lyle Mansfield, Stanley & Rose Joseph, Marie Cleaver (Judithe's friend), Geoffrey (Josh's father), David and Glen Wood, Fanny (Aggie's sister), Joy (Jan Wheeler's sister), Graeme Harding (Barrie's brother), Dave Ritchie, Gerald (Pat Eadon's brother), Don Lambourne, and others known to us.*

Those at the Peter James Centre and Burwood Lodge

Those working in Health and Aged Care settings

Our local Schools, Colleges, and Universities

**Ourselves - as we are strengthened through the power of the Holy Spirit in love and prayer for one another**

## **ROSTERS:**

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>9:30am</u>
<b>Welcomer</b>	Sue Tregear	Pat Ludwick & Anne Orchard
<b>Reader</b>	Sue Tregear	Cath Ortlieb
<b>Server</b>	Sue Tregear	Christine Youings
<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>		Joanne Waite
<b>Intercessions</b>	Fr Anthony	Bruce Tudball
<b>Godzone</b>		Natalie Ortlieb & Kym Le Riche
<b>Music</b>		Sam King & Josh Waite
<b>Morning Tea</b>		Joy Ritchie & Pat Eadon
<b>Advent wreath</b>	Cheryl Hall	
<b>Sacristan</b>	Judithe Atkinson	
<b>Garden</b>	Robin Jellis	
<b>Printing</b>	Alma Brand	

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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land,  
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation.  
We pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.*

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**Pew sheet:** Please send all items for inclusion in next week's pewsheets to Ron McKenzie by 5:00p.m. Thursday evening ([r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au](mailto:r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au).)

*Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement*

**Weekly services**

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am Eucharist 9:30am Eucharist 'Godzone' children's program during 9.30 am service (during school term)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Fr Anthony's day of rest!</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am Eucharist
<b>Friday</b>	10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for coffee and chat.

**Commitment to Child Safety:** At the Church of the Ascension we follow Christ in being a caring Church welcoming of all, extending his love and invitation of new life.

In ministry to children, young people and vulnerable adults we are committed to providing an environment that is physically, emotionally and spiritually safe and supportive.

We have a zero-tolerance approach to Child abuse or abuse of vulnerable people.

This includes a culture of child-safety and of inclusivity for people of cultural and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, people with disability or any other specific group.

Read the full **Commitment to Child Safety** document on our website: [www.ascensionchurch.org.au](http://www.ascensionchurch.org.au)