
ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

EAST BURWOOD



4th December 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”

Welcome to Church

Sentence for Today

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Mark 1.15.



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 282 “The voice of God goes out to all the world”

**The voice of God goes out to all the world;
his glory speaks across the universe.
The great King’s herald cries from star to star:
‘With power, with justice, he will walk his way’**

**The Lord has said, ‘Receive my messenger,
my promise to the world, my pledge made fresh,
a lamp to every nation, light from light’:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way!**

**The broken reed he will not trample down,
nor set his heel upon the dying flame.
He binds the wounds, and health is in his hand:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way!**

**Anointed with the Spirit and with power,
he comes to crown with comfort all the weak,
to show the face of justice to the poor:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way!**

**His touch will bless the eyes that darkness held,
the lame shall run, the halting tongue shall sing,
and prisoners laugh in light and liberty:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way!**

Luke Connaughton.1917-79.

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 lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader: God of faithfulness and truth, the Light of the World, this Advent wreath, is a symbol of light in darkness, and all who follow you will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life. You sent your servant John the Baptist as a burning light, to preach in the desert and to summon the people to repentance. Through this light of hope, let us renew in ourselves that vision of your perfect kingdom, which is the end of all our strivings. Make us and all things new, that, in the wilderness of our hearts, we too may prepare a way over.

***Lord, let us hear the call of your prophet John
That we may truly repent and be converted.***

Reader: Constant God, we thank you and praise you because you have not been slow about your promise. In John the Baptist, you sent a herald who embodied the prophecies of your chosen people and announced your coming. You invite us into the heritage of your prophets and the destiny of your saints. Shine your light into our lives, so that we may see the right way to live and so bring peace into every heart this Christmastide.

Two candles are lit.

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:

God of all peoples,
whose servant John came baptising
and calling for repentance:
help us to hear his voice of judgement,
that we may also rejoice in his word of promise,
and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day
when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We give praise 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 11.1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord .
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord .
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the
nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72.1-7, 18-21

Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,
That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.
Let the mountains be laden with peace
because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.
May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor.
May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light,
throughout all generations.
May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.
In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.
Let his name live for ever:
and endure as long as the sun.
Let all peoples use his name in blessing:
and all nations call him blessed.
Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel:
who alone does great wonders.
Blessed be his glorious name for ever:
and let the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen, Amen.

The second reading: Romans 15.4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our
instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the
scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in
harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,
so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for
the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on
behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises
given to the patriarchs,

and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name’;

and again he says,

‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;

and again,

‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him’;

and again Isaiah says,

‘The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: TiS: 270 “On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry”

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every heart from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty guest may come.**

**For you are our salvation, Lord
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.**

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew, chapter 3 beginning at verse 1

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea,
proclaiming,

‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.”’

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Bear fruit worthy of repentance.

Do not presume 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.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**To heal the sick stretch out your hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let your light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.**

**To him who left the throne of heaven
to free us all, let praise be given;
and praise be to the Father done,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One.**

Charles Coffin 1676-1749 tr. John Chandler 1806-76 alt.

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 650 "Brother, sister, let me serve you"

**Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey;
we are family on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the miles and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joys and sorrows
till we've seen this journey
through.**

**When we sing to God in Heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.**

Richard Gillard 1953-

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: "Be still for the presence of the Lord"

**Be still for the presence of the Lord
the Holy One is here.**

**Come bow before Him now
with reverence and fear,**

**in Him no sin is found
we stand on holy ground.**

**Be still for the presence of the Lord
the Holy One is here**

**Be still for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire
with splendour He is crowned,
how awesome is the sight
our radiant King of Light.
Be still for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around**

**Be still for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal
to minister His grace,
no work too hard for Him
in faith receive from Him.
Be still for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place**

David J Evans 1957 -

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 315 "Mine eyes have seen the glory"

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on.**

***Glory, glory, hallelujah, glory, glory, hallelujah,
glory, glory, hallelujah, his truth is marching on.***

**He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat:
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.**

Glory, glory, hallelujah,

**In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom which transfigures you and me:
as he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
while God is marching on.**

Glory, glory, hallelujah,

**He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave;
he is wisdom to the mighty; he is succour to the brave:
so the world shall be his foot-stool, and the soul of time his slave:
our God is marching on.
*Glory, glory, hallelujah, glory, glory, hallelujah,
glory, glory, hallelujah, our God is marching on.***

Julia Ward Howe 1819-1910 and others

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

2022/23 Parish Leadership team: The leadership team for the Parish for the next 12 months consists of:

Wardens – Sue Tregear, C Joanne Waite and Christine Youings.

Parish Council – Gavin Ganasalingam, Keith Hall, Michael Jellis, Augustus Luo, Anne Orchard, Natalie Ortlieb and Peter Wharton.

Pat's Jams: Pat Eadon has kept herself busy preparing with a wide variety of jams which make great Christmas gifts, they are available TODAY!

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

1st prize is her famous Christmas cake

2nd prize her equally famous Christmas pudding

3rd prize her award-winning mince pies

Tickets are \$1:00, please take a booklet or two with you. Can you please return the money/ticket stubs in an envelope and place in the collection bowl.

Carols and Cake This coming 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!

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:

- Council split over 'heritage vandalism' at historic church site – The Age
- Heritage-listed Herberton church destroyed by fire in Far North Queensland – ABC
- Liberating Australian theological education from its colonial bondage – ABC
- Clinging to ancient faith, India tribes seek religion status – AP News
- Calls grow to disestablish Church of England as Christians become minority – The Guardian
- God is in the house – and so, now, is Nick Cave – Church Times
- The Theological Foundations of Natural Science – Christianity Today
- Eight Billion in Need of the Saviour – Sydney Anglicans
- Headwear and hegemony: how 'turban tossing' protests are threatening Iran's ruling clergy – The Conversation
- and more...

SAINTS AND HOLY WOMEN AND MEN FOR THIS WEEK

Tuesday Nicholas of Myra, bishop and philanthropist (d. c. 342)

Wednesday Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher (d. 1397)

Thursday The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

Isaiah 40.25-31

Psalm: 103.1-5

Matthew 11,28-30

Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35.1-10

Song of Mary

James 5.7-10

Matthew 11.2-11

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 4 The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short, Asst Bps Stephen Pickard, Carol Wagner, Clergy & People); City on a Hill East Melbourne – (Bp Paul Barker); Mission to Seafarers (Neil Edwards, Chair; Onfré Punay, Chaplain); Church of the Ascension Springvale (Inpa Eliezer); St Jude's Carlton – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Jude's Estates Community – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St George's East Ivanhoe – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St John's Flinders and St Mark's Balnarring – (Abp Philip Freier);
Mon 5 Parish of St Alban the Martyr St Alban's (Siosifa Mafi Tongia); Ministry to the Defence Force (Bishop Grant Dibden, Chaplains & Members of the Defence Forces);
Tues 6 Karen Community Werribee (Moe Win Tun Kin, Donnie Htoo); Mentone Girls' Grammar School (Natalie Charles, Principal; Philippa Lohmeyer-Collins, Chaplain); The Diocese of Gippsland (Bp Richard Treloar, Clergy & People); St Stephen's Congregation –
Wed 7 All Saints' St Kilda East (Rene Knaap); Spiritual Health Victoria Council (Cheryl Holmes, CEO); The Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People);

*Thurs 8 St James the Great St Kilda East (Paul Bower); Archdeaconry of Williamstown (Glenn Buijs); Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Bp Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop, Aboriginal Clergy & People);
 Fri 9 St Aidan's Strathmore (Glen Wesley); Mentone Girls' Grammar School (Natalie Charles, Principal; Philippa Lohmeyer-Collins, Chaplain); Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia (Torres Strait Islander Clergy & People);
 Sat 10 St Mary's Sunbury (Gavin Ward, Catherine Fisher, Kathleen Alleaume-Ross, Matthew Browne); Mothers Union Australia, Diocese of Melbourne (Elaine Longford, President); The Diocese of Melbourne (Abp Philip Freier, Asst Bps Paul Barker, Bradly Billings, Genieve Blackwell, Kate Prowd, Clergy & People);*

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 McMahan, 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>
Welcomer	Sue Tregear	Heather McKenzie & Joanne Waite
Reader	Sue Tregear	Ros Smith
Server	Sue Tregear	Christine Youings
Liturgical Assistant		Ron McKenzie
Intercessions	Fr Anthony	Joy Ritchie
Godzone		Joanne & Elizabeth Waite
Music		Heath McKenzie & Josh Waite
Morning Tea		Barrie Harding & Ros Smith
Advent wreath	Cheryl Hall	
Sacristan	Sue Tregear	
Garden	Peter & Anne Wharton	
Printing	Barrie Harding	



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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.)

Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement

Weekly services

Sunday	8:00am Eucharist
	9:30am Eucharist
	'Godzone' children's program during 9.30 am service (during school term)
Tuesday	<i>Fr Anthony's day of rest!</i>
Wednesday	10:00am Eucharist
Friday	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