
ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

EAST BURWOOD



18th December 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”

Welcome to Church

Sentence for Today

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us. Matthew 1.23



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 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**

**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

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

Jesus Christ is the light of the world;

Jesus is our Way.

With Jesus even dark places are light;

Jesus is the Truth.

In Jesus we shall live for ever;

Jesus is our Life.

In this season of Advent, we are here to watch and wait and pray for the coming of light into the world. We long for the day when the things of darkness – selfishness and greed, suffering and oppression – shall be no more.

As four candles are lit:

One candle to remind us of the prophets, the second for John the Baptist, the third for Mary, and the fourth for us, as we join with them in looking for the coming of Jesus.

God will give you a sign, a young woman who is pregnant will have a son and will name him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us'. (Isaiah 7:14)

Gracious God, as you came to those who have gone before us, you come to us now in Jesus. Help us to recognise you in those around us and to care for our neighbours as we do for ourselves.

**Lord, by your presence
light up the past
that we might learn from it with thankfulness.**

**Light up the present
that we might live in it with love.**

**Light up the future
that we might prepare for it in hope.**

**As we watch and wait and pray
may we be always ready to encounter the Lord
who is ready and always with us. Amen.**

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:

Gracious God,
you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:
so fill us with your grace,
that with her we may rejoice in your salvation,
and in all things embrace your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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 7.10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to

refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock:
**you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,
shine out in glory;**

Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:
stir up your power, and come to save us.

Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
**show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.**

O Lord God of hosts:
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

You have fed them with the bread of tears:
and given them tears to drink in good measure.

You have made us the victim of our neighbours:
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
**show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.**

Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:
**on that son of man
whom you made so strong for yourself.**

And so we shall not turn back from you:
give us life, and we will call upon your name.

Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
**show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved**

The second reading: Romans 1.1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: TiS: 302 “The angel Gabriel from heaven came”

**The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
with wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame.
‘All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady.’ Gloria!**

**‘for known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honour thee,
thy Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favoured lady.’ Gloria!**

**Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head.
‘To me be as it pleaseth God,’ she said.
‘my soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name.’
most highly favoured lady. Gloria!**

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew, chapter 1 beginning at verse 18

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel’, which means, ‘God is with us.’

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife,

but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

For the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn.
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
‘most highly favoured lady.’ Gloria!**

*Basque Carol, paraphrased by
Sadine Baring-Gouls 1834-1924..*

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 of 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: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6.35

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 276 "There's a light upon the mountains"

There's a light upon the mountains, and the day is at the spring,
when our eyes shall see the beauty and the glory of the King;
weary was our heart with waiting, and the night-watch seemed so long,
but His triumph-day is breaking, and we hail it with a song.

There's a hush of expectation, and a quiet in the air;
and the breath of God is moving in the fervent breath of prayer;
for the suffering, dying Jesus is the Christ upon the throne,
and the travail of our spirit is the travail of His own.

He is breaking down the barriers, he is casting up the way,
He is calling for his angels to build up the gates of day:
But his angels here are humans, not the shining hosts above;
For the drum beats of his army are the heart-beats of our love.

Hark! we hear a distant music, and it comes with fuller swell;
the great triumph song of Jesus, of our King Emmanuel;
Zion, go ye forth to meet Him, and my soul, be swift to bring
all thy sweetest and thy dearest for the triumph of our King.

Henry Burton 1840-1930 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 607 "Make me a channel of your peace"

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
*Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light:
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
*Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.
It is pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Sebastian Temple (Johann Sebastian von Tempelhoff, 1928–1997 (1993)

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 279 "The King of glory comes"*

***The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.***

**Who is the King of glory; What shall we call him?
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages. *Refrain***

**In all of Galilee, in city or village,
he goes among his people, curing their illness. *Refrain***

**Sing then of David's son, our Saviour and brother,
In all of Galilee was never another. *Refrain***

**He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;
he took upon himself the sin of the nations. *Refrain***

**He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen.
And he will share with us his heavenly kingdom. *Refrain***

Willard Francis Jabusch 1930.

Dismissal

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

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

Christmas services:

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| Children's Christmas Service | 24th December commencing at 5:00pm |
| Midnight Mass | 24th December commencing at 11:30pm |
| Christmas Day | 25th December - 9:30am |
| Epiphany of our Lord | 1st January 2023 - 8:00 & 9:30am |

The Wednesday 10:00am service will take place this week and then in recess, recommencing on 11th January 2023

Friday Cuppa & Chat will also take place this week and then in recess, recommencing on 6th January 2023

Pat's Christmas Raffle will be drawn TODAY after the 9:30 service:

- 1st prize is her famous Christmas cake
 - 2nd prize her equally famous Christmas pudding
 - 3rd prize her award-winning mince pies
- Tickets are still available today for \$1:00.

Pat's Jams are available again this week

Incense will be used at the Midnight Mass service and at the Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord 9:30am service, 1st January 2023.

It's a time for giving: At this time of year when we give to others, why not give a little time to the church as we head towards 2023! Robin Jellis would love to hear from anyone who can help on the Flower Roster, and Ros Smith would love to hear from anyone who would like to help with 9:30am Morning Tea Roster!

Lectionaries: The Lectionaries for 2023 are still 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!

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:

- 'Gentler, more inclusive church': Female priests mark 30 years of ordination – The Melbourne Anglican
- Prayers of nomads – Valerie Browning and Mohammed Salih – ABC Radio National
- Frank Houston admitted he sexually abused children to others in Pentecostal church, court hears – The Guardian
- The shtetl by the Yarra: why Yiddish culture is thriving in Melbourne – The Age
- What happened when one family decided to live simply, so others could simply live – Centre for Public Christianity

- Paroled Bali bombmaker Umar Patek apologises 'especially' to Australians for 2002 attacks – SBS News
- UK's treatment of asylum-seekers is wasteful and cruel, says Welby – Church Times
- Who were the three wise men who visited Jesus? - The Conversation
- Taiwan's false hope for Hong Kongers disillusiones fleeing Christians – Christianity Today
- Jordan unveils \$100 million master plan for the second millennium of Jesus' baptism – Religion News Service
- and more...

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

Zephaniah 3.14-18
 Psalm: 33.17-21
 Luke 1.39-45

Next Sunday: CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 52.7-10
 Psalm 98
 Hebrews 1.1-12
 John 1.1-14

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 18 St John's Upper Beaconsfield (Shannon Lee); Karingal - St Laurence Community Services; City on a Hill Surf Coast – Pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd); St Agnes Black Rock, Holy Trinity Hampton confirmation service – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); The Diocese of Tasmania (Bp Richard Condie, Missioner Bp Chris Jones, Clergy & People); The Anglican Church of Korea (Bp Peter Lee Kyeong-Ho, Primate);

Mon 19 Upper Yarra Anglican Parish (Luke Whiteside); Angliss Health Services; The Diocese of The Murray (Bp Keith Dalby, Clergy & People);

Tues 20 The Anglican Parish of Upwey/Belgrave (Bruce Hallyburton); Ridley College (Brian Rosner, Principal; Tim Foster, Richard Trist); The Diocese of The Northern Territory (Bp Greg Anderson, Clergy & People);

Wed 21 The Parish of the Holy Name of Jesus Vermont South (Changying Wang, Jianzhong Fan); Stewardship Agencies; The Diocese of Wangaratta (Bp Clarence Bester, Clergy & People);

Thurs 22 St Luke's Vermont (Peter MacPherson); Archdeaconry of Dandenong; The Diocese of Willochra (Bp John Stead, Clergy & People);

Fri 23 The Anglican Parish of Wandin Seville & Mt Evelyn (Ross Duncan); Shelford Girls' Grammar (Katrina Brennan, Principal); Dame Phyllis Frost Centre – Pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd); Anglicare Australia (Bp Chris Jones, Chair; Kasy Chambers, Exec Director);

Sat 24 St John the Baptist Wantirna South (Stephen Morris); Department of Theological Education (Bp Bradly Billings, Assistant Bishop, Monomeeth Episcopate); Christ Church Dingley (Bp Paul Barker); Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens.

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), Dave Ritchie, Gerald (Pat Eadon's brother), Pauline Tudball, 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> |
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| Welcomer | Sue Tregear | Heather McKenzie & Joanne Waite |
| Reader | Sue Tregear | Daniel Waite |
| Server | Sue Tregear | Ron McKenzie |
| Intercessions | Fr Anthony | Cath Ortlieb |
| Godzone | | Carol rehearsal |
| Music | | Dawn Joseph |
| Morning Tea | | Cheryl & Keith Hall |
| Advent wreath | Cheryl Hall | |
| Sacristan | Sue Tregear | |
| Cleaning | Sue Tregear | |
| Garden | Augustus Luo | |
| Printing | 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.)

Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement

Weekly services

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| 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 cuppa 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