
ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

EAST BURWOOD



11th December 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”

Welcome to Church

Sentence for Today

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, ‘Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.’ Isaiah 35:3-4.



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 264 *“Hark! a herald voice is calling”*

Hark! a herald voice is calling:
'Christ is near,' it seems to say,
'cast away the dreams of darkness,
waken, children of the day!'

Wakened by the solemn warning
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb so long expected
comes with pardon now from heav'n;
let us meet him with repentance,
pray that we may be forgiv'n.

So when love comes forth in judgment,
debts and doubts and wrongs to clear,
faithful may he find his servants
watching till the dawn appear.

Anon., Latin ? 6th cent tr. Edward Caswall 1814-78 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 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 three candles are lit:

One candle to remind us of the prophets, the second for John the Baptist and the third for Mary, who gladly responded to the call of God.

I am the Lord's servant,' said Mary; 'may it happen to me as you have said.' (Luke 1:38)

Startling God, we thank you for the joyful obedience of Mary. We ask you to fill us with your grace, so that we, too, may accept your call, and rejoice in your salvation.

**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:

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love
on our journey to meet the One who is coming:
strengthen our weak hands,
make firm our feeble knees,
and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom,
so that our hearts may rejoice
as we behold the majesty of our God.
We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and 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 35.1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus
it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord ,
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Mary

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:
from this day all generations will call me blessed;
The Almighty has done great things for me:
and holy is his name.
God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.
The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly.**

**God has filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,
The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

The second reading: James 5.7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: TiS: 265 "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain

Rejoice! rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

**O come, O come, great Lord of might
who to the tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain***

**O come, O key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high
and close the path to misery. *Refrain***

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew, chapter 11 beginning at verse 2

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples
and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'

Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.

And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**O come, O branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save
and give them victory o'er the grave. *Refrain***

**O come, O dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by your advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain***

Anon., Latin, 18th cent. or earlier based on Antiphons from 9th cent. or earlier tr. John Mason Neale 1818-66 *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 283 "Long ago, prophets knew"

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
bear his People's burden,
freely love and pardon.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
when he comes,
when he comes,
who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Refrain

Mary, hail! Though afraid;
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;
till the time expected
nurtured and protected.

Refrain

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes!
Jesus comes!
we will make him welcome.

Frederick Pratt Green 1903-

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: 643 “I want to walk as a child of the light”

**I want to walk as a child of the Light,
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world
The Star of my life is Jesus.**

**Refrain: In Him there is no darkness at all,
the night and the day are both alike.
The lamb is the Light of the city of God;
shine in my heart Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the Brightness of God,
I want to look at Jesus,
clear Son of righteousness shine on my path
and show me the way to the Father. Refrain**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ,
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run, with patience, the race
we shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain**

Kathleen Armstrong Thomson 1934.

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 273 “Lo! he comes with clouds descending”

**Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the sound of this refrain:
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.**

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in awesome majesty;
those who have betrayed and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply shamed before him, deeply
shamed before him,
deeply shamed before him
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, with what rapture,
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Sing amen! let all adore you,
high on your eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for your own;
O come quickly, O come quickly,
O come quickly;
hallelujah! Come, Lord, come.

Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt.

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

Commissioning of 2022/23 Parish Leadership Team:

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

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

Pat's Jams are available again this week

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.

TEARFUND AUSTRALIA USEFUL GIFTS:

Still need some gifts? Why not relax this Christmas and “buy” a USEFUL GIFT; one that helps those that are not as lucky as we are. Today is the last day you can hand in your form so I can have the cards ready next Sunday. As I won’t be collecting them until Friday, you can also email (cathsf@optusnet.com.au) or contact me on 0414705230 or leave a message on our answering machine 98039480 by Thursday 9pm. Remember, no payment is required until the gift cards are delivered on Sunday.

Lectonaries: The Lectonaries 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:

- New church, old name as gospel presence returns to outer suburb – The Melbourne Anglican
- ‘I’m into reconciliation’: Aunt of Frank Houston victim planned meeting with abuser – The Age
- Esther House inquiry uncovers allegations of exorcism and sexual assault – ABC
- Yarning the Bible in the bush – Sydney Anglicans
- ‘I trained spiritually just as hard as physically’ – Eternity News
- Indonesia passes new criminal code banning sex outside marriage. Here’s what effect they may have – ABC News
- Welby interviewed: ‘This is a just war, and the Ukrainians will hold out for a just peace – Church Times
- Iran’s moment of truth: what will it take for the people to topple the regime? – The Guardian
- Native Hawaiians believe volcanoes are alive and should be treated like people, with distinct rights and responsibilities – The Conversation
- and more...

SAINTS AND HOLY WOMEN AND MEN FOR THIS WEEK

Tuesday Lucy, martyr and virgin (d. 304)

Wednesday John of the Cross, mystic and teacher (d. 1591)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

Isaiah 45.6-26

Psalm: 85.8-13

Luke 7.24-30

Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7.10-16

Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19

Roman 1.1-7

Matthew 1.18-25

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 11 Holy Apostles Sunshine Braybrook (Paul Priyajayanth); Royal School of Church Music (Roslyn Carolane, Chair); St Alban the Martyr St Albans – Pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd); St Luke’s Mulgrave – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker) ; Casey Dinka Congregation - Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); The Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy & People); The Anglican Church of Kenya (Abp Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate);

Mon 12 Surfcoast Anglican Parish (Sharon Valentino); Hospital Chaplaincy (Co-ordinator & Chaplains); The Diocese of North Queensland (Bp Keith Joseph, Clergy & People);
Tues 13 City on a Hill Surf Coast (Louis Glazebrook); Mentone Grammar School (Mal Cater, Principal; Andrew Stewart, Michael Prabakaran, Chaplains); The Diocese of North West Australia (Bp Gary Nelson, Clergy & People);
Wed 14 Holy Trinity Surrey Hills (Mark Pearce); Social Responsibilities Committee (Gordon Preece, Chair); The Diocese of Perth (Abp Kay Goldsworthy, Asst Bps Jeremy James, Kate Wilmot, Clergy & People);
Thurs 15 Tamil Christian Congregation Victoria Mount Waverley (Lawrence Anbalagan) Archdeaconry of Box Hill (Dianne Sharrock); The Diocese of Riverina (Bp Donald Kirk, Clergy & People);
Fri 16 St Mark's Anglican Church Templestowe (Ben Lui Wong); Overnewton Anglican Community College (James Laussen, Principal; Theo van der Nest Chaplain); The Diocese of Rockhampton (Bishop Peter Grice, Clergy & People);
Sat 17 St John's Toorak (Peter French, Gnana Thanga Durai Kandaswamynadar); SparkLit (Michael Collie, National Director); The Diocese of Sydney (Abp Kanishka Raffel, Regional Bps Chris Edwards, Michael Stead, Peter Hayward, Peter Lin, Malcolm Richards, Gary Koo, 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	Ros Smith & Elizabeth Waite
Reader	Sue Tregear	Bruce Tudball
Server	Sue Tregear	Ron McKenzie
Liturgical Assistant		Joanne Waite
Intercessions	Fr Anthony	Chloe Bedlow
Godzone		Michael Jellis & Anne Wharton
Music		Peter Bedlow
Morning Tea		Shirley Reid & Ruth Ganasalingam
Advent wreath	Cheryl Hall	
Sacristan	Judithe Atkinson	
Garden	Peter Wharton	
Printing	Ron McKenzie	



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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 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