

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NOTICES: All notices are subject to approval and must be received by 12 noon Wed for publication Sunday.

Sunday Services:

7.30am: Eucharist
9.30am: 1st and 5th Sun: Communion,
2nd Sun: Morning Prayer, band,
3rd, 4th Sun: Morning Prayer.

Hymns for Sun 5th December 2021:

7.30am

TiS 271 The advent of our God
TiS 272 Come, thou long expected Jesus
TiS 247 Let all be in one mind
TiS 273 Lo! he comes with clouds descending

9.30am

TiS 272 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
TiS 276 There's a light upon the mountains
TiS 273 Lo, he comes with clouds descending
TiS 315 Mine eyes have seen the glory

Readings for 12th December 2021:

Zephaniah 3. 14-20
Psalm – A Song of Isaiah
Philippians 4. 4-7
Luke 3. 7-18

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Office hours – the office is currently open Wed and Fri from 9am to 12noon.

St Paul's Christmas Stall:

Dec 9th 10th 11th East St Stall
Dec 12th St Paul's Cathedral both services. All help and Donations appreciated. Contact Dianne Jeha on 0407 011 748

Christmas Services: Please see insert for a list of Service times.

Pew Reflection:

The Advent Wreath

The 1st **candle** symbolizes **hope**. The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival.

The 2nd **candle** represents **faith**. Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David.

The 3rd **candle** symbolizes **joy**. To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the colour rose signifies joy.

The 4th **candle** represents **peace**. The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace - He came to bring people close to God and to each other again.

The 5th **candle** represents **love** and is called "Christ's candle." It is placed in the middle and is lit on Christmas Day.



Sunday Smile:

Pew Sheet:

Your receipt for attending the service.

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral

5th December – Second Sunday of Advent.



It is lovely to share in worship this morning. A very warm welcome to any newcomers or visitors. Please join us for morning tea after the service.

Sentence: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Luke 1.78–79

Collect: God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY:

The Church in Australia: Anglicare

CQ Diocese: Vocational Deacons, those with permission to Officiate, retired clergy, clergy widows and widowers.

People in the Parish and Beyond: The elderly and housebound, the disabled, and those with mental illnesses. Nursing Homes and Retirement Villages.

Partner Diocese- Popondota, PNG: **Diocese of the New Guinea Islands.**

THOSE KNOWN TO US:

In Need: Brian and Jacqueline, Ray, Amy and family, Margaret.

In Memoriam: Mary Lodwick, Alick Purcell, Fredrick "Gary" Keding

We care about you, so please let Dean Melusi or the Wardens know if you, a family member or someone you know, needs pastoral care or wants to be included in our prayers for healing.

5 December – Second Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel the Word of God is given to John the Baptist who soon becomes a lone voice, proclaiming the Kingdom of God and the coming of the Messiah. John is a lone voice because his announcement of what God is about to do, and is already doing among the people, happens within the context of a powerful Roman Empire under Emperor Tiberius. In the Palestine of John's day, the emperor is represented by Pontius Pilate. But there are also other powerful voices, including King Herod. Nevertheless, John tells the people to prepare the way of the Lord. Thus, the season of Advent invites us to prepare for Christ's second coming. (Dean Melusi).

1st Reading - Malachi 3.1-4

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear the word of the Lord, ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm - Song of Zechariah

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel:

you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour:

born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old:

to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears:

and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship you without fear:

holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation:

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God:

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

2nd Reading - Philippians 1.1-11

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Hear the word of the Lord, ***Thanks be to God.***

Gospel - Luke 3.1-6

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 3, verses 1 to 6

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'

For the Gospel of the Lord, ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***

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