

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.

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

Hymns for Sun 12th December 2021:

7.30am

TiS 265 O come, o come, Emmanuel

TiS 264 Hark! A herald voice is calling

TiS 282 The voice of God goes out

TiS 216 Rejoice, the Lord is King

9.30am – not received yet

Readings for 19th December 2021:

Micah 5.2-5a

Psalm 80.1-7

Hebrews 10.5-10

Luke 1.39-55

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

St Paul's Christmas Stall:

Today 12th St Paul's Cathedral both services. All help and Donations appreciated. Contact Dianne Jeha on 0407 011 748

Pew Reflection:

Advent: It is a time of expectation, a time of excitement, a time of waiting, a time of peace, a time when we're clearing our hearts and our minds a bit so we really can see clearly when Jesus arrives, and feel fully the impact of his coming. In the New Testament the two figures who are there right from the start of the Gospel story are John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin and forerunner, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, Jesus' mother. These are the two figures that Christians think about a lot in Advent. - Rowan Williams

☺ Sunday Smile:



Microsoft Help? My windows won't open!

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral

12th December – Third 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

Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, the day of vengeance of our God.
Isaiah 61.1-2

Collect

Eternal God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son: grant us wisdom to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ who is coming in power and glory to establish his rule of peace and justice; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY:

The Church in Australia: Ministry to the Indigenous People of Australia

CQ Diocese: Callide Valley Parish, St Gabriel's Biloela with St Andrew's Thangool and St Christopher's Jambin

People in the Parish and Beyond: The Police Force, The Fire Brigade, The Ambulance Service, State Emergency Service. Victims of abuse. Public Servants. The first people of our nation.

Partner Diocese- Popondota, PNG: Mamba Archdeaconry Manau Parish

THOSE KNOWN TO US:

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

In Memoriam: Last Sunday: Barbara Carige, Marjorie Somerfield.

This Sunday: John Guley, Alice Nimmo, Marjorie Dabbs.

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.

12 December – Second Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel... like many of the prophets of the Old Testament times, John the Baptist performs his task, that of speaking in God's name, in a difficult time. In complicated times God's word brings clarity and peace, and even joy, to those who are prepared to listen and learn from the Almighty. On the third Sunday of Advent, we are encouraged to be joyful as we hear and embrace John's message about repentance. His message points to the need for total transformation on our part so that our Advent waiting can lead to joy as we experience God's deliverance. Such joy comes from a strong Christian faith that rejoices in the Lord always. (Dean Melusi).

1st Reading – Zephaniah 3.14-20

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸ as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. ¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰ At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

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

Psalm – A Song of Isaiah

'Behold, God is my salvation:

I will trust and will not be afraid;

'For the Lord God is my strength and my song:

and has become my salvation.'

With joy you will draw water:

from the wells of salvation.

On that day you will say:

'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

'Make known his deeds among the nations:

proclaim that his name is exalted.

'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously:

let this be known in all the world.

'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

2nd Reading – Philippians 4.4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel – Luke 3.7-18

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 3, verses 7 to 18

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?' ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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. ⁹ 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.' ¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' ¹¹ In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' ¹² Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' ¹³ He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' ¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' ¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

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Anglicare:

Thanks for the regular food donations. With Christmas hampers coming up, any donations of Christmas fare would be appreciated. I will clear the box before Hamper Packing day, **13th December**. Thank you. Noelle

Mothers' Union:

has completed their 12 pamper packs to be donated to the Women's Shelter. This is one of the beneficial things we do in the community annually to help those in need. During the 16 days of Activism against Gender Violence, we invite everyone to pray with us to end the scourge of Domestic Violence.

Advent Study:

The Dean will be conducting an Advent Study on Wednesday mornings during Advent from 10 – 11am in the Nathaniel Dawes Hall.

Morning Tea:

Arrangements will continue as they are until further notice. A gold coin would be appreciated towards the cost of providing morning tea.

ABM digital donation cards are available on the table in the narthex

Covid vaccination – could everyone who is on the rosters please provide the wardens or the office with a copy of your double vaccination certificate as soon as possible. This includes 7.30am service, 9.30am service musicians, choir and morning tea. These sheets will be stored confidentially with the Diocesan Registrar.

Seating arrangements will remain the same until further notice.

POSITION VACANT

Casual Administration Officer – of the Parish of Rockhampton South of the Uniting Church in Australia
We are seeking an enthusiastic individual to assist with the administration of the Parish through utilising their good interpersonal and communication skills, sound computer skills including Microsoft Office. This casual position is for a minimum of 12 hours per week at the relevant award. If you think you have what it takes to contribute to the administration of our faith community, we would love to hear from you by emailing secretary@southrockyuc.org.au for details and a copy of the position description. Expressions of interest close Friday 17th December 2021

The parish office apologises for the erratic production and distribution of the pew sheet. The old computer has been replaced and there should be no more problems (apart from errors made by the not entirely perfect typist).

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

**Sunday 19/12/21: 7.00pm
Nine Lessons and Carols**

**Friday 24/12/21 5.30pm
Children's Service**

**Friday 24/12/21 11.00pm
Carols in the Cathedral**

**Friday 24/12/21 11.30pm
Midnight Christmas Eucharist**

**Saturday 25/12/21 8.30am
Christmas Eucharist**

**Sunday 26/12/21 8.30am
Sunday Eucharist (one service only)**

January 2022

Every Sunday in January 2022

8.30am

Sunday Eucharist (one service only)