

10am Pew Sheet

For the week beginning
Sunday 18 December 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



REFLECTION

They shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us'. What a profound concept – that God should take on human form and become one of us – what the poet John Betjeman called 'the most tremendous tale of all' in his poem, 'Christmas'. We wait in anticipation for the Incarnation when God comes to us wearing the clothes of humanity, and allows us to become like God by participating in God's life. Alleluya! Salvation is at hand!

Source: ABM Pew Reflections

As Sydney's oldest church, St James' is a place of soul-stirring worship, challenging preaching and fine music. We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, or religion. We also acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship—the Gadigal of the Eora Nation.

Today at St James'

Preacher

Assoc Prof Michael Horsburgh

Parish Reader

8:00am Holy Eucharist

Reader & Intercessor: Alanna & Ray Nobbs

10:00am Choral Eucharist

Reader & Intercessor: Michelle Roberts

Choir: The Choir of St James'

Prelude: Buxtehude – *Magnificat Primi Toni, BuxWV 203*

Mass Setting: Byrd – *Mass for Four Voices*

Motet: Parsons – *Ave Maria*

Postlude: Bach – *Fuga sopra il Magnificat, BWV 733*

7:30pm Nine Lessons & Carols

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The Season of Advent

Advent is the four-week period of preparation for Christmas. At one time, Christians observed Advent with fasting but this practice is no longer formally required. Nonetheless, Advent has a more solemn character with this marked by the use of the colour purple and by the omission of the Gloria at the Eucharist. You will also notice that there are some different prayers used in the services. During Advent we focus not only on the coming of the Christ child at Bethlehem but also on the Second Coming of Christ as Judge at the Last Day. In this way, Advent invites us to give thanks for what God has accomplished, and to ponder the fulfilment of God's promises in the future.

Order of Service

Prelude

Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707) – *Magnificat Primit Toni, BuxWV 203*

Fourth Sunday of Advent Liturgy

The choir sings the Advent Prose,

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, my salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Words: The Advent Prose, RORATE CAELI, from the *Officia Propria*, Paris (1673), translator unknown

Music: Plainsong, mode i [NEH 501]

Processional Hymn

Please stand as the servers, choir, and sacred ministers enter.

O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
that into exile drear is gone
far from the face of God's dear Son.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high!
who madest all in earth and sky,
creating man from dust and clay:
to us reveal salvation's way. *Refrain*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The fourth candle will be lit. It is called the Angels' Candle to remember the heralds of Christ's birth.

Celebrant Today we light the fourth Advent candle, the Angels' Candle. This candle is offered in honour of the angels who told the good news to the shepherds: 'Glory be to God in the highest and on earth, peace and goodwill toward those of goodwill.' The angels sang with joy so that all who could hear were filled with joy. In honour of all the angels who continue to proclaim the good news of joy, we light this candle.

The fourth candle is lit.

Lord Jesus,
the angel Gabriel announced your coming to the Virgin Mary.
All Lead us to the heavenly joy with your angels and saints.

Processional Hymn

O come, O come, Adonai,
who in thy glorious majesty
from Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,
gavest thy folk the ancient law. *Refrain*

O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw
the quarry from the lion's claw;
from the dread caverns of the grave,
from nether hell, thy people save. *Refrain*

O Come, thou Lord of David's Key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
safeguard for us the heavenward road,
and bar the way to death's abode. *Refrain*

O Come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
pour on our souls thy healing light;
dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
and pierce the shadows of the tomb *Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations! show
thy kingly reign on earth below;
thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
restore the ruin of our fall. Refrain

Words: 18th century, *fr.* T.A. Lacey (1853-1931) and others

Music: VENI EMMANUEL Melody 'adapted from a French Missal' by Thomas Helmore (1811-1890);
CCL licence 552064

Welcome and Invocation

The celebrant welcomes the people, then says,

Celebrant ✠ In the Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

All 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.

Kyrie

William Byrd (1539/40-1623) – *Mass for Four Voices*

Sung by the choir.

GREEK TEXT	PRAYER BOOK TEXT
Κόριε ἐλέησον	Lord, have mercy
Χριστέ ἐλέησον	Christ, have mercy
Κόριε ἐλέησον	Lord, have mercy

Confession

The deacon says,

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

A time of silence is kept.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All 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.

Celebrant 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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.
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

Please sit.

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet 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.

A short silence is observed.

Reader For the Word of the Lord,
All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

80: 1-7, 17-19

The choir sings the psalm to a plainsong tone.

*Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep :
shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims.*

*Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses :
stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.*

*Turn us again, O God :
shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.*

*O Lord God of hosts :
how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?*

*Thou feedest them with the bread of tears :
and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.*

*Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours :
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.*

*Turn us again, thou God of hosts :
shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.*

*Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand :
and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.*

*And so will not we go back from thee :
O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.*

*Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts :
shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.*

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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.

A short silence is observed.

Reader For the Word of the Lord,
All Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Hymn

It is recommended that members of the congregation wear masks when singing.

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.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: HALTON HOLGATE Version of a melody by William Boyce (1711-79)
in S. S. Wesley's *European Psalmist* 1872 [NEH 3i]. CCL licence 552064

Gospel Acclamation

Choir *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
All **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
A virgin will give birth to a son;
His name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please remain standing and turn to face the Gospel reader.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1: 18-25

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit.

Kids @ Church Nativity Play

Nicene Creed

Please stand.

Celebrant Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

All 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.

Intercessions

Deacon Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Please be seated for the prayers. The following response may be used,

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers the deacon says,

Deacon Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
All Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Greeting of Peace

Please stand. The celebrant says,

All We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

You may wish to make your offering at sjks.org.au/donate, at the tap machine in the church, or in the basket near the door as you leave.



Ye who own the faith of Jesus
sing the wonders that were done,
when the love of God the Father
o'er our sin the victory won,
when he made the Virgin Mary
Mother of his only Son.

Hail Mary, full of grace.

Blessèd were the chosen people
out of whom the Lord did come,
blessèd was the land of promise
fashioned for His earthly home;
but more blessèd far the Mother
she who bare Him in her womb.

Hail Mary, full of grace.

Wherefore let all faithful people
tell the honour of her name,
let the Church in her foreshadowed
part in her thanksgiving claim;
what Christ's mother sang in gladness
let Christ's people sing the same.

Hail Mary, full of grace.

May the Mother's intercessions
on our homes a blessing win,
that the children all be prospered,
strong and fair and pure within,
following our Lord's own footsteps,
firm in faith and free from sin.

Hail Mary, full of grace.



For the sick and for the agèd,
for our dear ones far away,
for the hearts that mourn in secret,
all who need our prayers today,
for the faithful gone before us,
may the holy Virgin pray.
Hail Mary, full of grace.

Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,
praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
praise the everlasting Spirit,
who hath made thee ark and throne;
o'er all creatures high exalted,
lowly praise the Three in One.
Hail Mary, full of grace.

Words: V. S. Stuckey Coles (1845-1929)

Music: DEN DES VATERS SINN GEBOREN [NEH 188i], Melody by J. Freylinghausen (1670-1739).
Harmony from *Zions Harfe* 1855. CCL licence 552064

Please remain standing.

The celebrant prays over the bread and wine,

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
Through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.
Blessed be God for ever!

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Sursum Corda and Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All 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.

Celebrant 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 by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.
By his death on the cross and rising to new life,
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 singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Byrd – *Mass for Four Voices*

Sung by the choir.

LATIN TEXT
*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

✠ *Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.*

PRAYER BOOK TEXT
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

Celebrant 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.'

Deacon Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
All **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Celebrant 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:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power.**
 are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

A bell is rung, and silence is kept.

Celebrant As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

All **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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

The celebrant breaks the bread and says,

Celebrant As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

All So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Deacon Jesus is the Lamb of God. Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Agnus Dei

Byrd – *Mass for Four Voices*

Sung by the choir.

LATIN TEXT

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*

PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, grant us your peace.

Communion

Communion will be distributed in both kinds from the chancel steps.

The choir sings the motet.

*Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum:
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui.
Amen.*

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you:
you are blessed among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
Amen.

Words: St Luke 1: 28, 42

Music: Robert Parsons (c 1530–70)

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand. The celebrant prays the post-communion prayer.

Celebrant 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.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices

Hymn

Please stand. It is recommended that members of the congregation wear masks when singing.

Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angel's word,
and obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calvary's tree
saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heavenly breath of God's own being,
manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home:
virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.

Words: George Boorne Timms (1910-1997)

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)

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Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant 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, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Postlude

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) – *Fuga sopra il Magnificat, BWV 733*

Please pray for:

Parish Nominators: Richard Cogswell, Leigh Hess, Phillip Jones, Mary Sanders, Ian Westbrook.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Korea.

Baptism anniversaries: Hugo William Laurence, Edward Ernest Sullivan Bettinson, Sybella Dianne Marlo Bettinson.

The sick – Immediate: Michael O'Keefe, Clare Taylor, Stephen Radford, David Cheetham, Monica Burt, Annette Savage, Shelagh Brooks, Ian Pye, Fr Robert Whalley, Robyn Karam, Enid and Brian, David Kelly, Cameron Kimber, Candace Waters, Jan McIntyre, Ali Crawford, Sr Jeanette Fox, Katie Richardson, Colin Dunstan, Ruth Jones, Ann Ryan, Frances Rolfe.

The sick – Long-term: Jim Bennett, John Grace, Lindsay Beresford, Elliott, Barry, Peter Renwick, Olivia Peck, Bp John Parkes, James Waters, Cath Marriott, Robyn Hobbs, Joyce Smith, Baddley Anita, Barbara Joan Rothery, Julia Martin, Bp Andrew St John, Monsignor James Cronin, Colin Middleton, Steven Bell, Cameron Waters, Paula Behm, Elizabeth Farry, Kathryn James, Anahera Chessum, Kellie Wilson, Jillian Morrison, Fay Skuthorpe, The Rev'd Paul Cooper, Julie Sheppard, Bernice Lee, Nick De Brett, Geoff Bright, Claire Willmott, Stephanie Daley, Sigrid Delaney, Jivan Harito, James Ridley, Euan Black, Nellie Smith, Ann Bratt, Gillian Morrison, Cherie Shepherd, Helen Lord, Megan Nelson, Marian Pilone, Helen Ashley, Mary Shuttleworth, Fiona Hawke, Barry Shepherd, Billie Brace, Sebastiana Ilardo, Bec, Fr John Bunyan.

In need: Nicholas Lee.

The recently departed: Johan Nel.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time: Ronald Collier, Eric Leslie Richards, Susan Elizabeth Beetham, John Schubert, George Harvey, Valerie Joy, Geoffrey Tremayn Sambell, *bishop*, Margaret Newby, Gifford Henry Eardley, Edith Hanneman. Edith Robson, Lorna Joyce Martin, Rebekah Anne Lawrence, Douglas Willian Bruce, Geoffrey Noel Raymond Beeche, Alfred James (Jim) Milson, Jessie Wilhelmina Stark, David Richard Withers, Thomas William Wright, Beth Spence, *priest*, Hillary Robinson, Alfred Lewis Beresford, Ina Elizabeth Forsyth, Frank Harris Cooksley, Michael Gordon Wilson, Joan Goff, Gwenda Joy Eileen Heitmann.

Please note that names of the sick will remain on the 'Immediate' list for one month only. If there is a need for a name to remain longer, please ask for it to be placed on the 'Long Term' list.

All requests must be made to Dianne Ward or Jonathan Elcock, the Office Administrators, at office@sjks.org.au or 8227 1300.



Kids @ Church Nativity Play

Kids @ Church are back with our Nativity Play this Sunday. The last two years have seen us celebrating Christmas on Zoom which just isn't the same.

Over the three 'Covid years' most of our children have become teenagers, so the idea of a traditional nativity with shepherds and angels needed some re-thinking. This is the 15th year we have presented our different and exciting exploration of the Christmas story at the morning service, so today we look back at some of the ways that we have done this.

The setting is Christmas Eve and our young people are getting ready for another celebration of Christmas. As they do, they remember some of the nativity plays that have been presented in the past. You may remember some of them, too.

Thank you for letting us present our play today. We really appreciate the goodwill of the congregation, that you let us take over this service to celebrate and have fun. - Charlotte Wiltshire

Today's Sermon

A recording of the sermon preached by Associate Professor Michael Horsburgh AM at the 8am service today is available on our website (sjks.org.au/online-services), on Facebook (facebook.com/stjameskingstreet) and on YouTube (@stjameskingstreet)

Institute Director Appointed as Trinity Research Fellow

The Director of the St James' Institute, Aaron Ghiloni, has been appointed as an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Divinity. Dr Ghiloni will work within Trinity College Theological School, mentoring junior scholars and researching interreligious dialogue and religious diversity.

Trinity's Dean, The Rev'd Canon Dr Bob Derrenbacker said, "We are thrilled that Dr Ghiloni

will be joining Trinity College as an Honorary Research Fellow. Dr Ghiloni's academic expertise and scholarly program will aptly complement what Trinity is already doing. Thus, we look forward to working with him in the months to come."

Sr Freda Christmas Lunch 2022

Today we will be providing a special 'takeaway' meal which will include ham, turkey, lollies, desserts, etc, to give that 'Christmas' feel and we will use the quiet garden area as we have been doing these past few weeks.

- David and Robyn Carver,
Sr Freda Coordinators, 0414 585 543

Christmas Bowl Helpers Needed

Your help in promoting the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl at St James' will in turn enable Act for Peace to provide more help to some of the over 100 million people in the world who have been driven from their homes by drought, floods or armed conflict. Every gift to the Christmas Bowl makes a difference to their plight! Our promotion is through distribution of Christmas Bowl envelopes to Parishioners and visitors, and the opportunity to provide more detail about people assisted through short talks at the end of Advent Services.

I hope you would like to be part of the team of volunteers. Please let me know on 0422 917 791.

- Howard Graham

Music Department Restructure

In response to evolving requirements within the music department, a restructure of staff duties has become necessary. As a consequence, the former position of Organist ceased to exist as of 1 December, 2022. Instead, we are creating the new position of Assistant Head of Music, which will embrace a greater level of planning and administrative responsibilities, in collaboration with the Head of Music. The Assistant Head of Music

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duties will also include playing the organ for all services, along with the organ scholar, and this new position will be advertised in the coming weeks. As a consequence of this restructure, we will farewell Alistair Nelson, at a date and time yet to be determined by him, and we will have the opportunity to acknowledge and thank him for his contribution to the music ministry within the parish over these past years. - Fr John

Position Vacant: Assistant Head of Music

Applications are now open for the new position of Assistant Head of Music at St James'. Please visit www.sjks.org.au/postions-vacant for details about this new role and how to apply. Applications close on 15 January 2023 at 11:59pm AEST.

Holy Eucharist at Bowden Brae

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at Bowden Brae Retirement Village, Normanhurst on Tuesday, 20 December in the Chapel at 2:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

St James' Book Club

There is a small book club at St James' which meets every two months by Zoom and hopes also to meet for lunch occasionally. We are looking for new members. We have female and male members and you do not need to be a member of St James' to join. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 7 February at 2:30pm** on Zoom, and the current book to read is *The Saint who would be Santa Claus: The True Life and Trials of Nicholas of Myra* by Adam English. Nicholas of Myra (died 342) was a Greek Bishop in Myra, Turkey and known as the wonderworker for his love and kindness. His feast day is 6 December. If you are interested in joining the St James' Book Club, please contact Libby Hindmarsh – elizabeth@hindmarshsydney.com.au or phone 0404 492 444.

Ordinations

Fr John attended the ordination of Alison Dutton last week, where she was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of The Murray at Christ Church, Yankalilla (South Australia). He presented her with a gift from the Parish, a Home Communion Set.



The Director of the St James' Institute, Dr Aaron Ghiloni, will be ordained Deacon on 4 February 2023 at St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, at 10:30am. He has been appointed to a curacy at St George's Anglican Church in Malvern. We uphold Aaron in our prayers.

Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Update

On 10 November, Fr Glenn and the RAP working group met with two Aboriginal Leaders, Larissa Minniecon from Scarred Tree Ministries in Glebe, and Jane Bridges from Catholic Education. We also consulted with Philip Collier who has worked as an

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Aboriginal worker and consultant for Anglicare. We are now in the process of including the feedback into the draft RAP document. We were very pleased with the meeting and have thanked them all for their contribution. We will send the revised document to Parish Council as soon as the revision work is completed.

We did invite the Metropolitan Land Council to send a representative but there was no one suggested to attend the meeting. We also invited Common Grace but we had no response.

- Elizabeth (Libby) Hindmarsh

Flower Arrangers Needed for 2023

We are in need of more flower arrangers to join the flower arranging team from 2023. If you would like to be part of this important and creative ministry, please contact Pippa on 0432 792 362. We are grateful for the commitment and talent of our flower arrangers, who bring beauty and colour to our church each week.

Messiah Concert, 17 December

The livestream recording of last night's concert is available until 17 January. Tickets are \$22.50. Visit stjamesmusic.org.au for more information.



Advent & Christmas

Sunday 18 December
7:30pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Wednesday 21 December
1:15pm Lunchtime Lessons & Carols
6:30pm Candlelight Carol Service

Thursday 22 December
6:30pm Candlelight Carol Service

Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December
6:00pm Christingle
10:30pm Night Eucharist of the Nativity

Christmas Day Sunday 25 December
8:00am Sung Eucharist
10:00am Choral Eucharist

Orchestral Masses

Sunday 15 January, 10:00am
Jonathan Dove - *Köthener Messe*

Sunday 22 January, 10:00am
Franz Schubert - *Mass in A-flat major*

The Choir & Orchestra of St James'

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Fourth Sunday of Advent



Waiting to return home

Many Sri Lankan refugees living in exile in India are finally ready to make the journey home to the country they love. But the current economic crisis and food shortages mean it's not safe for them to return.

Through the Christmas Bowl you are helping our local partner, the Organisation for Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation (OfERR), continue to provide lifesaving medical care for refugees while they wait for Sri Lanka to be safe again. **Please give today.**



CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

St James' Foundation Distributions

We are grateful to the St James' Foundation for the following distributions:

Music Foundation

Orchestral Masses	\$14,100
M. Norman Choral Scholarship	\$5,000
M. Norman Organ Scholarship	\$5,000
Music at St James'	\$48,000
Media Equipment	\$500
Distributions	\$72,600

Building Foundation

Building	\$32,000
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Total Distributions received in 2022

Music Foundation

Orchestral Masses	\$14,100
M. Norman Choral Scholarship	\$15,000
M. Norman Organ Scholarship	\$9,000
Music at St James'	\$87,000
Organ Appeal	\$10,000
Media Equipment	\$2,300
Total Distributions 2022	\$137,400

Building Foundation

Building Total 2022	\$52,000
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Total Foundation Distributions 2022	\$189,400
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On behalf of the St James' Foundation, thank you

The interior of the church has certainly changed in appearance over the last few weeks, hasn't it?

We have been worshipping recently in a construction zone, as scaffolding was erected and work was underway to remove the old organ. Now that organ has gone, we see an empty space...but

one getting ready for when the new Dobson instrument will be installed.

The audacious and ambitious bicentennial project to build the third largest organ in Sydney, one that will pave the way to further grow music at St James', is definitely taking shape. And all this could not be done without your generous financial support and encouragement. Thank you for making the dream become a reality.

As the festive season approaches, you may wish to consider continuing to support the Organ Appeal, the upcoming Orchestral Masses or other music activities through a tax-deductible gift to The St James' Music Foundation.

There is also an opportunity to assist in the maintenance of the church building through the St James' Building Foundation. Details are on page 22. Help St James' maintain its singular ministry in Sydney. Your generosity is appreciated.

- Robert Marriott,
Chair, St James' Organ Restoration &
Replacement Appeal

Limited Edition Print

The farewell gift from the Parish to Fr Andrew is a painting of St James' Church by Graham Lupp OAM, based on an image by Chris Shain.

Limited edition prints (unframed) of the painting are available for \$150 (A3 size). If you would like to purchase a print, please contact the Parish Office (office@sjks.org.au; 8227 1300).

Proceeds from sales will be donated to the St James' Organ Appeal. Visit www.grahamlupp.art for more information about Graham's art.

The prints have arrived in the office and will make an excellent Christmas present for anyone who has an affinity with our church building.

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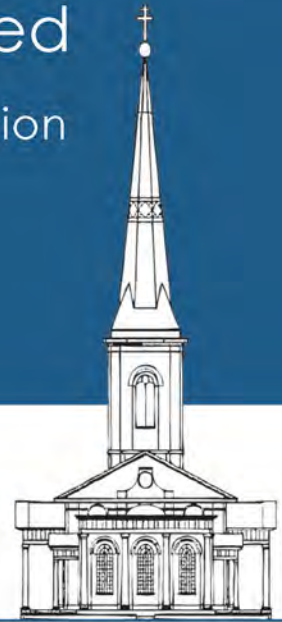
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Please send me information (to the above address) of how I might include a bequest for The St. James' Music Foundation or The St. James' Building Foundation in my will.

All donations to The St. James' Music Foundation over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

Please send any notices for inclusion
in the Parish News to the office by
Tuesday morning.

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Monday to Friday: 10:00am-4:00pm
Saturdays: 8:00am-1:00pm
Sundays: 7:00am-4:00pm

What's on this week

Worship

Monday to Friday

8:30am, Morning Prayer (via Zoom)

12:30pm, Holy Eucharist (Chapel of the Holy Spirit)

5:00pm, Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

Tuesday

7:45pm, Resting Space (via Zoom)

Christian Meditation

Tuesday, 1:10-1:50pm (via Zoom)

Wednesday, 7:45am-8:30am (via Zoom)

Lessons & Carols

Sung by The Choir of St James'

Wednesday, 1:15pm & 6:30pm

Thursday, 6:30pm

Saturday 24 December 2022

Christmas Eve (*White*)

6:00pm Christingle

Preacher: *The Rev'd Glenn Maytum*
Assistant Priest

10:30pm Night Eucharist*

Preacher: *The Rev'd John Stewart*
Acting Rector

Sunday 25 December 2022

Christmas Day (*White*)

8:00am Sung Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist*

Preacher: *The Rev'd John Stewart*
Acting Rector

*Livestreamed

Please consider paying your offering directly into the church account.
The details are: BSB 032 007, A/C 250025, Churchwardens St James' Gen. A/C.
Offering cards are available from the Office if you use direct debit.