

Christ Church Cathedral Mother Church of the Diocese of Newcastle



Weekly News 19 December 2010

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Services

- 7.00am Eucharist
- 8.00am Eucharist
- 9.30am Choral Eucharist
- 11.30am Family Eucharist with baptism
- 3.00pm Wedding
- 6.00pm Choral Evensong

We welcome all who join us to worship at the cathedral. We especially welcome the Anderson family who bring Jacob for baptism today and Renae and John who come to be married today.

The celebrant at 8am is Father Robert Catt who today celebrates the 40th anniversary of his ordination.

Please join us for tea or coffee after the 8am & 9.30am eucharists.

Today's Readers

- 8.00am George Hicks and Frank Summers
- 9.30am Ann Taylor and Fr Guy Philpott
- 6.00pm Jan Thomson (Ruth 4.9-21) and Claire Foster (Matthew 1.1-6, 17)



Services this week

Monday

- 7.00am Morning Prayer
- 7.30am Eucharist
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, Thomas, apostle and martyr

- 7.00am Morning Prayer
- 7.30am Eucharist
- 10.30am Eucharist
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday

- 7.00am Morning Prayer
- 7.30am Eucharist
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday

- 7.00am Morning Prayer
- 7.30am Eucharist
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday, Christmas Eve

- 7.00am Morning Prayer
- 7.30am Eucharist

Please see Christmas Service details inside this pew sheet.

Cathedral News

Christmas Gifts for the Cathedral

This year we are repeating 'Christmas gifts for the cathedral'. This was very successful in 2009 and significantly reduced cathedral expenditure during 2010. Once again we hope this will be a very practical exercise in stewardship that will raise awareness of the everyday and mundane expenses involved in resourcing the services offered by the cathedral and also empower the congregation to offer tangible support. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the cathedral. If you would like to make a gift, please read the list and mark the gift you wish to give. If you prefer to give anonymously, then tick the relevant box and speak to or write to the Dean.

Kids Countdown to Christmas

This programme runs for one more week offering fun, games, stories, snacks, Christmas craft, songs and more. **For children aged 5-12.** After school on Thursday 23 December 4pm–5.30pm. Cost \$2. Contact Rosie Murree-Allen 49264663 or email rosiekma@yahoo.com.au.

ABM Pew Reflection

Isaac Pur came to faith, from an animist background, in 1986, after many nights of a recurring, powerful dream, in which he was *reading* the Epistle to the Romans. These dreams filled him with awe, fear and joy on waking. This passage tells a familiar, yet extraordinary story, in an utterly down-to-earth way. God chose a mature, principled, 'righteous' man in Joseph. He could have had Mary stoned. Instead, he takes God at His word and does what he is asked. This birth is meant to be understood as a miracle of nature. Matthew is careful to tell us that Mary's virginity is preserved by Joseph's restraint and honour. In the section where we are given the names of Jesus, Matthew is telling us that God is actively working amongst His people now.

- Pray that we may really know how and where God is working amongst us today.

Text: The Revd. Isaac Pur Wal, Nuer Missioner in the Gambella region of Ethiopia and the Right Revd. Andrew Proud, Area Bishop for the Horn of Africa. ©Anglican Board of Mission 2010 Pew Reflections 2010

Community Lunches We need volunteers to assist with the Community lunch programme. If you are interested in supporting this important ministry, please phone Margaret Thirlwell (4963 4334) Adrian Price (4929 4919) or Claire Foster (4963 5070). You can help in a variety of ways, donating food, working in the kitchen and/or serving food, welcoming guests. You may commit to helping once or twice a month. The lunches are held fortnightly. We especially need helpers in January when many people are away on holiday. Please collect and complete a leaflet at the end of the service. This form is also available for download from our website. There is also a sign-up sheet at the back of the cathedral. We are very grateful to those who have taken up the co-ordination of this ministry after the retirement of Audrey and Margaret Clark. Contact Margaret Thirlwell (4963 4334) for more information.

Reading Roster January-March 2011

A sign-up sheet is at the back of the cathedral. Thank you to all who contribute to this ministry. We welcome new readers, the Dean is happy to offer guidance and support to those who would like to join the reading roster.

Serving at 8am eucharist

We would welcome volunteers from the 8am congregation to join the serving team which is now somewhat depleted. Training and encouragement are readily available. Please speak to the Dean if you are interested in serving at 8am.

Samaritans The Samaritans Christmas Appeal is in desperate need of your support. With less than half of our appeal target of \$150 000 received, and only a week until Christmas, we urgently need your donations to boost our appeal and help others. You can send a cheque to PO Box 366 HRMC 2310, phone 4960 7100 or donate at www.samaritans.org.au. Cec Shevels, Chief Executive

Christmas pudding special

All puddings are reduced by \$10 off the marked price. A Christmas bargain.

Christmas Services

Friday 24 December Christmas Eve

5.00 pm Family Carol service, an informal service for children and families

7.30 pm 'Nine lessons and carols' a service with traditional and contemporary carols for choir and congregation

11.45 pm Midnight Mass with procession and blessing of the crib

Celebrant: The Bishop of Newcastle *Preacher:* The Dean of Newcastle

Music: Festive Mass (Matthias)

Saturday 25 December, The Birth of our Lord, Christmas Day

7.00 am Eucharist

8.30 am Orchestral Mass with procession

Celebrant: The Dean of Newcastle *Preacher:* The Bishop of Newcastle

Music: Coronation Mass (Mozart)

10.30 am Eucharist

No evening service

Sunday 26 December, The Feast of Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

7.00 am Eucharist

9.00 am Sung Eucharist

No evening service

Please note that there are only two Eucharists in the morning and no evening service.

Sunday 2 January, Feast of the Epiphany

7.00 am Eucharist

8.00 am Eucharist

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

6.00 pm Festal Evensong

Music

8am	Eucharist	6pm	Choral Evensong
Hymns	275, 302, 285(87), 161	Responses	Ferial
Organist	James Goldrick	Canticles	First Service (Philip Moore)
9.30am	Choral Eucharist	Anthem	O thou the central orb (Wood)
Introit	Ave Maria (Arcadelt)	Psalm	80.7-19
Setting	Missa Brevis (Donovan)	Postlude	Fugue in C minor BWV546 (JS Bach)
Anthem	Bogoroditsye Dyevo (Rachmaninov)	Hymns	274, 288, 646
Psalm	80.1-7, 17-19	Organist	Keith Murree-Allen
Postlude	Fantasia and Fugue in G minor (JS Bach)		
Hymns	275, 302, 285, 161		
Organist	Peter Guy		
Organist and Master of the Choristers Mr Peter Guy Assistant Organist Dr Keith Murree-Allen Organ Scholar Mr James Goldrick			

Information

- The hearing loop covers the front six pews on the South side of the Cathedral. Please switch your hearing aid to the T setting to benefit.
- An access ramp is situated on the harbour side of the Cathedral.
- Toilets are on the South side of the Cathedral, through the doors under the organ loft.
- You may sit with your children in the St Christopher Chapel on the right-hand aisle, if you wish. There is also a children's activity sheet available from the sidespersons.
- Please do **not** leave handbags and other valuables unattended in the pews at any time. Their security cannot be guaranteed.
- Parishioners and visitors are welcome to park in the Cathedral car park. On Sunday, extra parking is available at the rear of the Newcastle Club: please enter from Newcomen St. *The steps and areas in front of the doorways to the Cathedral must be left clear at all times.*

<p>Cathedral Clergy The Very Reverend Dr James Rigney Dean of Newcastle 4929 2052 or 0411 447 083 dean@newcastlecathedral.org.au <i>Rest day: none</i></p> <p>The Reverend Canon Mark Watson Canon Pastor 4929 2325 or 0434 431 400 canonpastor@newcastlecathedral.org.au <i>Rest day: Monday</i></p> <p>The Reverend Timothy Fox, Honorary Priest and Newcastle Grammar Chaplain</p>	<p>Postal address PO Box 221 NEWCASTLE NSW 2300 deanery@hunterlink.net.au</p> <p>Web Site www.newcastlecathedral.org.au</p> <p>Cathedral Wardens People's Wardens Simon Adam Robert Caddies Dean's Wardens Alan Green Lynette Streete</p>
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