

Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton



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Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting

Weekly News Sunday 4 December 2022
Second Sunday of Advent



7am: Eucharist

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Dear Parish Family

Fun Fact: November 27 is the earliest date that Advent can begin, as Christmas falls on a Sunday. This gives us a wonderful opportunity to embrace the time that the Advent season gives us for reflection, and our personal journey from dark places to the light of Christ. Our Advent Carol Service on Sunday night was (and always is) and beautiful beginning to the season.

It was also a joy to welcome Fr Gary Atherton at 10.00am, to celebrate his 35th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. We actually had three generations at the altar on Sunday – read more about it in the pewslip.

As some of you may know, Mrs Erica Thomas is leaving Newcastle Grammar School as Head of School, to take up the position of Principal at Kincoppal Rose Bay. Erica is a tremendous supporter of the cathedral, and especially the Community Lunch Programme. The Community Lunch team were able to thank Erica this week and make a presentation to her. Photos and more in the pewslip!

On Saturday evening (3 December) at 5.00pm we have our final Families@Five for the year. There's even a rumour that St Nicholas might be popping in to say hello (sshhhh!) Please share with families you know.

It's been lovely to hear how much everyone loves the new shop fittings. As I said last week, the new shop fitout is a credit to Susan Edwards' vision, dedication, and perseverance. Susan is always keen to welcome new volunteers to the team – please contact her if you would like to help out. Susan also has great resources for Advent available too.

I realise that I caused some distress and confusion last week when I spoke about ways to support the Music Ministry and Family Ministry. My apologies! As Parish Council we are committed to growing these areas of ministry, and we recognise that these are areas about which many people are passionate. If you would like to financially invest in the Music Ministry and/or the Family Ministry please speak with myself or David Atherton.

PRAYERS: Please continue to hold affected by flood in your prayers. Thank you also for your prayers for our LGBTQIA+ community.

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

OFFERTORY – SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES: Thank you for your ongoing and generous support of the ministries of the parish through your regular financial giving as part of your stewardship.

The offertory plate has returned. Please collect your online giving card from the welcomers, and place in the offertory plate.

ADVENT CAROLS AND PREACHING SERIES: During Advent, we will have a special preaching series on "What Christmas means" to different groups within our wider community. Please share both these events and invite people to join you.

LIVESTREAM: The easiest way to connect to the livestream is through the cathedral YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg

MASKS: With the rise in COVID numbers, please strongly consider wearing a mask in places, including church, where you feel you are not able to adequately maintain physical distancing.

ATTENDING WORSHIP: Please continue to be mindful of COVIDSafe practices as we gather, and to be mindful of our own health and vulnerabilities as well as those in our community.

The sacrament is administered in both kinds. You are welcome to receive in one or both kinds. We ask that you do not intinct (dip) the host.

Finally, this week's poem is by R S Thomas. I've often cited his work, Welsh poet and priest. Thomas' poetry is not easy, often uncomfortable, and always rich with meaning. As is so often the case in my search for my poem of the week, I found this poem whilst searching for another, and immediately abandoned the search! Perhaps I was influenced by images of 'Thing' from *The Addams Family*, having just watched the new series *Wednesday*. We take our hands for granted, and yet they can create and destroy, caress and harm. Thomas' poem explores this enigma.

The Hand

It was a hand. God looked at it and looked away. There was a coldness about his heart, as though the hand clasped it. As at the end of a dark tunnel, he saw cities the hand would build, engines that it would raze them with. His sight dimmed. Tempted to undo the joints of the fingers, he picked it up. But the hand wrestled with him. "Tell me your name," it cried, "and I will write it in bright gold. Are there not deeds to be done, children to make, poems to be written. The world is without meaning, awaiting my coming." But God, feeling the nails in his side, the unnerving warmth of the contact, fought on in silence. This was the long war with himself always foreseen, the question not to be answered. What is the hand for? The immaculate conception preceding the delivery of the first tool? "I let you go," he said, "but without blessing. Messenger to the mixed things of your making, tell them I am."

R S Thomas (1913-2000)

With my thanks and prayers, Dean Katherine

Ps: Please share this email with others who would like to hear news of the parish. To receive our weekly mailings, please contact the Cathedral Office cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au to be placed on the email or mail out list.



Music this Sunday

8AM - Eucharist

Organist – Keith Murree-Allen Hymns – 270, 272, 516, 268

10AM - Eucharist - John the Baptist

Organist – Keith Murree-Allen
Hymns 270, 272, 516, 268
Introit – Why fum'th in sight (Tallis)
Setting – Byrd in 4
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-21 (Attwood)
Anthem – Ave verum (Byrd)
Gospel response – after Veni Emmanuel

6PM - Evensong

Organist – Keith Murree-Allen
Hymns – 275, 270, 281
Preces and Responses – St Nicholas
Canticles – Magnificat and Nunc dimittis - Fauxbourdon (Morley)
Anthem – Audivi vocem (Tallis)
Psalm 72: 8-17

About the music...

As we go deeper into Advent we continue to explore the beautiful world of plainsong and unaccompanied Renaissance music. A particular feature this Sunday is the music of two English composers - William Byrd and Thomas Tallis. Between them, their careers spanned the middle of the 1500s to the first part of the 1600s - a turbulent period during which the English church was torn in one direction and then another between allegiance to the Pope and to the English crown. Tallis and Byrd (Byrd was a generation-and-a-half younger) were the foremost composers of the day, and apart from composing and performing, held the Royal licence for publishing music. The introit at 10am comes from a set of pieces, elegantly titled 'Tunes for Archbishop Parker's Psalter'. It is a setting of the Psalm better known to us as 'Why do the nations so furiously rage', and three-and-a-half centuries later was used by Vaughan Williams for his wonderful 'Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis'.

Gospel response











Advent Kyrie

Cantor:

Heavenly Father, you have created a universe of light: forgive us when we return to darkness.



Cantor:

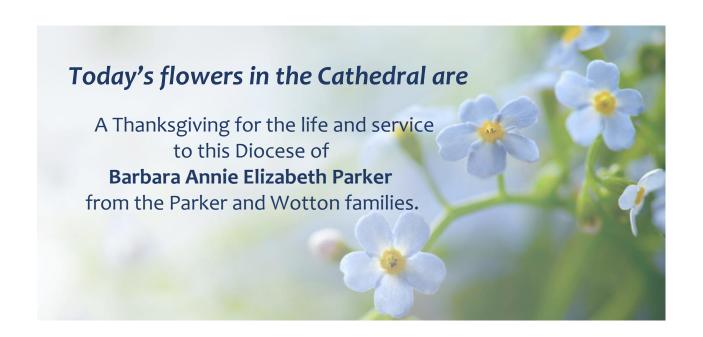
Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world: cleanse and heal our blinded sight.



Cantor:

Holy Spirit, you give us light in our hearts: renew us in faith and love.





Kids' Club

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th of December 1-4pm

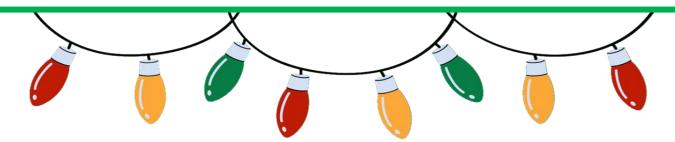
We need assistance!

If there are any volunteers who would be willing to help with Kids Club, it would be very much appreciated.

Some suggestions:

- an hour of your time to run an activity such as craft, Bible story or cooking
- an hour of your time to wash and dry paint/food containers or assist in tidying up
- provide some afternoon tea snacks and juice for approx 10 children

Please contact Veronica: ronnie.butcher@gmail.com or 0482 027 207



Christmas Treasure Sale

New and used items for sale Face Painting Games BBQ

10 December, 10am-3pm MacKillop Pastoral Centre 7 Milson St, Charlestown

All money raised going to help support Shalom Hospice



Thank you Mrs Erica Thomas - Head of School, Newcastle Grammar School.

Mrs Erica Thomas is leaving Newcastle Grammar School to take up the position of Principal of Kincoppal Rose Bay.

Erica is a tremendous supporter of the Cathedral, and in particular, has taken a passionate interest in the Community Lunch Programme. Erica's support has not only been in enabling and assisting the programme from the school side, but also practical. At the start of the pandemic in 2020, Erica appeared at Community Lunch with boxes of toilet paper and hand sanitiser, because she was acutely aware that our guests would be some of the most vulnerable.

This week, the Community Lunch team were able to thank Erica for her support. Suzanne Evans presented Erica with this magnificent photo of the Cathedral, taken by Matt Whatson. Unfortunately Andrew Traill was unable to join us for the presentation, as he had been called in to work at late notice.

We continue to give thanks for Erica, and pray for her as she accepts this new role.



@ Christ Church Cathedral 19 & 20 December 1pm - 4pm



Led by a team of trained and safety accredited adults.

Bookings: Veronica Butcher 0482 027 207 https://CCCDecemberKidsClub.eventbrite.com.au **■ ChristChurchCathedralFamilies** parking on-site

52 Church Street, Newcastle 2300



Congratulations Fr Gary Atherton – and Three Generations at the altar!

On Sunday, Fr Gary Atherton marked the 35th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, celebrating the Eucharist at the cathedral at 10.00am. It was a privilege to join in giving thanks for Fr Gary's ministry in this diocese, and in other Dioceses throughout Australia.

It was a particular joy that Fr Gary could be joined at the altar by his son, David Atherton, and granddaughter Aria, making three generations at the altar on Advent Sunday. Thank you for sharing the celebration and your ministry with us!



Pledge to take action for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander justice in 2023.

Right now, Australia has a once in a generation opportunity to move forward on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander justice.

Together, we face a significant moment as a country to vote YES on a referendum for a constitutionally enshrined Indigenous Voice to Parliament.

We lament that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have been seeking to be heard since 1788. Australia has consistently failed to listen. We know too that Australia has not yet wrestled with the truth of our shared history, and has failed to establish treaties with its First Peoples.

We are committed to deeply listening to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and walking together for justice, healing and flourishing for all. We recognise Voice as an important step along the way to hearing and responding to the long standing calls to deeply listen to the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the need to establish treaties, and the importance of national truth-telling.

You, working alongside the Common Grace movement, have a crucial role to play in supporting the Uluru Statement from the Heart, and advocating for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament and for justice.

To ensure the referendum on an Indigenous Voice to Parliament is successful, we will need to speak to our leaders, quell the doubts in our churches and in our communities, and show people the ways in which every step towards reconciliation is a step towards justice and the enrichment of every Australian.

If our country does not come together in supporting a 'YES' vote at the upcoming referendum on Voice, it will set our efforts for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander justice back decades.

In 2023, we will be led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian Leaders in:

- Listening deeply to the Indigenous voices of the past and present.
- Campaigning for a YES vote in the referendum for a constitutionally enshrined Indigenous Voice to Parliament.
- Advocating to #RaiseTheAge of criminal responsibility in Australia.
- Grounding everything in Truth-Telling of our shared history and supporting a National Truth-Telling Commission and Treaty-making processes.

Pledge your commitment to join us now in speaking up for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Justice in 2023 at this crucial time for action.

https://www.commongrace.org.au/voicejustice2023_pledge

Actions we'll be calling you to join us in may include: praying with and for the Movement, attending church events like Aboriginal Sunday (22 January 2023), helping to host and organise events in your local community, attending training in order to meet with your parliamentarians about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, being inspired to have conversations with your friends and community about the upcoming Referendum or continuing to support the campaign with your financial generosity.

St Peter's Hamilton Christmas get together.
Wednesday December 14 at the Sunnyside Tavern
20 Broadmeadow Road, Broadmeadow.
12.30pm for 1pm

RSVP to Jenny – 0499 983336 or Trevor – 49 684038 by 26-11-2022

Donations for Flowers

To donate flowers in memory of a loved one or as a thank-offering, please advise Suzanne Evans on 4955 9170 and place your donation in an envelope listing the date for display and include a message and place in the wall safe. Flowers are required for December 1 and CHRISTMAS DAY. January 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.



CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY LUNCHES

The Cathedral Community Lunches Program is continuing to offer a hot meal **every second Sunday at 12.30pm** from the Horbury Hunt Hall. **Thankyou** to the dedicated volunteers who are ensuring this important outreach program continues to operate.

The next Community lunch for 2022 will be this Sunday 4 December.

and ST PETER'S HAMILTON CATHEDRAL

Sunday 7.00am, 8.00am and 10.00am Monday – Friday 8.30am <u>ST PETER'S</u>

Tuesday and Thursday 11.00am

PARKING AT THE CATHEDRAL

For those parking on Church Street please be aware a section opposite the Cathedral is now a bus zone.

Please remember if you can spare a little, we are still asking for donations to our FREE FOOD PANTRY at the Cathedral and also collecting for the Samaritans. Any long life non-perishable items will be very thankfully received.



Newcastle Cathedral mainly music is a fun group for children aged o to 5 years and their parents or carers. Each session incorporates action songs and games that help to develop gross and fine motor skills, language and creativity. The cost is \$5 per family - your first session is free!

10:00am to 11:30 every Thursday during school terms in the Cathedral.

Stewardship

Thank you for your ongoing faithful financial support of the mission and ministry of the parish. With no opportunities for additional fund raising, your giving is greatly appreciated. In this time, the best way to exercise our stewardship, to support the work of the parish, is through electronic giving. Our stewardship is an expression of our thankfulness to God, offering as we have received.

Name: Electronic Giving Account BSB: 705-077 Account: 00040917

(please include all 8 digits) Please include your Initial & Surname in the reference line, if required. Please ask the sidespersons at the Cathedral or St Peter's if you would like a set of stewardship envelopes. If you would like information on how you can contribute to theMusic Fund, Missions, and other ministries, please contact the parish office so we can share those details with you. Thank you for your generosity, which supports ministry now and in the future.

SOCKS for the homeless!

Please donate your NEW SOCKS where you see this sign.





ABM ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This Advent and Christmas, Anglicans in Development invites you to support projects which will positively impact individuals and communities in Australia and around the world.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya College supports the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders through study programs leading to awards in theology, suicide prevention, addictions management and community development.

Your support enables Wontulp-Bi-Buya and Nungalinya Colleges to equip Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders to truly transform their communities.

Access to clean drinking water has made a huge difference in the lives of thousands of people whom AID supports in Kenya, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Myanmar. In Kenya, communities have gained access to water for drinking as well as for use with stock and crops, improving food security. Schools have rainwater tanks, freeing children from the burden of travelling long distances to collect water.

In Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Myanmar, our church partners work with volunteers in remote communities to provide access to clean water. Sometimes they will rehabilitate existing storage facilities. Ready access to clean water means better health for whole communities, especially young children who are particularly prone to waterborne illnesses.

Your gift will transform communities.

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

All services in the St Christopher Chapel. Please enter through the transept doors.

Monday 5 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer	Canon Garry Dodd	
	8.30am – Eucharist		
Tuesday 6 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer	The Rev'd Dr Julia Perry	
	8.30am - Eucharist		
Wednesday 7 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer		
	8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop	
Thursday 8 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer	Fr Mel	
	8.30am - Eucharist	TT WEI	
Friday 9 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer	The Dean	
	8.30am - Eucharist	THE Death	

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Officiant: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

Preacher: Mrs Kerrie Duffey

ONLINE SERVICES THIS WEEK

The Weekly and mid-week Eucharists and the Morning and Evening offices continue to be distributed online via **You Tube** and **Facebook** at **6.00am** and **5.30pm** each day.

We encourage you to share these resources widely during this time.

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Tuesday 6 December Nicholas of Myra	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Canon Garry Dodd The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
Wednesday 7 December Ambrose of Milan	6.00am 5.30pm	Archdeacon Arthur Copeman The Reverend Melanie Whalley
Thursday 8 December Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Canon Andrew Eaton The Reverend Amanda Brockwell
Friday 9 December	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Janet Killen The Reverend Nicole Baldwin
Saturday 10 December	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Scott Dulley The Reverend Sarah Dulley

We have taken measures to ensure that the Cathedral is a safe environment for all.

All who work with children or youth have completed Safe Ministry Training and all clergy, staff and volunteers are subject to strict employment measures such as working with children checks. The Cathedral is committed to being a place where survivors of abuse experience care and support. For a confidential discussion, please call or email the

Director of Professional Standards 1800 774 945

dps@newcastleanglican.org.au or survivorsupport@newcastleanglican.org.au



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