



Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton

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Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting
Weekly News Sunday 17 December 2023

ADVENT 3



Photo Credit: Catholic Church England and Wales, Gaudete Sunday, Our Lady of Grace & St Edward

Services Today

8.00am: Eucharist

Presider: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

In place of sermon: Music in the Top End

10.00am: Choral Eucharist

Presider: *The Reverend Gary Atherton*

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6.00pm: Choral Evensong

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Dear Parish Family

GAUDETE! The Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday, drawing the name from the Latin for 'Rejoice', which is the first word in the Latin introit for this Sunday. My favourite version of this is by Steeleye Span <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EDc2FD-vy8M> We light the rose candle, a sign of our rejoicing. In many places rose vestments are worn on this Sunday. The Cathedral does not have a set of rose vestments, so I might have to look for some pink shoes 😊

In this 'short Advent', it seems that 'night is flying', as we sing in the hymn (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Qq0SOUyEr8>). Next Sunday is Advent IV in the morning, and Christmas Eve in the afternoon. Consequently, we're continuing the season of 'finals'. Mainly Music had a wonderful final day for the year, and the Cathedral Office will close on Wednesday at midday 20th December. If you need to contact the office urgently, please call my mobile number.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jacqui and Phil Weston on the birth of their son, Julian Felix Weston this week. Much love and prayers and blessings at this time.

THANK YOU to Suzanne Evans and her team of helpers for wonderful decorations in the Cathedral.

BAMAGA: On Sunday 17th December, David Banney, Rosemary Ponnekanti, and Bianca Ponnekanti, will share their experience of music in the Top End, and we will hear the Bamaga Suite, composed as part of this trip. Please encourage others to come and hear about this trip.

ONE EUCHARIST SUNDAYS: Sunday 24th December AND Sunday 31st December will both be 'One Eucharist Sundays'. There will only be one service in the morning at the Cathedral at 9.00am on both of these Sundays.

ST PETER'S HAMILTON: There will be no Services at St Peter's Hamilton from Wednesday 20th December until Tuesday 2nd January.

CATHEDRAL DAILY EUCHARISTS will continue, except on Public Holidays.

As a Parish Community we are committed to the ongoing work of being a safe, welcoming, inclusive, and affirming place for all. We are committed to the journey of Makarrata – reconciliation with First Nations peoples. Thank you also for your ongoing prayers for our LGBTQIA+ community, at this time when their validity and identity continues to be challenged and questioned.

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

NEWS: This is our parish pewslip. If you have news, or items for the pewslip, please send them to Sharon in the parish office. We love contributions!

COMMUNITY LUNCH: is in the Cathedral on Sunday, following the 10.00am Eucharist. Are you able to help with setting up or bringing rested hands and feet back around 1.00pm to help clear away? Please contact Suzanne Evans or Andrew Traill if you can assist.

CLEANING BEE: Please help clean the Cathedral for Christmas! Join us on Saturday 23rd December for an hour or two, to help prepare for Christmas worship.

VOLUNTEERS: Would you be willing to assist in welcoming people to worship over Christmas? Nothing says welcome more than a smile and a friendly greeting. We need welcomers for all our Christmas Services. Please contact the Office and let us know at which service you can help.

COVID AND ATTENDING WORSHIP: COVID is on the rise again! The aged care residences in our parish require us to wear masks at all times. Please continue to be mindful of COVID Safe practices as we gather, and to be mindful of our own health and vulnerabilities as well as those in our community. Please strongly consider wearing a mask in places, including church, where you feel you are not able to adequately maintain physical distancing.

CHRISTMAS RESOURCES: The Cathedral Shop has many excellent resources and gifts for Christmas, including beautiful nativity sets and Christmas decorations and cards for sale. Please shop local and support our shop!

SAMARITANS CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Details for how to support the Samaritans Christmas Appeal are in the pewslip.

LIVESTREAM: The Livestream is back! The easiest way to connect to the livestream is through the cathedral YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg>

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 a reference to our Gaudete Sunday theme. The words "joy is supposed to slither through/ the cracks of your imperfect life/ that's how joy works" were a reminder for me to look for the joy in the everyday. This week I have been blessed with some unexpected moments of pure joy, which have refreshed my soul, at time when there feels to be much brokenness. I love the use of the word "slither", subverting the imagery of the snake in Genesis 3, reminding us that the incarnation is joy for a broken world.

JOY

Joy does not arrive with a fanfare
on a red carpet strewn
with the flowers of a perfect life
joy sneaks in
as you pour a cup of coffee
watching the sun
hit your favourite tree
just right

and you usher joy away
because you are not ready for her
your house is not as it should be
for such a distinguished guest

but joy, you see
cares nothing for your messy home or your bank balance
or your waistline

joy is supposed to slither through
the cracks of your imperfect life
that's how joy works

you cannot truly invite her
you can only be ready
when she appears
and hug her with meaning
because in this very moment
joy chose you.

Donna Ashworth

**With my thanks and prayers,
Dean Katherine**

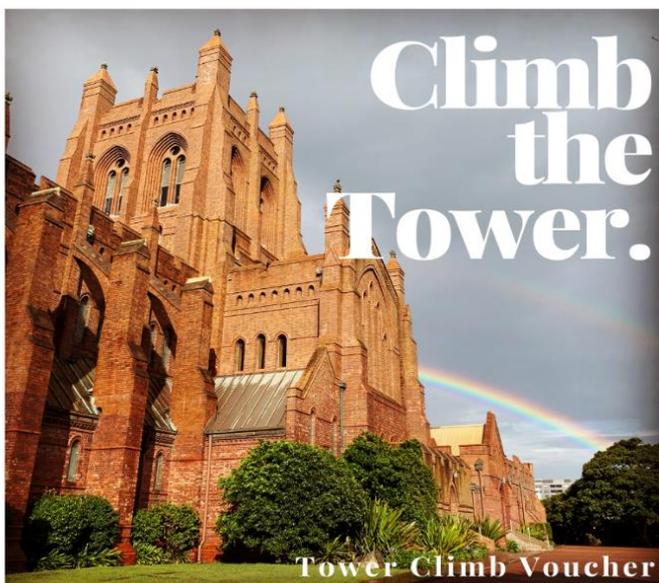
*Ps: Please share this email with others who would like to hear news of the parish.
To receive our weekly mailings, please contact the Cathedral Office
cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au to be placed on the email or mail out list.*

The flowers in the Cathedral today have been donated by

Graham and Anne Vimpani in loving
memory of their mothers
PHYL VIMPANI and BETTY STRACHAN
and **HORRIE VIMPANI**



**Shout out for those attending services over
Christmas. We are very much in need of
volunteers to welcome visitors and take
up the offertory over the festive season.
Please help if you can.**



**Need a last minute
Christmas gift?
Tower Climb Vouchers are
available from the Cathedral
office and shop. \$10pp,
something different for those
who are hard to buy for.**



As the weather appears to be warming up for summer please think about bringing water with you to church.



Looking for accommodation

Patricia is coming to work in a research job with the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Sydney and is looking for accommodation in Newcastle. A single older woman, she was hoping a parishioner may have a roomy one bedroom, a self-contained part of a house, or a granny flat she could rent. Close to public transport would be helpful. Please contact the Cathedral office if you can help – 49 29 2052.

Music this Sunday

8am - Eucharist

Hymns - 268, 271, 281, 275

Gerard Nicholls (organ)

10am - Choral Eucharist

Introit - Laetentur Caeli (Zielinski)

Setting - Missa Ego Flos Campi (Padilla)

Psalm 126 (Jackson)

Anthems – Cherubic hymn (Chesnokov)

Hymns - 268, 271, 281, 275

Gerard Nicholls (organ)

6pm - Evensong

Preces and Responses - Ayleward

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis (Gibbons)

Anthem - Cherubic hymn (Chesnokov)

Psalm 18:1-6, 48-50 (18:1-6, 48-50)

Hymns – 265, 264, 266

Gerard Nicholls (organ)

Music notes

Choosing music for a Cathedral is a never-ending job for any Music Director, and the aim is always to amplify and illuminate the message of the scriptures for any given service. Sometimes it's easy, and sometimes it is not. Sometimes the challenge is finding even a single hymn or anthem to match the readings. At other times - even more challenging - the problem is choosing what to leave out! Advent is such a time - like Lent, Easter and Christmas, it is a season that has inspired composers and poets throughout the world and over many centuries to produce words and music of utmost beauty.

Each Sunday in Advent has a special purpose - the first two Sundays prepare us to wait for Christmas, while the fourth Sunday focuses on the role of Mary in the Christmas story. The third Sunday is 'Gaudete' Sunday (= 'to rejoice'). Unlike Lent, which is a uniformly sombre preparation for Easter, Advent takes us through a wide range of experiences and emotions, and today we 'rejoice' in the knowledge of what is to come - we wait for Christmas not passively, but with excited expectation. To help us, today's music ranges from the brilliant and boisterous to the profound. Our Mass setting is a striking work from 17th century Mexico, following the style of European contemporaries such as Monteverdi. Set for two separate choirs, the music will fill the Cathedral with rich harmony and rhythmic zest. Our introit has a very similar style, also for double choir, and coming from the same era, but from Poland rather than from Mexico.

It is a setting of part of Psalm 96, foreshadowing the coming of Jesus: Sing to the Lord a new song (the Psalms set for Christmas services are Psalm 96, 97 and 98 - it is definitely worth reading these wonderful texts in the leadup to Christmas). Our anthem for morning and evening comes from the Russian Orthodox tradition, composed by a magnificent composer, little known in the west - Pavel Chesnokov (1877-1944). Taken from the Eucharistic liturgy, the text joyfully places us in the company of heaven:

*We who mystically represent the Cherubim,
and who sing to the Life-Giving Trinity the thrice-holy hymn,
let us now lay aside all earthly cares
that we may receive the King of all,
escorted invisibly by the angelic orders.
Alleluia*



Top End Music

Come and hear David Banney, Rosemary Ponnekanti, and Bianca Ponnekanti reflect on their experiences of music in the Top End. Hear the Top End Suite composed as part of this trip. Sunday 17th December, during the 8.00am, 10.00am, and 6.00pm services. Read more about the trip here: topendmusic.com

THE TRIVIA NIGHT



Photo credits Alison Hamilton

**A fun night had by all and great success for the choir fundraising.
Thanks to all who supported this event.**



**Cathedral
Cleaning Bee
9.00am
Saturday
23 December**

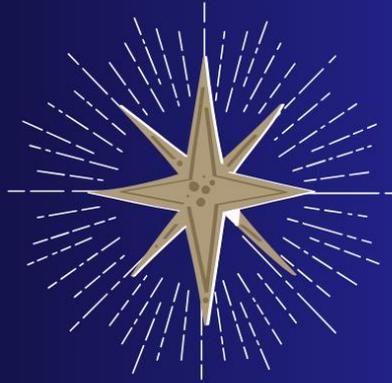
*Christmas
Day
at St Peter's
Hamilton*

**9.00AM
HOLY EUCHARIST**

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**CHRISTMAS AT
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
NEWCASTLE**



JOY TO THE WORLD

**CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24, 2023
FAMILY SERVICE 5:00 PM**

**CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24, 2023
NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS 7:30 PM**

**CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24, 2023
'MIDNIGHT' MASS 10:30 PM**

CHRISTMAS CONCERTOS FROM 10:00PM

**CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023
HOLY COMMUNION 7:00 AM**

**CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023
FESTAL MASS FOR CHRISTMAS 9:00 AM**

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Samaritans

Christmas Appeal



www.samaritans.org.au/donate



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023



Building strong communities together



www.abmission.org/Christmas2023

ONE EUCHARIST SUNDAYS AT THE CATHEDRAL ALL AT 9.00AM

NOVEMBER
26

Christ the King - Patronal Festival
Celebrate together at 9.00am.
Morning Tea afterwards.

DECEMBER
24

Sunday Morning - Advent 4
Eucharist at 9.00am.
Christmas Services in the afternoon.

DECEMBER
31

New Year's Eve - Sunday 9.00am.
Come and give thanks for all that has
been, and pray for the New Year.



What are we waiting for? *Three studies for Advent*

*Advent, we are told, is a time of waiting. But what exactly are we waiting for?
Please join us for study, prayer and fellowship as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.*

7.30-9.00pm
Wednesdays in Advent
(December 6, 13, 20)

Venue: 6 Burke St, New Lambton
(Home of David and Catherine Banney)

All are welcome - if you could let us know that you are
coming that would be helpful, but not essential:
dabanney@gmail.com



Cathedral things to remember...

Although the weather is warmer, it can be cold and damp for the homeless, please donate new socks if you can.



We are still collecting suitable material for the wonderful team who make beautiful blankets to comfort the homeless. Please leave material if you have any.

Donate to the Cathedral's restoration, buy and lay a paver for your furry friend.

Contact the office for details.



Anytime you can spare a little food for the CCC pantry and Samaritans it would be hugely appreciated.

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 CHRISTMAS and December 31, also January 7, 14 and 21.

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

The Cathedral Community Lunches Program continues 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 event will be our Christmas lunch this Sunday 17 December in the Cathedral.



Electronic Giving

If you are one of the very generous people who donate electronically to the Cathedral, sometimes this needs to be “reset” with your financial institute. Several people have dropped off not knowing there was an issue with their bank.

**EUCCHARISTS at CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
and ST PETER'S HAMILTON**

CATHEDRAL

8.00am and 10.00am

Monday – Friday 8.30am

ST PETER'S

Tuesday and Thursday 11.00am

NO THURSDAY SERVICE DEC 21

Newcastle Cathedral mainly music is a fun group for children aged 0 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 the Music 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.

Family Christmas Service



wear nativity or Christmas clothes

5pm

Sunday 24th December

Christ Church Cathedral
Newcastle



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*The Newcastle Tudor Singers
present*

Favourite things

Christmas music we love

*Dr Anne Millard, director
with Marcia Wall, piano
Patricia Woods, soprano
The Hunter Bell Ringers*

17 December 2023

@ 2pm

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Tickets \$15 and \$10



Artwork by Roy Wall

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

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

Monday 18 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	The Rev'd Gary Atherton
Tuesday 19 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Rev'd Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 20 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop
Thursday 21 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Rev'd Mel Nelson
Friday 22 December	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	The Dean

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 24 December 2023 AT THE CATHEDRAL Advent IV

9.00am: Eucharist
Presider: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*
Preacher: *The Reverend Gary Atherton*

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**

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

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/christchurchcathedralnewcastle/>

Monday 18 December	6.00am	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
Tuesday 19 December	6.00am	The Reverend Angela Peverell
Wednesday 20 December	6.00am	Archdeacon Arthur Copeman
Thursday 21 December THOMAS	6.00am	The Reverend Canon Andrew Eaton
Friday 22 December	6.00am	The Reverend Amanda Brockwell
Saturday 23 December	6.00am	The Reverend Nicole Baldwin

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
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