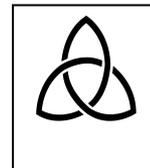


**The Anglican Diocese of Newcastle
The Parish of Terrigal**



Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
18th DECEMBER, 2016



7.30am - Sung Eucharist - *Presiding & preaching – Fr. Mark Watson*

Congregational Hymns

TIS 161, 287, 265, 283 - Organist- Chris Sillince

Baroque Postlude: *Prelude & Fugue in E Minor (The Cathedral)* - J S Bach

9.30am - Holy Eucharist - *Presiding & preaching – Fr. Mark Watson*

Congregational Hymns

TIS 161, 287, 265, 283 – Organist – Sharon Sandstrom

3.30am - 5.30pm – Messy Church

[All hymns are from Together in Song unless otherwise specified.]

Prayer and anointing for healing are available at each Eucharist. If you would like prayer and anointing, please move in front of the step, at the left side of the altar, after receiving communion and a priest will come and minister to you.

LEARNING TWO NEW WORDS THIS ADVENT

One of the reasons we come to church is to learn a new language. The Church socialises us into a new way of being, living and speaking. Our Sunday liturgies contain lots of repetition. Week after week we repeat certain words, prayers and actions. Year after year we celebrate the same festivals. Repetition forms and shapes who we are and how we live and speak. As the Holy Spirit works within us, new patterns of living, thinking and speaking emerge. We are called to be renewed in holiness at Advent. That involves learning a new language that transforms us.

Two words we frequently hear in Advent are **hope** and **vigilance**. **Hope** is one of the three great virtues of the Christian life (the other two being faith and love). But hope in Christian terms is not a vague desire for something that may or may not happen, as in “I hope the bus in on time.” It is more solid than that. It has its basis in the incarnation, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

The opposite of hope is despair. We live in a world of despair, in which many of the events and problems we face seem beyond our control. Christians struggle with feelings of despair the same as anyone. Our experience of worship is an important way of being encouraged in hope. It reminds us we are not alone; it is not all up to us. Despair destroys hope in us.

Benedictine nun and author Joan Chittister says an absence of hope usually comes from a forgetfulness of who our hope is in, namely God. She says we always stand at the crossroads between hope and despair. Despair cements us in the present, because we are unable to see a hopeful tomorrow. It keeps us in a state of spiritual death. “When I say that I am in despair, I am really saying that I have given up on God. Despair says that I am God and if I cannot do anything about this situation, then nothing or nobody can.

“Despair is the affliction of the small minded who have not so much lost their faith as they have lost their memory. Hope says remember where you have been before and know that God is waiting for you someplace else now, to go on again to something new” (Joan Chittister, OSB, *Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope*).

The other word is **vigilance**. Jesus says, “Be alert at all times” (Luke 21:36). In Advent we pray, “keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom”. Advent reminds us to be awake, alert, and vigilant. It is a time to be more attentive in prayer, daily seeking the signs of God’s comings among us. It is time to prayerfully and reflectively read the scriptures, following some disciplined pattern of reading.

Day and night the light over the aumbry where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved is shining, reminding us that God never sleeps. We too must remain alert and vigilant, living in a state of preparedness for the coming of the Lord. Jesus says the enemies of vigilance are drunkenness, self-indulgence, anxiety and worry. They keep us focused on ourselves. They make us insensitive to God’s incursions into our lives. They make us listless and sluggish. The surrounding culture socialises us into a way of being and living shaped by individualism and consumerism. While many rush about in a state of worry and despair, we are called to be people of hope and vigilance. Allow your vocabulary to be expanded by these two words this Advent; allow them to characterise your living, and so witness to the transforming power of the presence of God incarnate in Jesus Christ.

Fr Mark

Today

3.30 - 5.30pm



**Messy Christmas - something special for families!
Invite your neighbours families to join us.**

Reading from the book of Isaiah
Chapter 7: Verses 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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 80.1-7, 17-19

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock:
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,
shine out in glory;

**2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:
stir up your power, and come to save us.**

*3 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.*

**4 O Lord God of hosts:
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?**

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears:
and given them tears to drink in good measure.

**6 You have made us the victim of our neighbours:
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

*7 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.*

**17 Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:
on that son of man
whom you made so strong for yourself.**

18 And so we shall not turn back from you:
give us life, and we will call upon your name.

***19 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.***

**A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans,
Chapter 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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us.

Alleluia!

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. Matthew, Chapter 11; verses 2-11**

Now 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.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Please pray for

Barbara Matthews, Kate Ross, Keith Williams, Andre,
Paul Catanzariti, Marie Hawes, Libby Harvey, Joel.
Fr. Roy, Natalie, Clare and Anne, Avril Baxter,

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY



Saturday 24th - Christmas Eve

5.00pm – Eucharist for Children and families

11.00pm – Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th - Christmas Day

7.30am - Sung Eucharist

9.30am – Holy Eucharist

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2017

Sunday 2nd January – NO Parish Dinner

Wednesday 11th January -10.00am– Tarragal House Eucharist & Concert *[Fr. Mark]*

Monday 14th – FR. Mark is on Annual Leave for 2 weeks.

Thursday 19th January - 10.00am - Eucharist at The Pod *[Fr.Mark]*

Friday 20th January - 1.00pm – Market Day Preparations

Saturday 21st January – 8.00am - 1.00pm – Market Day

Sunday 22nd January, – Australia Day Lunch

Friday 27th January - 11.00am - Eucharist at Woodport Aged Care *[Revd. Ann]*

Sunday 26th February – 11:30 - AGM

OP SHOP AND PARISH OFFICE

The **OP. SHOP** will close on Thursday 22nd December and re-open Tuesday 3rd January. We would be grateful if you could hold any donations for the Op Shop until 5th January. This will assist those who will have the job of removing items into the Op. shop over the Christmas break

The **PARISH OFFICE** will be closed from Friday 23rd until Wednesday 4th January. Items you would like included in the pew bulletin can be left at the office on the Tuesday 3rd. Please leave in the tray in the front office which is marked 'Newsletter'.

WHISPERS OF LOVE

Will be in recess until 6th February, 2017

PARISH DINNER AT THE BOWLO

The next Dinner will be 5th February, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Monday 19th December

Whispers of love will resume 6th Feb 2017

Tuesday 20th November

8.00am - Morning Prayer

Wednesday 21st December – Thomas, Apostle & Martyr

8.00am - Morning Prayer

2.00pm – Ecumenical Service Tarragal Glen *[Fr. Mark]*

5.00pm - Holy Eucharist *[Fr Roy]*

5.30pm - Sacred Reading *[Fr Roy]*

Thursday 22nd December

8.00am – Morning Prayer *[Fr.Mark]*

Friday 23rd December

8.00am – Morning Prayer *[Fr.Mark]* – the last service for 2016

10.30am - Holy Eucharist *[Fr.Mark]* and morning tea

Readings – Malachi 3. 1-4, 4.2-3; Psalm: 25. 3-10; Luke 1. 57-66

11.45am – Bible Study *[Fr.Mark]*

11.00am - Eucharist at Woodport Aged Care *[Revd.Ann]*

MARKET DAY CO-ORDINATOR

We are pleased to announce George Jessup has accepted the position of Market Day Co-ordinator. It would be appreciated if all enquiries be directed to George in future on 4368 2237.

MORNING PRAYER

Will be in recess from 26th December and resume on Tuesday 3rd January.

FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY

Will go into recess after Friday 23rd December and resume
Friday 3rd February

Christmas Bowl

Fourth week of Advent - Emmanuel 'God is with us'

Theme: We are called to be followers of Christ.

Teatro Ekyumenical (Ecumenical Theatre), is a cultural theatre group established by Act for Peace partners the National Council of Churches in the Philippines. The groups performances highlight Social Justice issues, reaching out to the young people from different Christian traditions all over the country, and encourages them to think about the Bible, how it relates to the current social issues impacting on their lives and communities. Training also helps them to express themselves creatively and to work together as a group.

The groups motto ***Abundant Life***, comes from **John 10:10**.

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy,"

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

The productions are all based on Bible verses, and include music, dance, spoken word, mime and song, and are created entirely by the participants themselves. Storyline examples include the plight of illegal migrant workers, impacts of mining and climate change. The groups founder Rommel Linatoc states ***"our performances always end with the message that there is hope."***

Colleen, a student who joined TE said ***"My time with TE has given me an advanced understanding of the lives of the marginalized people. It's a privilege to speak for these people, to be a voice for the voiceless."***

The National Council of Churches in the Philippines (founded in 1963) is an ecumenical fellowship providing service. Through the support of Act for Peace, NCCP has provided opportunities for young people to promote peace and justice, through the use of theatre, and spark conversations about national and current issues, such as climate change and human dignity and rights, and to strengthen interfaith dialogue in their communities.

While the Philippines is regularly affected by extreme weather events, such as Typhoons, the ongoing clan warfare has exacerbated household and community displacement and created a climate of fear. The impact of government military operations and the actions of multinational mining and extraction companies has also caused significant damage to the lives and livelihoods of indigenous populations.

ABM - Advent and Christmas Appeals

Disaster Risk Management Program in Kenya to plan and protect against protracted droughts, affecting food production, **and the Philippines** to prepare and respond to severe floods, typhoons, and tsunamis.

Youth Engagement Program in Australia - Church initiatives which engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in remote communities. This program has been one of the two Mission programs the Parish has supported these past two years through our regular Mission giving.

The Christmas Gift Appeal 2016 supports Youth and Sunday School Empowerment program in Kenya, encourages people to undertake leadership training, attend conferences, respond to contemporary issues with youth and children, and also encourage participation in environmental conservation issues, and embrace the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Mission to Seafarers

On Saturday 10th December, forty beanies, a bag full of toiletries, several pairs of socks, and twelve packets of playing cards, were given to Rev'd Garry Dodd the Chaplain to the Port of Newcastle to be part of the Christmas gift packs to be distributed to the Seafarers.

Navitas - English

Recently, the Parish received a Letter of Appreciation from Helen Larkin, Case Manager at Navitas English, HHS Hunter, for the generous donation of equipped school backpacks, provided to newly arrived refugee children. Helen said in her letter *"I has witnessed first-hand the joy and appreciation in the eyes of the children when presented with their new backpacks. For many the packs symbolize a return to normality, for others, a chance to finally attend school, previously only a dream."* Thank you to all who supported this mission.

Coralie Taylor - Mission Secretary.

A LETTER OF THANKS FROM NAVITAS, English

A copy of the letter is on the notice board thanking us for the backpacks

BISCUITS FOR MORNING TEAS

Just a reminder, if you are short of supplies for morning teas, there are biscuits in the inner office near the boxes of copy paper.

**We offer many opportunities for meeting together ...
to worship and pray; to study Scripture and theology; to share fellowship,
caring and support; and to celebrate real relationships which are divinely
life-giving.**

These opportunities normally include ...

Sunday Worship at Holy Trinity

7.30am - Sung Eucharist and 9.30am – Holy Eucharist

3rd Sunday in the month - Messy Church

between 3.30pm and 5.30pm

Weekly Worship at Holy Trinity

Tues to Friday - 8.00am - Morning Prayer

5.00pm – Wednesday – Holy Eucharist

Friday at 10.30am – Holy Eucharist

1st Tuesday at 2.00pm - Tarragal Glen Eucharist

2nd Wednesday at 10.00am - Tarragal House Eucharist/concert

3rd Thursday at 10.00am - Eucharist at The Pod [Aurrum]

4th Friday at 11.00am – Eucharist at Woodport Aged Care

VARIOUS PARISH MINISTRIES

‘Whispers of Love’ - a meditation (Monday at 10.00am); Women’s Fellowship (2nd Monday at 1.00pm); Coffee and Craft (4th Tuesday at 1.00pm); Parish Council (2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm); Trinity Band (Rehearsal - Tuesday at 7.00pm) (Playing at the 9.30am Sunday - 2nd and 4th Sundays); Sacred Reading (Wednesday at 5.30pm); Pastoral Care (2nd Thursday at 10.00am); Bible Study (Friday at 11.45am); Messy Church Planning Meeting (1st Saturday at 10.00am) ; Gardening (2nd Saturday from 8.00am); Market Day (3rd Saturday from 8.00am)

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Holy Trinity Opportunity Shop ... contact (02) 4365 1280

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‘We desire to shine as one in Christ’

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Carolyn Shields / Christine De Gans - 4365 1280

The Op Shop is open Tuesday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.00pm

and each Saturday from 10.00am to 1.00pm

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