



**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**20<sup>th</sup> December, 2015**

**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity**

**7.30am - Holy Eucharist - *sung* - [RH/AW]{CS}**

**9.30am - Holy Eucharist - *said* - [Fr.R/AW]{S. Sandstrom }**

**Our Parish Identity**

**We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us.**

**Our Parish Vision**

**We desire to shine as one in Christ  
that God's will be done.**

## **A Reading from the Book of Micah Chapter 5, verse 2-5a**

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of  
the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

Hear the word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God**

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### **For the Psalm : Song of Mary**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

**Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:  
From this day all generations will call me blessed.**

The Almighty has done great things for me:  
and holy is his name.

**God has mercy on those who fear him:  
from generation to generation.**

The Lord has shown strength with his arm:  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

**Casting down the mighty from their thrones:  
and lifting up the lowly.**

God has filled the hungry with good things:  
and sent the rich away empty.

**He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:  
to remember the promise of mercy,**

The promise made to our forebears:  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
as in the beginning, so now and forever. Amen**

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## **A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews Chapter 10, verses 5 to 10;**

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
*'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;  
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.*

Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken  
*pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-  
offerings*' (these are offered according to the law), then he  
added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first  
in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we  
have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus  
Christ once for all.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### **SACRED READING**

Sacred Reading's last bible study was Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015

This group will resume Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Confirmation will appear in the Pew Bulletin the week before.

# **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke, Chapter 1, verses 39–45.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, *'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'*

For the Gospel of the Lord

## **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### **Please pray for**

Fr. Stephen Pullin, Fr. Roy, Natalie, Anne and Maureen Hazlewood,  
Joel, Merv & Joan Singh, Libby Harvey, Ilara, Rachel,  
Martin & Jewel Collett & Family, Robert Vallance,

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Christine and Rudi De Gans  
on the birth of their new granddaughter Cove Ava Cook.



**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> - Messy Christmas**

**3.30 - 5.30 pm All Welcome!**

Please join us for this different service  
and invite a family with young children to come along with you!

## Mission Report – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2015

### Christmas Bowl – Act for Peace

For the past 66 years, the Christmas Bowl has united thousands of compassionate Australians who believe that when we act together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of people threatened by conflict and disaster.

Giving is an important part of Christian living. All the readings throughout the Christian year usually point us to the ways in which God has given so freely and openly such as Blessings, love, care and consolation. We are encouraged to give ourselves, usually, in time, talents and monetary gifts, offered to God, for the good of God's work in various places.

**As we journey this Lent and Christmas time we are focused on God's greatest gift to us, Jesus Christ.**

This leads us to consider how we give each Christmas. Do we need to be very specific about our gift to God. As we work together as God's people, we too can make a difference through our giving this Christmas, by being generous to people whom we don't know, or will not even meet, **but whose needs are known to God.**

**Christmas is a season for making a difference through our love and generosity.**

ACT for Peace are making a difference to the lives of people and communities whose needs are so much greater than our own. After all we are offering what we have to a God and God's ministry as thanks for what God has so freely and lovingly given to us.

#### **John's story.**

John is a little boy of eight. Just like any child in Australia, he loves running around outside and playing with his friends. John's family have been through so much, and were forced out of their home in South Sudan by the civil war. They risked incredible hardship and danger to bring John over the border to a makeshift camp in a small village in Ethiopia.

Living conditions are filthy and shocking. There are no toilets, and people are forced to go to the toilet in the open. Most of the water pumps are broken and flies are everywhere.

With no soap or clean water, **John fell seriously ill with "yellow eyes disease" – potentially deadly Hepatitis E.** His mother can only watch helplessly as John grows weaker and weaker. She tells us *"He can't go and play with his friends. He isn't feeling well at all"*. For weeks John has been too listless to move. His mother is beside herself with worry, as she has seen others in the camp die

form the disease, and she would do anything to keep her child safe. **But there is help for children like John. The first thing he needs to get healthy is access to clean water**

### **Kama's story**

*Kama was twenty years old, and pregnant, and fled South Sudan when soldiers attacked her village. Kama was terrified of losing her beautiful little boy. When she arrived in the camp she had no possessions, not even a container to carry water from the far away pump.*

*When illness struck the camp, Kama was worried about who would look after her baby boy if she got sick. Sadly, babies and pregnant women are the most at risk of death from diseases like Hepatitis.*

**The ACT Alliance were able to help Kama – providing her with a jerry can to carry water, and soap so that she could prevent contamination from deadly diseases.**

*Coralie Taylor, Mission Secretary*

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## **The Fourth Week of Advent, 2015**

### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

**10.00am** - 'Whispers of Love' in recess till 1<sup>st</sup> February

### **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

**7.00pm** - Trinity Band and Singers rehearsal

### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

Maestro POSSUMS [Multi-Purpose Room] In recess until 22/1/2016

**5.30pm** – Sacred Reading [Fr.R] In recess till 13<sup>th</sup>/1/2016

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve**

**5.00pm** - Family Service with Eucharist

**11.30pm** - Sung Eucharist

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day**

**7.30am** - Christmas Eucharist – sung setting

**9.30am** - Christmas Eucharist

#### **OP. SHOP**

Will close on wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 4.00pm and re-open on  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

## Next Sunday – 27th December, 2015

### First Sunday after Christmas

7.30am - Holy Communion [sung][AW/RH] {CS}

9.30am – Holy Communion [said][AW/Fr.R] {S.Sandstrom}

#### Eucharistic Readings:

1 Samuel 2.18-20,26 Ps.148; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-52

### DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2016

**Sunday 3rd January – 6.00pm** – Dinner at the Bowlo

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January - 10.00am** -Tarragal House Eucharist/Concert [AW]

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – 5.30pm** – Sacred Reading Resumes

**Wednesday 20th January –10.30am**–Eucharist at The Nursing Home(Aurrum)AW

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January – 10.00am** – Eucharist at The Pod [AW]

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January – 2.00pm** – Inter.Denom.Service Tarragal Manor

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February – 10.00am** – Whispers of Love Resumes

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – 2.00pm** – Tarragal Glen Eucharist [AW]

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February – 10.00am** – Messy Church Meeting

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February – 6.00pm** – ‘Saturday at 6’

**Sunday 7th February – 6.00pm** – Dinner at the Bowlo

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February – 1.00pm** – Women’s Fellowship Meeting

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February – 7.30pm** – Parish Council Meeting

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February - 10.00am** -Tarragal House Eucharist/Concert [AW]

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February – 10.00am** - Pastoral Care Meeting

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February – 11.00am** – Samaritans Link Day

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February– 8.00am** – Garden Working Bee

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Concert with Heather Moen-Boyd & Associate Artist.**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Induction of Fr Mark Watson**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February – 1.00pm** – Coffee, Craft & Chat

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February –10.30am**–Eucharist at The Nursing Home(Aurrum)AW

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February– 10.00am** – Eucharist at The Pod [AW]

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February – 1.00pm** – Preparation for Market Day

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February – 8.00am – 100pm** - Market Day

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### **Parish Opportunity Shop**

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The Op Shop is open Tuesday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.00pm  
and each Saturday from 10.00am to 1.00pm