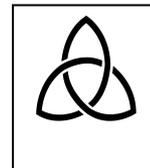


**The Anglican Diocese of Newcastle
The Parish of Terrigal**



Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11th DECEMBER, 2016



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

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

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.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent means 'coming' or 'arrival'. We focus on the coming of Jesus at Bethlehem as a human baby and on his coming to judge the world and to restore all things at the end of the age. We also seek to be alert to the ways God comes to us in everyday life. Some of these may be specifically 'religious' such as the ministry of word, sacrament and prayer. But God also comes in other, more unexpected ways, such as the face of a child, the sufferings of the poor and outcast, the restoration of a relationship; even the loss of something, or someone, we treasure. Yes, even upheaval and interruption can be signs of God's coming among us, bringing newness out of pain and loss.

Our readings and liturgical practices during Advent remind us of the need to keep awake and remain alert in preparation for the Lord's coming. As in Lent, we omit saying or singing the *Gloria*, and the liturgical colour is violet, which draws us inward in prayerful reflection and penitence. Purple is also the colour of royalty, as we await the coming of the King. In our part of the world, many flowers that bloom at this time of year are in shades of violet, purple or mauve: jacaranda, agapanthus, hydrangeas, brunfelsia. We can be reminded of Advent as we look at these flowers.

We light a candle on the Advent wreath each Sunday as a symbol of the approach of Christ, the light of the world. The hymns we sing and many of our liturgical prayers have a sense of anticipation and expectancy. May God enable us to use this season of Advent as a precious gift to discern the ways God comes to us.

Fr Mark

Reading from the book of Isaiah
Chapter 35: Verses 1 – 10.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 146

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul:
while I live I will praise the Lord;

**While I have any being:
I will sing praises to my God.**

Put not your trust in princes:
nor in flesh and blood, which cannot save.
**For when their breath goes from them,
they return again to the earth:
and on that day all their thoughts perish.**

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob:
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
**The God who made heaven and earth:
the sea, and all that is in them,**

Who keeps faith for ever:
who deals justice to those that are oppressed.
**The Lord gives food to the hungry:
and sets the captives free.**

The Lord gives sight to the blind:
the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down.
The Lord loves the righteous:

the Lord cares for the stranger in the land.

He upholds the widow and the fatherless:
as for the way of the wicked, he turns it upside down.

**The Lord shall be king for ever:
your God, O Zion, shall reign through all generations.
Praise the Lord.**

**A Reading from the letter of James,
Chapter 5. 7-10.**

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor

Alleluia!

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go

and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

This is the one about whom it is written,
"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."
Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Please pray for

Barbara Matthews, Paul Catanzarini, Marie Hawes,
Fr. Roy, Natalie, Clare and Anne, Kate Ross, Keith Williams,
Libby Harvey

SAMARITANS CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL

During the month of December, Samaritans will be providing a Christmas parcel in addition to the usual food support.

It would be appreciated if you could assist by commencing to help with the following items:

Christmas Puddings, Christmas Cake, Tinned Ham, Tinned Fruit, Long-Life Custard, Lollies

Thank you, John Miller, Wyoming Co-ordinator

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



Ladies please join Reverend Ann to wrap the puddings

And add the Christmas Touches! From 9:30am

Saturday 17th December.

Puddings will be available to those who have placed orders on Sunday 18th December after 7:30 & 9:30 services. Anyone wishing to collect them earlier please call Revd Ann 0427 135 771 *Many thanks, Reverend Ann*

BOOK SHOP

We have a variety of Christmas cards for sale, plus a few children's books. There are two copies of New Daylights for January/April 2017 - Cost is \$12 each.

Kyara Newport

PREPARATION OF ROSTERS

It would be appreciated if you could get the rosters for the next 3 months into the office as soon as possible. They can then be prepared in advance as the office will be busy prior to Christmas.

Thank you, Bev Broadley

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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Third Sunday in Advent

Monday 12th December

10.00am - 'Whispers of Love'

Tuesday 13th November

8.00am - Morning Prayer

7.30pm – Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 14th December -

8.00am - Morning Prayer

10.00am – Tarragal Glen Eucharist & Concert [Fr. Mark]

9.15am - 12.15pm - Maestro Possums [Multi-Purpose Room]

5.00pm - Holy Eucharist [Fr Roy]

5.30pm - Sacred Reading [Fr Roy]

Thursday 15th December

8.00am – Morning Prayer [Fr.Mark]

10.00am - Eucharist at The Pod [Fr.Mark]

Friday 16th December

8.00am – Morning Prayer [Fr.Mark]

9.15am - 12.00pm - Maestro Possums [Multi-Purpose Room]

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

Readings – Isaiah 56. 1-8; Psalm: 67; Matthew 5. 33-56

11.45am – Bible Study [Fr.Mark]

Sunday 18th December

3.30 - 5.30pm



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

Next Sunday – 18th December, 2016
Fourth Sunday in Advent

7.30am – Sung Eucharist *Presiding & preaching – Fr. Mark- Organist –Chris Sillince*

9.30am – Holy Eucharist *Presiding & preaching – Fr Mark – Organist- Sharon Sandstrom*

Eucharistic Readings:

Isaiah 7.10-16; Psalm 80. 1-7, 17-19; Romans 1. 1-7;

Matthew 1: 18-25

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2016

Sunday 18th December – 3.30 – 5.30pm – Messy Christmas

Wednesday 21st December – 2.00pm – Ecumenical Service Tarragal Glen *[Fr. Mark]*

Friday 23rd December - 11.00am - Eucharist at Woodport Aged Care *[Revd. Ann]*

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Sunday 2nd January – 6.00pm – Parish Dinner at the Bowlo

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

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

MARKET DAY – THANK YOU

To all who helped on our Market day with preparations and on the day. Your help to make it a successful day is appreciated.

‘WHISPERS OF LOVE’ MEDITATION GROUP

Reflection

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparation for Christmas

We who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your Kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness yet seeking the light.

To you we say

"Come, Lord Jesus". Amen. *Henri Nouwen* Note: last Whispers 12th December resuming 6th Feb 2017

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

Mission Report - 11th December 2016

Christmas Bowl

Third Sunday of Advent - Rejoice and be glad.

Theme: We are called to lift up the lowly

Jordan Refugee Support - Helping ends meet for Syrian refugees in Jordan. Mother-of- six Maya, and her husband Elias, left their home in Syria, moving the whole family by motorbike, travelling from village to village trying to stay ahead of the bombings. One day the village they were staying in, was completely destroyed. They knew they had no choice but to cross the border in search of safety. Crowded into the back of a truck, the family were driven through the desert to avoid military attack. Once inside Jordan, they were bussed from place to place, sleeping in tents and never staying long in any location. They finally settled in a damp house in a refugee camp. In winter, water comes through the leaky ceiling, and in summer it is stifling hot.

Now Elias ekes out a living on what little work he can pick up. In Jordan the family receive health checks, as well as food ration supplies to help feed their six children. But life is still very hard. ***"Everything is so expensive here" says Maya. "We make the food last by making the dishes smaller."***

Act for peace also provide psychological support for people who have been traumatised by their experiences, and help with schooling and training to enable them to complete their education and find work.

"We hope for Syria to be stable and secure again. We want to go back to Syria again and live in security and stability with our family. Our home town is very precious to us and we just want our home again. A big thank you to the Australian people," says Maya.

Act for Peace partner, department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) For 65 years have liaised with the community, speak their language, and are extremely well trusted. They offer support for the refugees, providing food rations, healthcare, hygiene and sanitation, psychological support, livelihood program and education.

Key Fact: More than half the population of Syria have become refugees or been maternally displaced since the conflict began 5 years ago.

ABM CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

Church to Church Program

Youth and Sunday School Empowerment Program

In Kenya, the newly introduced Youth & Sunday School Program encourages young people to partake in leadership training and embrace the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Youth conferences will be organised on an annual basis where speakers will be invited to speak on particular themes of relevance. Sunday school teachers and youth leaders will take part in training and develop materials that respond to contemporary issues. Youth and Sunday school children will also be encouraged to participate in environmental conservation issues as well as tree planting and clean up days. Your support will offer leadership training to youth leaders and Sunday school teachers in Kenya.

World Vision

The Parish has received the progress update of Siraj Eberahim, 16 years of age, from Ethiopia. He is in good health, which is monitored by World Vision. Siraj says his favourite subjects at school are History and Geography. Please read the Parish Mission Board for further details.

Coralie Taylor - Mission Secretary.

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

