

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
4th December, 2022



8.00am – **Sung Eucharist** *Presiding and Preaching* – **Fr Mark Watson**

Organist – *Chris Sillince*

Hymns: TIS 271,0270, 265, NEH 19

9.30am – **Holy Eucharist** *Presiding and Preaching* – **Fr Mark Watson**

Organist – *Sharon Sandstrom*

Hymns: TIS 271,0270, 265, NEH 19

[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.

FREEDOM COMES FROM GIVING UP CONTROL

I discovered this snippet of profound wisdom from a priest friend of mine who posted it on Facebook. It's a quotation from Michael Casey OCSO, an Australian Cistercian monk and spiritual writer. It is from *Grace: On the Journey to God*. I personally found it very helpful, especially during this busy time of year.

"The freedom to be attentive requires, paradoxically, that we renounce the desire to control what happens around us, to manipulate reality, to impose our will on events or on other people. We need to respect the alterity of the world around us and of other people; to allow them to be themselves and not to attempt to make them conform to our expectations or demands. We may think that those who try to keep control of everything around them are strong and dominating people, attempting to rule others and to mold them in their own imperial likeness. Usually this is not so. Control freaks are most often fearful people who are threatened by the prospect that events would be allowed to take an independent direction. Underneath the firm grip and the bluster is a wavering self-confidence that fears to face the unexpected. By constraining everything to squeeze itself into the heard shell of their expectations, they fail to read and respect the reality of the world around them. They are heedless of what is outside themselves because they are driven mercilessly by their own insecurity. Their life is a constant battle to prevent reality from asserting its independence. Their inner voices are secretly shouting so loudly that they can hear nothing else."

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

GOD'S KINGDOM IS NEAR. John the Baptist urged the people to prepare for the coming of the kingdom by repenting of their sins. Their baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan river was an important ritual act of sorrow. But they also had to express their sorrow by reforming their lives. The sacrament of reconciliation, and right living, are excellent means through which we can prepare for the feast of Christmas.

The first candle reminded us of our *hope* in Christ. Today we light the candle of *peace*. The prophet Isaiah called Christ the 'Prince of Peace' and foretold that through him all nations would live in peace and justice. Jesus taught his followers to be peacemakers, and that those who make peace will be called the children of God. Christ brings peace into our lives and will bring everlasting peace when he comes to reign in glory.

Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the peace we have in Jesus Christ.

The second candle is lit.

Lord Jesus, Light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from their sins. Give peace in our hearts as we await your coming. Help us in this season to discern your presence among us, to hear your word, and to share your peace with others. For your love's sake. Amen.

Sentence

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

Isaiah 2.3a

Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples,
whose servant John came baptising
and calling for repentance:
help us to hear his voice of judgement,
that we may also rejoice in his word of promise,
and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day
when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Isaiah Chapter 11, verses 1 – 10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the
peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall
be glorious.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72.1-7, 18-21

1 Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,

**2 That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.**

3 Let the mountains be laden with peace
because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.

**4 May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

5 May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light,
throughout all generations.

**6 May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.**

7 In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.

**18 Let his name live for ever:
and endure as long as the sun.**

19 Let all peoples use his name in blessing:
and all nations call him blessed.

**20 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel:
who alone does great wonders.**

21 Blessed be his glorious name for ever:
and let the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen, Amen.

A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans Chapter 15, verses 4 – 13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name';

and again he says,

'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people';

and again,

'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him';

and again Isaiah says,

'The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

**The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew, Chapter 3, verses 1 – 12.**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight." '

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

John, Michael Hort, Lynette Brennan, Shirley Kearns, Sharon Sandstrom, Angarad O'Malley, Tania Howlett, David Lamb, Gloria Townsend, Irene Neville, Denise Perry, Michelle Davies, Jo, Ray Wilmot, Steve Taylor, Di. M, Jeannie Hilton, Robyn Smith, Colleen Wells, Harvey Boardman, Neil Ewer, Carmen McGee, Keith Corden, Emma Horton, Merv Singh and Val King.

Prayer of the Week

Merciful God,
who sent your messenger John the Baptist
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:
give us grace to heed his warning and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy the coming of our Redeemer,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Second Sunday of Advent

Peace through food rations



It's been 11 years since the civil war broke out in Syria with thousands of families still living in neighbouring countries like Jordan. But as the cost-of-living increases, many refugee families are struggling to earn enough money to put food on the table.

Act for Peace's local partner, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR), supports Syrian refugees by providing vital food rations along with psychosocial care. **Please give today.**



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The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

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Terry Rowe, Treasurer.

'WHISPERS OF LOVE' A MEDITATION

We meet each Monday at Holy Trinity Terrigal at 10.00am.

Reflection: This Advent as each day goes by, take a moment now and then to stop, to be, to be in touch and be touched by what is around you, within you and in Christ who is deeply present to you.

Christ has come, Christ is coming and Christ will come again. Thanks be to God.

Prayerfully, Reverend Ann.

DINNER AT TERRIGAL BOWLING CLUB

Please join us for dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club at 'Bec's Kitchen' tonight, Sunday 4th December, 2022 from 6pm. This will be the Volunteers Dinner. If you are interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the notice board in the foyer of the church immediately after the service today. Thank you.

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS -
NATIONALLY CO-ORDINATED CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK AND
SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING

ALL Volunteers and Employees of the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle are required to undertake a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check. We need this completed prior to 15th December, 2022. If you haven't already, to do this:

1. Visit the Diocese's Online Self-Service Portal:

crimcheck.org.au/check/newcastleanglican

and complete an application for a Criminal History Check.

2. CrimCheck will then review the application and verify the applicant's identity before submitting the application for processing on behalf of the Diocese and the applicant.

3. The applicant and the Diocesan Office will be notified of the results and will receive a final Criminal History Check Certificate.

This process requires you to upload identity documents to their website.

If you require help with this process, please let me know by telephone on 4365 1115 between 10am – 2pm Tuesday or Thursday or email

admin@terrigalanglican.org.au

I will be in the office on Saturday 10th December to help anyone who needs help with this. Please contact me prior to this date to arrange a time for you to come in that day. You will need to bring your ID documentation for me to help you.

Also, every three years all clergy, staff and volunteers are required to undergo the Safe Ministry training. This training is now only online and is free.

Here is the link: <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/training-and-resources/elearning>

If you need to search for the course name, it is called:

OCG – Child Safe – Keeping children safe in organisation e-Learning modules.

Volunteers need to complete the first 9 modules and Clergy need to complete all 11 modules.

As the training has changed, regardless of your last training date, all clergy, staff and volunteers are required to complete the new training.

Once you have completed the training, please either email the letter of completion or bring a hard copy into the office so that I can update your record with the new date of completion.

If you need assistance, I can help you on Saturday 10th December.

Please call or email me to arrange a time on that day. Thank you.

Cal Priest – Office Assistant.

COLIN BUCHANAN'S BIG CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday 8th Dec at 5pm,
EV Church, 331 Terrigal Drive, Erina.

If you would like to attend Colin's concert, you can purchase tickets here: <https://colinbuchanan.com.au/blogs/shows>

Thank you.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship meets the second Monday of each month at 1pm in the church foyer. All women are welcome to join us for a shared time of Christian Fellowship. Our next meeting will be tomorrow, Monday 12th December. We hope to see you

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are trying to set up new rosters for people to help with:

- *Church set up on a Sunday morning
- *Greeters
- *Sidespersons
- *Operating the slides and assisting in video recording.

If you would like to help out and volunteer in any of these roles, please let Fr Mark, another priest, church warden or myself know. Your help would be very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Cal Priest – Office Assistant.

OP SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for more volunteers for our Op Shop on Thursday and Friday. Can you spare a few hours? We would be most grateful. Prior to commencement, Op Shop volunteers need to complete a Police Check and the Safer Ministry Course, along with some other requirements regarding safety of vulnerable people and children. If you are interested in joining our team, please see one of our managers, Carolyn Shields or Julie Laird, in the Op Shop or call them on 4365 1280.

MARKET DAY

The next market day will be on Saturday 10th December. Once again, we will need all the help we can get when setting up on Friday 9th and especially when packing away and clearing up on Saturday. If you can come at 12.30pm for an hour on Saturday to pack up, we would love to see you. Your help is always appreciated.

If you would like to contribute home-made slices, cakes or jams for our mini stall, please label your donation clearly with all of the ingredients and drop your donation off to the tea area early on the morning of Saturday 10th December. Your donations will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Ian Wolstenholme.

GARDEN WORKING BEE

Thank you to all the wonderful bees on Saturday.

We had a great roll up. Betty & Peter, stalwarts of the garden, Sue (whipper snipper & pruning), Anna (a fantastic job on the bottlebrush bed), Libby & Richard, Jane (my Daughter), who did a fabulous if arduous job in the Liriope grass, Margaret, Jan (who had done the Advent wreath and added a bit of gardening on the side).

We worked on every garden and I planted a new Grevillea, kindly donated by Joan.

It is looking nice and tidy for Christmas.

We will have another working Bee on Saturday 28th January, 2023 at 8:30am.

Thank you all. Your time and energy is much appreciated.

We look forward to more happy gardening in 2023.

Best wishes,
Jackie Davidson.



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The Second Sunday of Advent – Sunday 4 December 2022

- Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-7, 18-21;
Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12

John the Baptist quotes the prophecy of Isaiah: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight'. How can we prepare the way of the Lord this Advent? As Isaiah tells us, by proclaiming (in deed and in word) good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, freedom for the oppressed and the year of the Lord's favour.

- Pray this week for the chance to proclaim to others the fullness of life that Jesus offers the world.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*, the Anglican Church of Japan.

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Next Sunday – 11th December 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am – Sung Eucharist – *Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*
Organist – Chris Sillince

9.30am – Holy Eucharist – *Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*
Trinity Band and Singers

Readings: Isaiah 35.1-10, Psalm 146, James 5.7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11

Rosters for next week 9th and 11th December –

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Friday 9th December 10.30am Eucharist

Reader
Margretta Haage

Sunday 11th December

Flowers
Ann Watson

8.00am 11th December Sunday Eucharist

Readers	Servers
1 st – Jocelyn Mulcahy 2 nd – Lorraine Zahra	Ronda and C

9.30am 11th December Sunday Eucharist

Readers	Servers	9.30am Morning Tea
1 st – Libby Harvey 2 nd – David Harvey	Ronda and C	Joann Lilly Anna Holt



**2022 CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT
HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, TERRIGAL**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT - 18th December, 2022.

4.00pm **Nine Lessons and Carols – followed by
Afternoon Tea.**

Bring your family and friends to enjoy some beautiful Christmas Music provided by our organists *Chris Sillince* and *Sharon Sandstrom* and *The Trinity Band and Singers*.

CHRISTMAS EVE Saturday 24th December 2022

5.00pm Eucharist for Children and Families

11.00pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY Sunday 25th December 2022

8.00am Sung Eucharist

9.30am Holy Eucharist

This Week

Monday 5th December

10.00am – Whispers of Love – A Meditation [Rev'd Ann Watson]

Tuesday 6th December

Nicholas of Myra, bishop and philanthropist (d. c. 342)

7.00pm – Trinity Band and Singers Practice

Wednesday 7th December

Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher (d. 397)

5.00pm – Eucharist

5.30pm – Sacred Reading

Thursday 8th December

The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Richard Baxter, pastor and spiritual writer (d. 1691)

Friday 9th December

10.30am – Holy Eucharist [Fr Mark Watson]

Readings: Isaiah 48.17-19, Psalm 1,

Gospel: Matthew 11.16-19

11.00am – Morning Tea

Saturday 3rd December

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Carolyn Shields/Julie Laird - 4365 1280

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