

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**'Gaudete'**

***Sunday 11 December 2011***



## **WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S CHURCH DEE WHY**

*St John's today is a place of soul-stirring worship, challenging preaching, fine art and music, warm fellowship and outreach. It remains as Dee Why's oldest institution.*

*We are an Anglican parish in the Catholic Tradition of Anglicanism, which:*

- *welcomes **everyone** and*
- *seeks to live the life of Christ in community and*
- *reaches out in love to others to share this life*

*If you are a baptised communicant Christian from another Church you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us today, or you may choose to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Please join us for refreshments after all services.*

**as we celebrate  
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
11 December 2011**

### **8:00am**

Hymns: 216, 153, 264 (TIS)  
Setting: *Holy Trinity* (John Ross)  
Readers: Alma Ondevilla, Lee Hansen  
Intercessions: Glen Kinging  
Chalice: Robyn Couch

### **Holy Eucharist**

### **10:00am**

Baptism: **Matthew Robinson**  
Hymns: 216, 153, 292, 264 (TIS)  
Setting: *Sanctus from German Mass* (Franz Schubert)  
*Agnus Dei from Mass Hallel* (Colin Smith)  
Readers: Barbara Emmett, Warwick Romanis  
Chalice: Valda Ashover

### **Family Eucharist, with Godly Play**

### **6:00pm**

Hymns: See Hymn Sheet  
Psalm: 11

### **Evensong and Advent Litany**

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**Dear Friends,**

John the Baptist, the 'Precursor', shows in this Sunday's gospel that all that the Old Testament has of questioning, of expectation, of hope, of straining towards the Messiah, has its fulfilment in Jesus.

John, having pointed out the Christ, could then step into the background, leaving to the law, the prophets, to people of all times, the responsibility for recognising him who stands among them.

With every blessing,

**Fr Steven**

## COMING EVENTS



Wed 14 December

**Ordination** of Chris Orczy as Deacon 7:30pm  
(Newcastle Cathedral)

**6:00pm Saturday 17 December**  
**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

# Christmas at St John's

Sat 17 December, 6:00pm<sup>p</sup>  
Sun 18 December, 6:00pm  
Wed 21 December, 10:00am  
**Christmas Eve**, 5:00pm  
11:15pm  
11:45pm  
**Christmas Day**, 6:30am  
8:00am  
10:00am

**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**  
"Carols by the Sea", Dee Why Beach  
**Special Weekday Christmas Eucharist**  
**Children's Christmas Service**  
Carols singing  
**Midnight Mass**  
Dawn Mass  
Holy Eucharist  
**Solemn Mass with Children's Ministry**



*Candles burning in the Church for the month of December  
are in loving memory of  
Margaret Doreen Williams  
from her son Glen Kinging and all the members of her family*

## **PARISH NEWS**

**Baptism:** We welcome **Matthew Robinson** into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at 10:00am today. *Please pray for Matthew, his parents and godparents as they rejoice in sharing with us the Christian faith.*

**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**, Saturday 17 December, 6:00pm. This highlight in St John's Choral program is not to be missed. *If you are able to come, please bring a plate of food to share for supper.*

This traditional service tells the story from the fall of humanity, through the promise of the Messiah, to the birth of Jesus, in nine Bible readings from Genesis, the Prophets and the Gospels, and is interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols and hymns. The format was drawn up in 1880 for use on Christmas Eve and has since been adapted and used by churches all over the world. The best-known version is broadcast annually, featuring carols sung by the Choir of King's College, Cambridge.

**Carols by the Sea:** On Sunday 18 December at 6:00pm "**Carols by the Sea**" sponsored by the combined Churches of Dee Why is being held at Dee Why Beach.

**Special Christmas Eucharist, Wednesday 21 December, 10:00am:** In the week before Christmas, the Wednesday morning Holy Eucharist will be a special service, followed by morning tea in the hall, for **parishioners and friends who are unable to come to Christmas Day services**. Some may need transport, and will be grateful for assistance. **Drivers are needed.** We also need others to welcome those who do come. *If you need transport or can help please speak with Deacon Sandra or call the office (9971 8694).*

**St John's Christmas Tree:** St John's is helping needy families to enjoy some gifts and festive food on Christmas Day. *During this Advent, please bring your gifts (new, **unwrapped** presents or hamper food) or donations you wish to make. **Items left between now and 21 December will be donated to the Dee Why Women's Refuge.***

**Congratulations** to Fr Steven on the twentieth anniversary of his ordination as a priest (14<sup>th</sup>).

**Children's Christmas Service, Saturday 24 December, 5:00pm:** This is a special Christmas occasion for all children, with carols, prayers, a presentation of the Christmas Story and singing by Playtime and New Beginnings mothers. There will be a group of young people playing Christmas Carols before the service, which lasts around 30 minutes. *Please bring your children, grandchildren and tell friends and neighbours.* A reminder for those in the play, rehearsals will continue today at 11:30am; Saturday 17 December, 11:00am; and then Christmas Eve at 3:00pm before the actual service.

**Christmas Bowl:** Envelopes for the Christmas Bowl Appeal are available today. Why not leave your envelope on your dinner table on Christmas Day, and give at least the cost of one person's meal at your Christmas Dinner? Please hand in your envelope either on Christmas Day or on the Sunday after Epiphany (8 January 2012) as your gift for Jesus in the poor. Alternatively, you can send your donation directly to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

### **Christmas Holidays are here!**

- Children and young people's weekday ministries (**Playtime, New Beginnings, Youth Group**) and Wednesday's **Bible Study** have now broken up for Christmas.
- The **English Conversation** class finishes on Tuesday 13 December.
- **Godly Play** and **Crèche** will finish next Sunday 18 December.
- The **Office** and **Café** will be closed from Christmas until 13 January, and will then operate on Tuesday and Friday mornings only until normal 9:00am to 2:00pm operations resume on Monday 30 January.
- Evening Prayer (Vespers) will be said in the chapel in lieu of **Evensong** on Christmas Day and on the Sundays in January.
- There will be no January **Op Shop**.
- There will be no Tuesday **Choir Practice** on 10, 17 or 24 January.
- The **Weekday Daily Mass** and **Street Mission Wednesday Café** will continue through the holidays.

Please see the "Week Ahead" page in coming weeks for details of when these ministries resume next year.

**Op Shop:** St John's Op Shop raised \$2,600 on Saturday 3 December. The end-of-year barbecue was enjoyed by all our workers. Many thanks to all who helped to achieve this result, finishing a successful year. There is now a desperate need for new helpers next year. Volunteers are needed for the first Saturday of each month, and on the preceding Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. *If you can set aside a little time each month, for this outreach please speak with Bill Peters or Bev Bingham.*

**Wedding Anniversary Congratulations:** Laurelei and Derek Moore (7<sup>th</sup>), Sarah and Neil Banek (11<sup>th</sup>), Diane and Peter Cunningham (12<sup>th</sup>), Robyn and Graeme Couch (14<sup>th</sup>).

**Happy Birthday:** Sally Garman (11<sup>th</sup>), Sydney and Kimberley Johnson (12<sup>th</sup>), Audette Vaughan (13<sup>th</sup>), Lillian Miles (16<sup>th</sup>)

**Christmas cards:** For your Christmas Greeting needs, please see *Valda Ashover*, who has a supply of *ABM* and other charity cards. If browsing at the table in the church you can also find books that may be suitable as gifts.



**Rosters February to May 2012:** It's time soon to start organising the next general roster, February to May 2012. If you are on any rosters and are going to be away from the parish during that time, especially over the Easter period, could you *please let Bev Bingham or the office know*. We would like to hear from parishioners willing to be included on our rosters: sidespersons, readers, intercessors, brass and church cleaning, grounds maintenance. Help will also be most welcome for supporting the Tuesday and Friday cafés, the Op Shop and the weekday and other ministries.

## Family home become too big? Too lonely?

Living in a Serviced Apartment at Willandra Village you can continue to enjoy your independent lifestyle in a friendly and caring environment. With the added benefit of letting someone else look after the meal preparation, cleaning and heavy laundry.

For more information call 1800 026 388.

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### **For information: Your Parish Council**

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Neridah Byrne	Don Fisher	Pam Fisher
Lynette Johnson	Alma Ondevilla	Jessica Rynd
Denise Soltau	Roger Soltau	Don Stephens

## THE WEEK AHEAD AT ST JOHN'S

The church is open during the day for personal prayer. Morning and Evening Prayer is normally said each day (except Tuesdays) at 8:15am and 5:15pm.

Mon	12 Dec	(by appointment) <b>12:00noon</b> <b>7:30pm</b>	Cottage Counselling <b>Holy Eucharist</b> (chapel) <b>Holy Eucharist</b> (chapel) followed by Parish Council meeting
Tue	13 Dec	<i>St Lucy</i> 10:00am-1:00pm (by appointment) 1:00-3:00pm 7:15-9:15pm	St John's Café Cottage Counselling English Conversation Class (ESL) Choir Practice
Wed	14 Dec	<i>St John of the Cross</i> <b>10:00am</b> (by appointment) <b>10:00am</b>  5:30-8:30pm 7:30pm	<b>Holy Eucharist with healing prayers</b> Cottage Counselling <b>Holy Communion Liturgy</b> (Dee Why Gardens) <i>Street Mission Wednesday Café</i> <i>Ordination of Chris Orczy to Diaconate</i> (Newcastle Cathedral)
Thu	15 Dec	<b>12:00noon</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (chapel)
Fri	16 Dec	<b>9:00am</b> 10:00am-1:00pm <b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (chapel) St John's Café <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>
Sat	17 Dec	<b>9:00am</b> <b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (chapel) <b>Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols</b>
Sun	18 Dec	<b>ADVENT IV</b> <b>8:00am</b> <b>10:00am</b> <b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Family Eucharist and Godly Play</b> <b>Carols by the Sea (Dee Why Beach)</b>  Morning Readings: 2 Samuel 7: 5, 8-11, 16 Romans 16: 25-27 Luke 1: 26-38

For details please visit our website [www.stjohnsdeewhy.org.au](http://www.stjohnsdeewhy.org.au)

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## ***WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER***

Chris Orczy as he prepares to be ordained Deacon on 14 December

### **Those who are ill:**

Dave, Pam Albany, Elizabeth Balharry, Jim Bannister, Alma Barron, Daniel Bird, Lyn Brice, Stephen Butler, Fr John Butterworth, John and Beryl Cornish, Brenda and Peter Eyles, Alex Eather, Gary Fenton, Nathan Garth, Julianne Just, Ewen Kenny, Jean Kraushaar, Les Lane, Brian McEvoy, Graham McFadden, Colin Masson, Henry Matthewman, Helen Mayall, Marge Miller, Ross Morgans, Alma Ondevilla, Fiona Peterson, Roz Peterson, Debby Roberts, Fran Romanis, Warwick Romanis, Harry and Patricia Sara, Denise Scott, Don Stephens, Audette Vaughan, Fr Ralph Walker, Noel Warr, Phillip White, John Wickes, Kath Yabsley

### **Others in need of prayer:**

Anna, Roger, Lisa, Niels Andersen, Daphne Archer, Fay Baker, Virginia Baker, Cameron Browne, Nalda Butler and Brian, John and Norma Byles, Susan Caldis, Don and Eileen Cameron, Dorothy Cole, John Cranfield, Fr Jim & Ursula Cranswick, Audrey Douglas, Hilary Dowe, Zac, Gwyn and Anne Evans, Tom Fisher, Kevin Flicker, Yvonne Gray, Clarrie Greaves, Lois and Arthur Greenwood, Kath Gumbleton, Norma Halford, Eric Hastings Snr, Michelle Hayden, Peter Huckleby, Glad Jackson, Margaret James, Michael Johnston, Alec, Midge Lee, Beryl and Neville Leete, Joanne Lucock, Angus McLean, Bob and Vivienne McMullin, Clive Maddrell, Lilian Miles, Byron Moore, Grayden Moore, Jack Moppett, Harriet Morgan, Sheila Morton, Rebecca O'Donnell, Jessica, Angus, Daniel and Lucy, Stephen Palmer, Avis Perry, Evelyn Peterson, Joan Preuss, Tom and Isabel Ridgway, Adam Roberts, Bob and Jill Satchell, Pam Seddon, Lena Simpkins, Brian Taylor, Jennifer and Michael Taylor, Joan Taylor, Phil Turley, Lindsay Walker, John Warwick, Cynthia Watts, Florence Watts, Val West, Rae Yock

### **Those who died recently:**

Zelman Cowan, Beryl Shiels, John Holle (priest), Roger Drew, Neryl Desmond

### **Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:**

Isabel Emmett (11<sup>th</sup>), Jim Worwood (12<sup>th</sup>), Gail Parnell (13<sup>th</sup>), Joyce Moyle (15<sup>th</sup>), Vida Greenwood (16<sup>th</sup>), Doreen Williams (17<sup>th</sup>)

## SUNDAY ROSTERED DUTIES

### ADVENT III – 11 December 2011

	8:00am	10:00am	6:00pm
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Audette Vaughan Glen Kinging Alan Plambeck	Michael Johnston Warwick Romanis Tony Johnson	Heather Andrews
<b>Servers:</b>	Jessica Rynd Robyn Couch Jill Knox	Debby Roberts Adam Roberts Chris Salmon Michael Roberts	Kathe Swales Alma Ondevilla
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	Henry Bingham Norma Laird	Heather Andrews Denise Soltau	
<b>Godly Play</b>			
- <b>Story Teller:</b>		Dn Sandra	
- <b>Door person:</b>		Lesley Flood	
<b>Crèche:</b>		Jill Knox	
<b>Cleaning:</b>	<b>Brass:</b>	<b>Grounds:</b>	
Jill Knox, Philip Maddrell	Mary McDougall	Alan Plambeck, Glen Kinging	

### ADVENT IV – 18 December 2011

	8:00am	10:00am	6:00pm
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Chas Coward Anne Seddon Bill Peters	Heather Andrews Denise Soltau Tony Johnson	<b>Carols by the Sea (Dee Why Beach)</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	Graeme Couch Joan Butler	Lynette Johnson Margaret Titchen	
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Lee Hansen	Cynthia Watts	
<b>Chalice:</b>	Jean Kraushaar	Warwick Romanis	
<b>Servers:</b>	Brian Butler Jessica Rynd Alma Ondevilla	Debby Roberts Adam Roberts Chris Salmon Michael Roberts	
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	Anne Seddon	Robyn Courtney Barbara Emmett	
<b>Godly Play</b>			
- <b>Story Teller:</b>		Valda Ashover	
- <b>Door person:</b>		Therese Soltau	
<b>Crèche:</b>		Roz Peterson	
<b>Cleaning:</b>	<b>Brass:</b>	<b>Grounds:</b>	
Alan Plambeck, Ken O'Donell	Joan Butler	Mark Ashover	