

Sunday 18 December 2011

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



the Evangelist

Anglican Parish
of Dee Why

WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S CHURCH DEE WHY

St John's 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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
18 December 2011**

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

Sunday 18 December 2011:

8:00am

Holy Eucharist

Hymns:

273, 265, 272 (TIS)

Setting:

Holy Trinity (John Ross)

Readers:

Graeme Couch, Joan Butler

Intercessions:

Lee Hansen

Chalice:

Jean Kraushaar

10:00am

Family Eucharist, with Godly Play

Hymns:

273, 265, 294, 272 (TIS)

Setting:

Sanctus from German Mass (Franz Schubert)

Agnus Dei from Mass Hallel (Colin Smith)

Readers:

Lynette Johnson

Margaret Titchen

Intercessions:

Cynthia Watts

Chalice:

Lindsay Walker

6:00pm

Carols By The Sea (at Dee Why Beach)



FROM THE RECTOR

18 December 2011

Dear Friends,

Israel's long wait is achieved in Mary, true daughter of Zion. First of the line of Christians to engage herself, by her 'yes', in the adventure of faith in Christ, she enabled the Word of God to live among men. In this the flesh was of no avail; the Spirit alone worked this marvel.

With every blessing,

Fr Steven



Christmas at St John's

Wed 21 December, 10:00am

Christmas Eve, 5:00pm

11:15pm

11:45pm

Christmas Day, 6:30am

8:00am

10:00am

Special Pre-Christmas Mass
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

The Spirit of Christmas at St John's: *Please aim to come to as many events and services as you can; join in the worship, enjoy the festival and fellowship, support others who are involved.*

- **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).*
- **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, final rehearsals will be held at 3:00pm before the actual service.
- **Christmas Day:** Please see all the services for Christmas Day on "The Week Ahead Page"
- **Carols by the Sea,** sponsored by the combined Churches of Dee Why is being held at Dee Why Beach at 6:00pm on Sunday 18 December.

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.

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.*** Thanks to all who have supported these programs.

St Andrew's Cathedral on ABC 1 Christmas Eve 6:00pm: ABC TV will be broadcasting St Andrew's Cathedral Christmas Eve Celebration nationally. The broadcast gives us an opportunity to share the Christmas gospel with friends, colleagues and neighbours.

School Holiday Arrangements: Weekday and Children's Ministries are in recess. This includes children's and young people's activities, English Conversation Classes, Op Shop, Wednesday Bible Studies, Caritas, Mothers' Union and Pins'n'Needles. A well-earned break and opportunity to refresh for our many ministry leaders! The full regular program will recommence from Sunday 29 January 2012:

English Conversation Class	1:00-3:00pm Tuesday
Wednesday Bible Study	11:20am to 12:30pm (following the 10:00am service and morning tea)
New Beginnings , mothers with children under 18 months	3:00-4:30pm Thursday
Playtime , 0-5 year preschool	9:30-11:30am Monday and Thursday
Youth Group , from 11 years old	7:00-9:00pm 2 nd and 4 th Fridays
Godly Play , children 3-12 years old	10:00am Sunday Family Eucharist

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.

There will be no **Tuesday Choir Practice** on 10, 17 or 24 January.

Continuing through the holidays:

- o The Sunday and weekday daily Mass,
- o Street Mission Wednesday Café
- o Cottage Counselling Service



English Conversation Class – Christmas Holidays Breakup

Christmas cards: For your Christmas Greetings, please see Valda Ashover's supply of ABM and other cards. If browsing in the church you can also find books suitable as gifts.



Confirmation 2011

On 11 November, eleven candidates were confirmed at St John's by Bishop Glenn Davies

Op Shop: After a successful year, the Op Shop now has a desperate need for new helpers for 2012. 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: Harry and Patricia Sara (20th), Tony and Sally Garman (22nd)

Happy Birthday: Howard Butler (21st), Sarah and Jessica Roberts (22nd)

Rosters February to May 2012: If you are on any rosters and are going to be away from the parish over February to May 2012, 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.



**At the
Children's
Christmas
Party this
year**

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For information: **Your Parish Council**

Heather Andrews	Valda Ashover	Howard Butler
Neridah Byrne	Don Fisher	Pam Fisher
Lynette Johnson	Alma Ondevilla	Jessica Rynd
Denise Soltau	Roger Soltau	Don Stephens

St John's Anglican Church acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land and pays respect to all Aboriginal people, and to their families past and present.

THE WEEK 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.

Sat	17 Dec	9:00am	Holy Eucharist (chapel)
		6:00pm	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Sun	18 Dec	Advent IV 8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm	Holy Eucharist Family Eucharist and Godly Play Carols by the Sea (Dee Why Beach)
Mon	19 Dec	<i>(by appointment)</i> 12:00noon	<i>Cottage Counselling</i> Holy Eucharist (chapel)
Tue	20 Dec	10:00am-1:00pm <i>(by appointment)</i> 7:15-9:15pm	St John's Café <i>Cottage Counselling</i> Choir Practice
Wed	21 Dec	10:00am <i>(by appointment)</i> 5:30-8:30pm	Special Pre-Christmas Mass <i>Cottage Counselling</i> <i>Street Mission Wednesday Café</i>
Thu	22 Dec	12:00noon	Holy Eucharist (chapel)
Fri	23 Dec	9:00am 10:00am-1:00pm 5:30pm	Holy Eucharist (chapel) St John's Café Sacrament of Reconciliation
			<i>(A priest is normally available in the church for Confessions from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm or contact Fr Steven for other times)</i>
Sat	24 Dec	Christmas Eve 9:00am	Holy Eucharist (chapel)
		5:00pm 11:15pm 11:45pm	Children's Christmas Service Carols Singing Midnight Mass
Sun	25 Dec	Christmas Day 6:30am 8:00am 10:00am	Dawn Mass Holy Eucharist Solemn Mass with Children's Ministry
		6:00pm	Evening Prayer (Vespers) (chapel)

For details please visit our website www.stjohnsdeewhy.org.au

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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, 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:

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

Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:

Kenneth Bennett (18th), Moss Christie (19th), Bonnie Langston (20th), Michael South, Ivy O'Neill (21st), John Westren (22nd), Ethel Bennett, Edna Porter (23rd), Reeve Vaughan, John Jackson (24th)

SUNDAY ROSTERED DUTIES

ADVENT IV – 18 December 2011

	8:00am	10:00am	6:00pm
Sidespeople:	Chas Coward Anne Seddon Bill Peters	Heather Andrews Denise Soltau Tony Johnson	Carols by the Sea (Dee Why Beach)
Servers:	Brian Butler Jessica Rynd Alma Ondevilla	Debby Roberts Adam Roberts Chris Salmon Michael Roberts	
Morning Tea:	Anne Seddon	Robyn Courtney Barbara Emmett	
Godly Play			
- Story Teller:		Valda Ashover	
- Door person:		Therese Soltau	

CHRISTMAS DAY ROSTERS

	Midnight	8 am	10 am
Sidespeople:	Bill Peters Neridah Byrne Graeme Couch Tony Johnson	Bev Bingham Howard Butler Don & Marilyn Stephens	Tony Johnson Barbara Emmett Denise Soltau
Readers:	Graeme Couch Neridah Byrne	Lee Hansen Allaster McDougall	Adam Roberts Chris Salmon
Intercessor:	Robyn Couch	Anne Seddon	Valda Ashover
Chalice:	Robyn Couch	Joan Butler	Valda Ashover
Servers:	Robyn Couch Lindsay Walker Roz Peterson Alma Ondevilla Adam Roberts	Robyn Couch Jessica Rynd Brian Butler	Debby Roberts Adam Roberts Chris Salmon Michael Roberts Kathe Swales
	<u>ALL AVAILABLE SERVERS</u>		
Morning Tea:		Anne Seddon, Sue Dimock	Volunteers
Cleaning: Heather Andrews	Brass: Denise Soltau	Grounds: Pam & Don Fisher	