

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Sunday 27 November 2011*



the Evangelist

Anglican Parish  
of Dee Why

## **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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
27 November 2011**

### **8:00am**

Hymns: 271, 264, 272 (TIS)  
Setting: *Holy Trinity* (John Ross)  
Readers: Dianne Greenhalgh, Neil Ewer  
Intercessions: Bev Bingham  
Chalice: Joan Butler

### **Holy Eucharist**

### **10:00am**

Hymns: 271, 264, 266, 272 (TIS)  
Setting: *Sanctus from German Mass* (Franz Schubert)  
*Agnus Dei from Mass Hallel* (Colin Smith)  
Readers: Cynthia Watts, Chris Salmon  
Intercessions: Warwick Romanis  
Chalice: Debby Roberts

### **Family Eucharist, and Godly Play**

### **6:00pm**

**Advent Lessons and Carols**  
with St John's Choir  
*See printed service book*  
Readers: Neil Ewer, Neridah Byrne, Ray Phelps,  
Denise Soltau, Chris Salmon

*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.*



**Dear Friends,**

In our own day there are various religious sects who set themselves up as prophets of doom. But it is not the unpredictable date of the Second Coming which should take up our attention, but rather the decisive nature of the judgement it will entail, not only on the whole course of human history, but upon each of our personal lives as well.

Faced with the prospect of this Second Coming of the Son of Man, which can be neither predicted nor prevented, faced with this lengthy vigil in the night of this world, whose end remains in darkness, the best thing to do is to remain always on the alert. We must accept fully our responsibility with regard to our times and invest each moment with its full weight of eternity.

With every blessing,

**Fr Steven**

## COMING EVENTS



**Tonight Advent Carol Service 6:00pm**

- Fri 2 December St John's Film Group to view "Eroica" 7:00pm
- Sat 3 December **St John's Op Shop** 8:00-11:30am
- Sat 10 December **Men's Breakfast**  
following 7:30am Holy Eucharist
- Wed 14 December **Ordination** of Chris Orczy as Deacon 7:30pm  
(Newcastle Cathedral)

**Christmas at St John's:**

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| Sat 10 December, 10:00am      | <b>Children's Christmas Party</b> 10:00am<br>(Playtime and New Beginnings Groups) |
| Sat 17 December, 6:00pm       | <b>Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols</b>  |
| Wed 21 December, 10:00am      | <b>Special Weekday Christmas Eucharist</b>  |
| <b>Christmas Eve</b> , 5:00pm | <b>Children's Christmas Service</b>   |
| 11:15pm                       | Carols singing  |
| 11:45pm                       | <b>Midnight Mass</b>  |
| <b>Christmas Day</b> , 6:30am | Dawn Mass   |
| 8:00am                        | Holy Eucharist  |
| 10:00am                       | <b>Solemn Mass with Children's Ministry</b>                                       |



*Candles burning in the Church for the month of November  
are in loving memory of  
Sandra Ellis  
from her daughters Marilyn Gibson and Karin Peters*

## **PARISH NEWS**

**Advent - Count down to Christmas:** Today, 27 November, is the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and marks the start of the Church's new liturgical year. Advent (from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming") is a season observed as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. Common traditions include the "Advent Calendar" often used for children to count the days 'til Christmas, and the Advent Wreath used at St John's. The wreath and candles symbolise the passage of the four weeks of Advent; the first candle is attributed to the Patriarchs, the second to the Prophets, the third to John the Baptist and the fourth (the rose coloured candle) to the Virgin Mary. A fifth, white candle is for the Christmas birth. This year Advent Sunday falls on the earliest possible date, since Christmas Day is a Sunday.

**Advent Carols:** In this service this evening at 6:00pm the Church rejoices that the purposes of God, foretold by the prophets and accomplished in the Saviour's birth, life, death and resurrection, have been fulfilled. *Please come to this service if you can and bring a plate to share for supper.*

**Empty Christmas Tree:** St John's is again supporting the Anglicare "Toys 'n' Tucker" appeal and Dee Why Women's Refuge, helping needy families to enjoy some gifts and festive food on Christmas Day. *Please see notices in the lobby and take flyers for family, friends or neighbours who may like to contribute. During Advent, please bring your gifts (new, unwrapped presents or hamper food) or donations you wish to make. Anglicare will collect items that are left with the office by 7 December. Items left between then and 21 December will be donated to the Dee Why Women's Refuge.*

**Christmas Carols:** *This year the annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held on **Saturday 17 December** at 6:00pm (please note the day). On Sunday 18 December "**Carols by the Sea**" sponsored by the combined Churches of Dee Why is being held at Dee Why Beach.*

**"Eroica":** On Friday 2 December at 7:00pm **St John's Film Group** will watch this movie, a dramatization of the first performance of this famous symphony (includes a complete performance of Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 conducted by Sir John Eliot Gardiner). *This was the symphony that prompted Haydn to remark, "everything is different from today". The movie brings to life this momentous day.*

**St John's Op Shop** will be held next on Saturday 3 December, 8:00 to 11:30am. Help is needed (please) for:

- Thursday 1 December - setting up tables and chairs from 4:30pm.
- Friday 2 December - stocking tables from 9:30am.
- Saturday 3 December - packing away surplus stock from 11:30am.
- All helpers enjoying the **End-of-Year Barbecue** at 12:30pm.

The Barbecue after packing up on Saturday is for all our volunteers and helpers, and is our way of saying **Thank You** for all your support and hard work throughout the year.

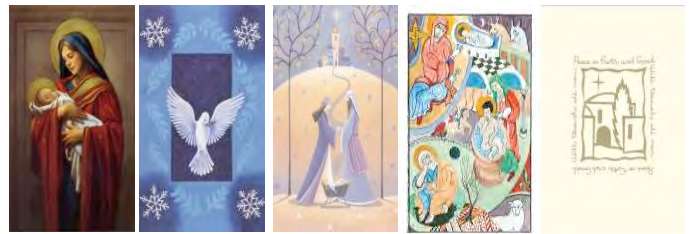
**St John's Caritas Group** for its regular meeting on Monday 5 December at 7:30pm will have a short devotional service followed by Christmas refreshments.

**St John's Men's Breakfast** will be on Saturday 10 December commencing with Eucharist in the church at 7:30am, followed by breakfast in the Parish Hall. Our guest will be Tony Bradford from St Faith's Anglican Church, Narrabeen speaking about his work with residents at the War Veterans' Retirement Village, Narrabeen. Cost \$5.00 per head. *Please enter your name on the list in the lobby to attend. RSVP by 7 December.*

**Wedding Anniversary Congratulations** to Mary and Allaster McDougall (29th).

**Happy Birthday** to Pam Andersen (29<sup>th</sup>), Lynette Johnson (3<sup>rd</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.*



## **St John's Fête 2011 Result**

Thank you to all who supported our Annual Fête with donations of money, goods and most important, time. A very happy atmosphere prevailed and we showed a welcoming face to the community. We raised over \$11,000 after all expenses were taken out – a record! Next year let's try for \$12,000!

Prize winners are:

<i>Hamper</i> - Howard Butler	<i>Coffee cruise</i> - Valda Ashover
<i>Fruit Juicer</i> - Jill Knox	<i>Vumbaca fruit tray</i> - Zoe McKinstry
<i>Birthday party at Cheeky Monkeys</i> - Barbara Sayce.	

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Heather Andrews	Valda Ashover	Howard Butler
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	28 Nov	9:30-11:30am (by appointment) <b>12:00noon</b>	Playtime Cottage Counselling <b>Holy Eucharist</b> (chapel)
Tue	29 Nov	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	30 Nov	<b>ST ANDREW</b> <b>10:00am</b> (by appointment) 11:15am-12:30pm 5:30-8:30pm	<b>Holy Eucharist with healing prayers</b> Cottage Counselling Bible Study Street Mission Wednesday Café
Thu	1 Dec	9:30-11:30am <b>12:00noon</b> 3:00-4:30pm	Playtime <b>Holy Eucharist</b> (chapel) New Beginnings Mothers' Group
Fri	2 Dec	<b>9:00am</b> 10:00-11:30pm 10:00am-1:00pm <b>11:00am</b>  1:00-3:00pm <b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (chapel) "Young Mums" Singing Group St John's Café <b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Alexander Nursing Home) Pain Management Group meeting <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>
Sat	3 Dec	7:00pm <i>St Francis Xavier</i> 8:00-11:00am <b>9:00am</b>	St John's Film Group to view "Eroica" St John's Op Shop <b>Holy Eucharist</b> (chapel)
Sun	4 Dec	<b>ADVENT II</b> <b>8:00am</b> <b>10:00am</b>  <b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Family Eucharist</b> <b>with Holy Baptism and Godly Play</b> <b>Taizé Prayer</b>

Morning Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11  
2 Peter 3: 8-14  
Mark 1: 1-8

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gillian, Lisa, Pam Albany, 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, Audrey Douglas, Hilary Dowe, Zac, Grace Elliott, 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, Colin Masson, Lilian Miles, Byron Moore, Grayden Moore, Jack Moppett, Harriet Morgan, Sheila Morton, Brandon Nigli, 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, Florence Watts, Val West, Rae Yock

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

Neryl Desmond, Matthew Keith, Else Waibel, Shirley Marchant

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

Reginald Watts, Sandra Ellis (27<sup>th</sup>), Nellie Stein (28<sup>th</sup>), Ena Roby (29<sup>th</sup>), Ruth Cleary (30<sup>th</sup>), Edward Ansell (1<sup>st</sup>), Kenneth Dummett (2<sup>nd</sup>), Lance Ruby (priest), Nancy Steell (3<sup>rd</sup>)

## SUNDAY ROSTERED DUTIES

### ADVENT SUNDAY – 27 November 2011

	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Advent Carols</b>
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Chas Coward Anne Seddon Howard Butler	Warwick Romanis Denise Soltau Tony Johnson	Henry Bingham Ray Phelps
<b>Servers:</b>	Jill Knox Jessica Rynd Brian Butler	Debby Roberts Adam Roberts Chris Salmon Michael Roberts	Alma Ondevilla Kathe Swales
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	Val White, June Bennett	Barbara Emmett Lesley Flood	
<b>Godly Play</b> <b>- Story Teller:</b>		Dn Sandra	
<b>Crèche:</b>		Neridah Byrne	

<b>Cleaning:</b> Roz & Bob Peterson, Marilyn Stephens	<b>Brass:</b> Dianne Greenhalgh	<b>Grounds:</b> Pam & Don Fisher
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### ADVENT II – 4 December 2011

	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Bill Peters Dianne Greenhalgh Graeme Couch	Heather Andrews Barbara Emmett Tony Johnson	Taizé Prayer
<b>Readers:</b>	Janet Eltham Anne Seddon	Neridah Byrne Lesley Flood	
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Glen Kinging		
<b>Chalice:</b>	Glen Kinging	Tony Johnson	
<b>Servers:</b>	Alma Ondevilla Brian Butler Roz Peterson	Debby Roberts Adam Roberts Chris Salmon Michael Roberts	
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	Henry Bingham Norma Laird	Helen Hastings Shirley Butler	
<b>Godly Play</b> <b>- Story Teller:</b>		Valda Ashover	
<b>- Door person:</b>		Alma Ondevilla	
<b>Crèche:</b>		Jessica Rynd	

<b>Cleaning:</b> Robyn Couch, Bev Bingham	<b>Brass:</b> Pam Fisher	<b>Grounds:</b> Graeme Couch, Peter Cunningham
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