



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 4 December 2011



St John
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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4 December 2011**

8:00am

Holy Eucharist

Hymns:

270, 273, 154 (TIS)

Setting:

Holy Trinity (John Ross)

Readers:

Janet Eltham, Anne Seddon

Intercessions:

Glen Kinging

Chalice:

Glen Kinging

10:00am

Family Eucharist, with Holy Baptism and Godly Play

Baptism:

Benjamin Lynch

Hymns:

270, 273, 290, 154 (TIS)

Setting:

Sanctus from German Mass (Franz Schubert)

Agnus Dei from Mass Hallel (Colin Smith)

Readers:

Neridah Byrne

Lesley Flood

Chalice:

Tony Johnson

6:00pm

Taizé Prayer

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,

The readings for this Sunday tell of ‘the beginning of the good news’. After centuries of waiting, the ancient prophecies are beginning to be fulfilled.

In Jesus Christ, it is once more God who leads his people across the desert to the promised land. At the beginning of the good news, John the Baptist stands at the Jordan, calling the people to enter this land through the baptism of repentance.

Today, through the Baptism of Christ by water and the Holy Spirit, and by the gift of his precious Body and Blood, we receive the life of Christ, which is the foretaste of the coming kingdom.

With every blessing,

Fr Steven

COMING EVENTS



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

Sat 10 December, 10:00am

Children's Christmas Party

(Playtime and New Beginnings Groups)

Sat 17 December, 6:00pm

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sun 18 December, 6:00pm

“Carols by the Sea”, Dee Why Beach

Wed 21 December, 10:00am

Special Weekday Christmas Eucharist

Christmas Eve, 5:00pm

Children's Christmas Service

11:15pm

Carols singing

11:45pm

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, 6:30am

Dawn Mass

8:00am

Holy Eucharist

10:00am

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

Advent (from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming"), the first season of the Church's liturgical year, is observed as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. Traditions include the **Advent Wreath** used at St John's, which marks the passage of the four weeks of Advent. The first candle represents the Prophets, the second John the Baptist, the third (the rose coloured candle) the Virgin Mary, and the fourth God's people. A fifth (white) candle is for Christ himself, born on Christmas Day.

St John's 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.*

There will be "Carols, Candles and Cake" at Caritas for its Christmas breakup on Monday 5 December at 7:30pm. *All welcome.*

St John's Men's Breakfast: Saturday 10 December commencing with the 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 is \$5.00 per head. *Please enter your name on the list in the lobby to attend. RSVP by 7 December.*

St John's Christmas Newsletter is out! If you haven't already taken your copy, please take it today. Also, please check for friends, neighbours or people in your street; a personal delivery is far more friendly than a posted letter.

Drivers and Welcomers Needed: Are you able to help drive people to the Early Christmas Service on the Wednesday before Christmas at 10am? The service is followed by Morning Tea in the hall and is particularly for those unable to make it to church on Christmas Day. We also need others to welcome those who do come. *Please speak to Deacon Sandra if you can help.*

Christmas Holidays are coming!

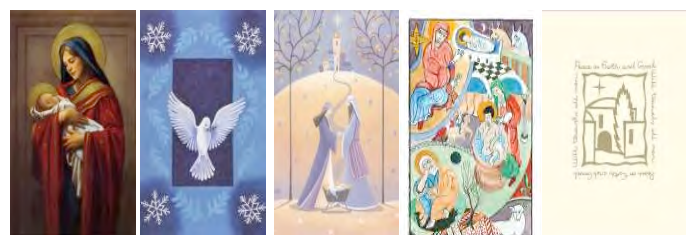
- Children and young people's weekday ministries (**Playtime, New Beginnings, Youth Group**) break up this week for Christmas.
- Similarly, this will be the last week for **Caritas** and Wednesday's **Bible Study**.
- The **English Conversation** class will finish on Tuesday 13 December.
- **Godly Play** and **Crèche** will finish on Sunday 18 December.
- The **Office** and **Café** will operate on a skeleton basis during 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. Please see the "Week Ahead" page in coming weeks for details of when these ministries resume next year.

St John's Op Shop: While 2011 has seen another 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.*

Wedding Anniversary Congratulations: Denise and Roger Soltau (7th)

Happy Birthday: Ailsa Morgan, Kathe Swales (5th), Bob Satchell (6th), Anne Seddon (7th), Pam Fisher (10th)

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.*



Ecumenical Celebration for Advent: Bishop David Walker would like to invite members of all Christian Churches in northern Sydney to come together for an Ecumenical Celebration during the time of Advent in preparation for Christmas at the **Cathedral of the Broken Bay RC Diocese** at 23 Yardley Ave, Waitara on **Wednesday 7 December at 8:00pm.**

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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	5 Dec	9:30-11:30am (by appointment) 12:00noon 2:00pm 7:30-9:30pm	Playtime Cottage Counselling Holy Eucharist (chapel) Funeral Service for Roger Drew Caritas "Carols, Candles and Cake"
Tue	6 Dec	<i>St Nicholas</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	7 Dec	<i>St Ambrose</i> 10:00am (by appointment) 11:15am-12:30pm 5:30-8:30pm 8:00pm	Holy Eucharist with healing prayers and Anointing of the Sick Cottage Counselling Bible Study Street Mission Wednesday Café Ecumenical Advent Service (Waitara)
Thu	8 Dec	<i>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i> 9:30-11:30am 12:00noon 3:00-4:30pm	Playtime Holy Eucharist (chapel) New Beginnings Mothers' Group
Fri	9 Dec	9:00am 10:00-11:30pm 10:00am-1:00pm 5:30pm	Holy Eucharist (chapel) "Young Mums" Singing Group St John's Café Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sat	10 Dec	<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> 7:00-9:00pm 9:00am (by appointment)	St John's Youth Group Holy Eucharist (chapel) Cottage Counselling
Sun	11 Dec	ADVENT III 8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm	Holy Eucharist Family Eucharist and Godly Play Evensong

Morning Readings: Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

For details please visit our website 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, 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, 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, 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, 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:

Roger Drewe, Neryl Desmond, Matthew Keith, Else Waibel

Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:

John White (4th), Mary White (5th), Bruce Laird, Noel Vickers (6th), John Shore (7th), Terence Booker (8th), Henry Rowe (9th), Mervyn Hampton (10th)

SUNDAY ROSTERED DUTIES

ADVENT II – 4 December 2011

	8:00am	10:00am	6:00pm
Sidespeople:	Bill Peters Dianne Greenhalgh Graeme Couch	Heather Andrews Barbara Emmett Tony Johnson	Taizé Prayer
Servers:	Alma Ondevilla Brian Butler Jessica Rynd	Debby Roberts Adam Roberts Chris Salmon Michael Roberts	
Morning Tea:	Henry Bingham Norma Laird	Helen Hastings Shirley Butler	
Godly Play			
- Story Teller:		Valda Ashover	
- Door person:		Alma Ondevilla	
Crèche:		Jessica Rynd	
Cleaning:	Brass:	Grounds:	
Robyn Couch, Bev Bingham	Pam Fisher	Graeme Couch, Peter Cunningham	

ADVENT III – 11 December 2011

	8:00am	10:00am	6:00pm
Sidespeople:	Audette Vaughan Glen Kinging Alan Plambeck	Michael Johnston Warwick Romanis Tony Johnson	Heather Andrews
Readers:	Alma Ondevilla Lee Hansen	Barbara Emmett Warwick Romanis	
Intercessor:	Neil Ewer	Denise Soltau	
Chalice:	Robyn Couch	Valda Ashover	
Servers:	Jessica Rynd Robyn Couch Jill Knox	Debby Roberts Adam Roberts Chris Salmon Michael Roberts	Roz Peterson Kathe Swales Alma Ondevilla
Morning Tea:	Henry Bingham Norma Laird	Heather Andrews Denise Soltau	
Godly Play			
- Story Teller:		Dn Sandra	
- Door person:		Lesley Flood	
Crèche:		Jill Knox	
Cleaning:	Brass:	Grounds:	
Jill Knox, Philip Maddrell	Mary McDougall	Alan Plambeck, Glen Kinging	