



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Sunday 1 December 2013)



the Evangelist

Anglican Parish
of Dee Why

WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S CHURCH, DEE WHY **(on the corner of Avon Road and Oaks Avenue)**

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***
- *seeks to live the life of Christ in community*
- *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
1 December 2013

8:00am Holy Eucharist

Hymns: 271, 264, 272 (TIS)

Setting: *A Parish Eucharist* (Michael Dudman)

10:00am Family Eucharist with Godly Play

Hymns: 271, 264, 266, 272 (TIS)

Setting: *Holy Trinity Mass* (John Ross)

Motet: *A tender shoot* (Simon Lole)

Voluntary: *Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland* (Bach)

6:00pm Taizé Mass (in the Chapel)

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.

For more information please visit our website www.stjohnsdeewhy.org.au



FROM THE RECTOR

1 December 2013

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we begin a new Liturgical Year. Throughout this year we will be focussing in the Liturgy on Matthew's Gospel, with its inspiring discourses and dramatic narratives.

The short season of Advent prepares us for Christmas. In the Sunday readings this Advent, the great prophesies of Isaiah rouse us to watchfulness, to spiritual effort and to an honest, just and caring life.

Advent is also about the future coming of Christ at the end of time. The forebodings wakened in us concerning the future should bring us back to the present and rouse us to weigh what is at stake.

With our eyes fixed on Christ, ready to welcome him, we can be full of confidence when he finally reveals himself.

With every blessing,

Fr Steven Salmon, Rector

COMING EVENTS

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| Thu 5 Dec | Advent Ecumenical Celebration 8:00pm
(Waitara - see News Item) |
| Sat 7 Dec | St John's Op Shop – final for 2013!
followed by year-end barbecue for all helpers |
| Sun 8 Dec | Advent Carol Service 6:00pm |

Christmas at St John's

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| Sat 14 Dec | Playtime Children's Nativity and Party 10:00am |
| Wed 18 Dec | Special Weekday Christmas Eucharist 10:00am
(for those unable to attend Christmas Day) |
| Sat 21 Dec | Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols 6:00pm |
| Christmas Eve | Children's Christmas Service 5:00pm
Carols Singing 11:15pm
Midnight Mass 11:45pm |
| Christmas Day | Dawn Holy Communion Liturgy 6:30am
Holy Eucharist 8:00am
Solemn Mass with Children's Ministry 10:00am
Community Christmas Lunch 12noon |
| Sun 29 Dec | Feast of the Holy Family and First Communions |



*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

Advent - Countdown to Christmas: Today, Sunday 1 December, 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 both for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas, and for his second coming. Common traditions include the "Advent Calendar" often used for children to count the days till 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 represents the Prophets, the second John the Baptist, the third (the rose coloured candle) the Virgin Mary, and the fourth the Church. A fifth, the white candle is for Christ's birth at Christmas.

Advent Carols: In this service at 6:00pm **next Sunday 8 December**, 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 8 December. Items left between then and 18 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 21 December** at 6:00pm (please note the day).

Caritas: Everyone is welcome to the final meeting for the year in the Parish Centre on **Monday 2 December at 7:30pm** for a short service, fellowship and supper. *Also a chance to think about next year's program.*

Christmas Eve Nativity Play Practice has	<i>Sat 7 Dec 10:30am</i>
been scheduled for the cast at the following times:	<i>Sun 15 Dec 11:30am</i>
	<i>Mon 23 Dec 10:30am</i>
	<i>Christmas Eve Tue 24 Dec 3:30pm</i>

St John's Op Shop will be held next on **Saturday 7 December**, 8:00 to 11:30am. Help is needed, please, for:

- Thursday 5 December - setting up tables and chairs from 3:00pm.
- Friday 6 December - stocking tables from 9:30am.
- Saturday 5 December - packing and putting away surplus stock from 11:30am

There will be a **Saturday barbecue following the Op Shop** (after packing) for all our volunteers and helpers. This is a small way of saying "*Thank You*" for all your support and hard work throughout the year.

St John's Christmas Day Lunch is on again this year! For information, please speak with Lynette Johnson either after services or on 0408 254 125. Lynette writes, "We need helpers, including guests who can act as table hosts and welcomers. Donations of money, food, nibbles and other assistance are welcome. We have always had a wonderful time with our Christmas Day Lunch; I await your calls."

Happy Birthday to Lynette Johnson (3rd), Ailsa Morgan, Kathe Swales (5th), Bob Satchell (6th), Anne Seddon (7th); and

Congratulations to Sandy Bolger and her husband on the birth of a daughter, Penelope Faith.

Anniversary Congratulations:

- To Jenny Barry on the fourth anniversary of **Ordination as a Deacon** (5th)
- On their **Wedding Anniversaries**, Laurelei and Derek Moore, Denise and Roger Soltau (7th), and (belatedly) Mary and Allaster McDougall (29th)

Advent Ecumenical Celebration: Bishop David Walker is inviting all members of the Christian Churches in northern Sydney to join in an Advent Ecumenical Celebration on **Thursday 5 December at 8:00pm** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara. *Please see the notice in the lobby for details.*

Oratory of the Good Shepherd: The Sydney College of the Oratory invites parishioners to a Eucharist to be celebrated in honour of the Oratory's patron on **Wednesday 4 December, 6:00 pm** at Christ Church St Laurence, George Street Sydney. *For information, please see the lobby noticeboard or telephone CCSL's parish office on 9212 2449.*

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 2013 Fête Result

Thank you to all who supported our Annual Fête with donations of money, goods and most importantly, time. A very happy atmosphere prevailed and we showed a welcoming face to the community. We have raised over \$10,000 after taking expenses out!

Prize winners are:

Cheeky Monkeys Party Verity Pearce

Captain Cook Cruise Mia Park

Hamper Melinda

Vumbaca Fruit & Veg. Marcia Cocks



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Email Address for Maintenance: To assist the Parish Maintenance Committee (a sub-committee of the Parish Council) deal with repairs and maintenance of parish grounds, buildings and fittings, a new email address maintenance@stjohnsdeewhy.org.au has been set up. Parishioners and hall users are invited to use this address on matters of concern. Those without email facilities can continue to use the office telephone number (9971 8694) and request messages to be passed on.

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.

Mon	2 Dec	9:30-11:30am	Playtime
		12 noon	Holy Eucharist (chapel)
		3:00-7:00pm	<i>Relationships Australia</i>
		7:30-9:30pm	Caritas – final meeting for 2013
Tue	3 Dec	<i>Saint Francis Xavier</i>	
		10:00am-1:00pm	Café
		10:00am-noon	<i>Community Connect</i>
		<i>(by appointment)</i>	<i>Cottage Counselling</i>
		7:15-8:45pm	Choir Practice
Wed	4 Dec	<i>(by appointment)</i>	<i>Cottage Counselling</i>
		10:00am	Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers and Anointing of the Sick
		5:30-8:30pm	<i>Street Mission Wednesday Café</i>
Thu	5 Dec	9:30-11:30am	Playtime
		12 noon	Holy Communion (chapel)
		<i>(by appointment)</i>	<i>Cottage Counselling</i>
		3:00pm	Op Shop setting up
Fri	6 Dec	<i>Saint Nicholas</i>	
		9:00am	Holy Eucharist (chapel)
		9:30am	Op Shop setting up
		10:00am-1:00pm	Café
		10:00-11:00am	Singing Mums
		1:00-3:00pm	<i>Chronic Pain Group</i>
		5:30pm	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	7 Dec	<i>Saint Ambrose</i>	
		8:00-11:30am	St John's Op Shop
		10:30-11:30am	Practice for cast of Nativity Play
		9:00am	Holy Eucharist (chapel)
Sun	8 Dec	2nd Sunday of Advent	
		8:00am	Holy Eucharist
		10:00am	Family Eucharist with Godly Play
		6:00pm	Advent Carol Service

Morning Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are ill:

Margaret Brownley, Kay Burton, Brian Butler, Stephen Butler, Betty Coward, Nora Davidson, Pat Duke, Barbara Emmett, John Emmett, Gary Fenton, Leslie Flood, Peter Huckleby, Pat Kennedy, Sue Kinging, Alexander Kwan, Grace MacKay, Paul MacKay, Esther Maudson, Joan Morgans, Ross Morgans, Bill Peters, John Posener, Anne Ranse, John Ridd, Olwyn Rogers, Kevin Ross, Alle Tesoriero, Lindsay Walker, Stephen Ward, Noel Warr, Margaret Woodcock

Others in need of prayer:

Belinda, Larka, Anita, Donna, Russell, Thomas, Jasmine and Ryan, David, Greg, Leah, Lisa, Mark, Fay Baker, Virginia Baker, Elizabeth Balharry, June Bennett, Sue Booker, Cameron Browne, Craig Butler, Shirley Butler, John and Norma Byles, Rosemary Calder, Susan Caldis, Eileen Cameron, Dorothy Cole, Beryl Cornish, John Cranfield, Fr Jim Cranswick, Hilary Dowe, Anne Evans, Jean Field, Tom Fisher, Kevin Flicker, Clarrie Greaves, Arthur Greenwood, Kath Gumbleton, Norma Halford, Marie Hansen, Eric Hastings Snr, Michelle Hayden, Margaret James, John Lang, Alec, Midge Lee, Joanne Lucock, Helen Mayall, Lois Maze, Bob and Vivienne McMullin, Lilian Miles, Byron Moore, Grayden Moore, Del Natrass, Rebecca O'Donnell, Jessica, Angus, Daniel and Lucy, Stephen Palmer, Evelyn Peterson, Fiona Peterson, Joan Preuss, Tom and Isabel Ridgway, Debby Roberts, Fran Romanis, Harry and Patricia Sara, Bob Satchell, Pam Seddon, Lena Simpkins, Don Stephens, Jill and Kareena Sutcliffe, Cass Tane, Brian Taylor, Jennifer and Michael Taylor, Joan Taylor, Phil and Margaret Turley, Audette Vaughan, Cynthia Watts, Florence Watts, Val West, John Wickes, Kath Yabsley

Those who died recently:

Pauline Hourigan, Pat McLean, Leslie McAdam, John Schofield (bishop)

Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:

Edward Ansell (1st), Lance Ruby (priest) (2nd), Nancy Steell (3rd), John White (4th), Bruce Laird, Noel Vickers, Beryl Shiels (6th), John Shore (7th)

1 December – Advent Sunday – Rostered Duties

	8:00am	10:00am	6:00pm
Sidespeople:	Lee Hansen Stan Jeffery Jean Knight	Tony Johnson Neridah Byrne Heather Andrews	Taizé Mass
Readers:	Joan Butler Alma Ondevilla	Chris Salmon Neridah Byrne	
Intercessor:	Anne Seddon	Cynthia Watts	
Chalice:	Alma Ondevilla	Kathe Swales	
Servers:	Alma Ondevilla Brian Butler Robyn Couch	Debby Roberts Adam Roberts Michael Roberts Chris Salmon	
Morning Tea:		Robyn Courtney,	
Godly Play	- Storyteller: - Door person:	Sandra Salmon Bev Bingham	

Cleaning: Roger Soltau, Jill Knox	Brass: Neridah Byrne	Grounds: Peter Cunningham
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8 December – Advent II – Rostered Duties

	8:00am	10:00am	6:00pm
Sidespeople:	Glen Kinging Alan Plambeck Stan Jeffery	Tony Johnson Dudley Johnson Wendy Johnson	Ray Phelps
Readers:	Glen Kinging Lee Hansen	Adam Roberts Kathe Swales	
Intercessor:	Margaret Winters	Wendy Johnson	
Chalice:	Glen Kinging	Lesley Flood	
Servers:	Roz Peterson Anne Seddon Jill Knox	Debby Roberts Adam Roberts Michael Roberts Kathe Swales	Robyn Couch Roz Peterson Alma Ondevilla
Morning Tea:		Robyn Courtney Krisztina Keller	
Godly Play	- Storyteller: - Door person:	Lesley Flood Gwen Zmijewski	

Cleaning: Bev Bingham, Robyn Couch	Brass: Mary McDougall	Grounds: Glen Kinging, Alan Plambeck
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