



CHRISTMAS DAY

(Wednesday 25 December 2013)



St John
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***
- *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 NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
25 December 2013**

Christmas Eve (24 December)

- 5:00pm** **Children's Christmas Service**
- 11:15pm** Christmas Carols Singing
- 11:45pm** **Midnight Mass**
- Setting: *Holy Trinity* (John Ross)
- Motet: *O little one sweet – trad. arr.* (Bach)
- Voluntary: *Noels* (Louis Claude Daquin)

Christmas Day (25 December)

- 6:30am** **Dawn Holy Communion Liturgy**
- Hymns: *See hymn sheet*
- 8:00am** **Holy Eucharist**
- Hymns: *See service sheet*
- Setting: *Holy Trinity* (John Ross)
- 10:00am** **Solemn Mass with Children's Ministry**
- Hymns: *See service sheet*
- Setting: *Holy Trinity* (John Ross)
- Motet: *Away in a manger – trad.*
- Voluntary: *Noels* (Louis Claude Daquin)
- 12noon** **Community Christmas Lunch**

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

25 December 2013

Dear Friends,

God's feeling for the little and humble people (they are his special concern) is shown when it is to poor shepherds that the birth of the Good Shepherd is first announced. The 'sign' given to them is Poverty in person, who is also King of kings. They hasten with all speed and find what their hearts seek: not riches or power, but the Child: the reality of the sign the angels promised. That is enough for them, for they are in harmony with him.

Let us join in the thanksgiving of these shepherds. It is not enough to stand in awe before the manger. We must live our faith. Like Mary, the witness par excellence of this mystery, let us treasure all these things and ponder them in our heart.

Our celebration of Christmas is always a time of great joy and new hope. May the Word made Flesh, Jesus Christ, be your guiding light and saving grace in the coming year, and gladden your hearts and those of your families and loved ones this Christmas and in the year to come.

Thank you from Sandra, Christopher and me for your kind Christmas wishes, cards, and tokens of your affection. We look forward to another year of living and ministering among you.

With every blessing,

Fr Steven Salmon, Rector



**Father Steven, Deacon Sandra
and all the Ministry Team at St John's
wish you all a safe, happy and holy
Christmas**



*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

St John's Christmas Tree: St John's has again been supporting the Anglicare "Toys 'n' Tucker" appeal and the Dee Why Women's Refuge, helping needy families to enjoy some gifts and festive food on Christmas Day.

Christmas Bowl: Envelopes for the Christmas Bowl Appeal are available today. Why not leave your envelope on your dinner table today, and give at least the cost of one person's meal at your Christmas Dinner? *Envelopes may be handed in between now and the Sunday after Epiphany (5 January 2014) as your gift for Jesus in the poor. Alternatively, you can send your donation directly to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.*

Christmas Greetings from The Archbishop, Glenn Davies writing, "As Christmas day approaches I pray that your services will bring glory to God as you tell the story of his love in sending Jesus to be the Saviour of the World" (see lobby noticeboard)

St John's Christmas Day Lunch, *a fitting way to conclude the day's celebrations, especially for any who may be on their own today.* Thanks to so many for generous offers to help and donate.

First Holy Communion: **Josh and Mia Park** are to receive their first communion next **Sunday, 29 December**, the Feast of the Holy Family, at the 10:00am Family Eucharist. This is an important time in the lives of newer and young church members; please make every effort to be here, and support them.

Thanks:

- To **Tom Edwards** our Director of Music, and the **Choir** for their presentation of the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Thanks also to all who helped with the service, welcoming and refreshments.
- To all who have generously supported Anglicare's **Toys'n'Tucker** programs and the **Dee Why Women's Refuge** with gifts and donations.
- To **Roger and Denise Soltau** for installing the fine **Christmas crib** scene in the lobby, and to **Janet Eltham** for setting up the crib in the church.

St John's Christmas Newsletter - If you haven't received a copy, please take one on your next visit. Good reading and it's free, also for friends, neighbours or people in your street.

St John's Parish seeks to be environmentally aware and responsible in our use of resources.

St John's Recycling Program: Parishioners are invited to use the collection boxes at the back of the Church for recycling **batteries, candles, corks, printer cartridges, spectacles, sunglasses and spectacle cases**, and also for **used postage stamps and phonecards** to help the work of ABM. Karin writes, "We would love to see an avalanche of stamps from all those Christmas cards!"

Community Groups at St John's: Please pray for "Relationships Australia", "Community Connect", "Cottage Counselling", "Street Mission" and other community groups working to help people who in different ways may be "on the outer", and for friends, musical events and functions supporting these and other local ministries such as Bear Cottage.

Happy Birthday to Sandra Salmon (28th)

Christmas Holidays are here!

- Children's weekday (**Playtime**), young people's (**Youth Group**) ministries, **Caritas, Mothers' Union** and **Wednesday Bible Study** have all broken up.
- **Office** and **Café** - closed from Christmas, and running on a skeleton basis in January.
- **Evening Prayer** (Vespers) will be said in the chapel in lieu of **Evensong** on 29 December and on Sundays in January.
- **Sunday morning Eucharists, Godly Play, and Crèche** (unsupervised), and the **Daily Weekday Eucharists** to continue through the holidays.
- No **Choir** at Sunday services (or the Tuesday Choir practices) for January or the first two Sundays of February.
- **Street Mission Wednesday Café** to continue (except Christmas Day).
- No January **Op Shop**.

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

St John's Notice Boards: Did you know? The notice boards and tables in the Church and lobby are choc-full with a wide range of information catering to people of all interests. *Please glance at them regularly to see items that might interest you.*

St John's Church and Community Centre - Sanctuary for all seeking purpose in life; finding and sharing comfort, hope and strength; a place for prayer, meditation, listening, learning, understanding, friendship, care, encouragement and action.

Please reflect on, appreciate and encourage all who are reaching out to others, sharing their interests and faith.



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Lynette Johnson	Antal Krepler	Alma Ondevilla
Denise Soltau	Roger Soltau	Don Stephens

THE WEEK AT ST JOHN'S (school holidays schedule)

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	23 Dec	10:30-11:30am 12 noon	Practice for cast of the Nativity Play Holy Eucharist (chapel)
Tue	24 Dec	Christmas Eve 3:30-4:30pm 5:00pm 11:15pm 11:45pm	Rehearsal for cast of the Nativity Play Children's Christmas Service Carols Singing Midnight Mass
Wed	25 Dec	Christmas Day 6:30am 8:00am 10:00am 12noon	Dawn Holy Communion Liturgy Holy Eucharist Solemn Mass with Children's Ministry Community Christmas Lunch
Thu	26 Dec	<i>ST STEPHEN</i> 10:00am	Holy Eucharist (chapel) <i>Public Holiday</i>
Fri	27 Dec	<i>ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST</i> 9:00am 5:30pm	Holy Eucharist (chapel) 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	28 Dec	<i>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</i> 9:00am	Holy Eucharist (chapel)
Sun	29 Dec	HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY 8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm	Holy Eucharist Family Eucharist with Godly Play and First Communion Evening Prayer (Vespers) (chapel)

Morning Readings: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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Casseroles: Frozen meals are available to all in need, including parishioners who may be unwell and unable to get out, caring for someone else, or any people you know who would appreciate assistance. Please contact Robyn Couch, Bev Bingham or Lynette Johnson to receive meals.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those who are ill:

Louise, Margaret Baker, Bob & Margaret Brownley, Kay Burton, Stephen Butler, Fr Maurice Collins, Nora Davidson, Pat Duke, Robyn Dunn, Gary Fenton, Clarrie Greaves, Marie Hansen, Kathy Harbord, Peter Huckleby, Sue Kinging, Alexander Kwan, Fr Robert Long, Grace MacKay, Paul MacKay, Esther Maudson, Joan Morgans, Ross Morgans, Bill Peters, John Posener, Anne Ranse, Kevin Ross, Barry Stovold, Alle Tesoriero, Reg Tuxford, Stephen Ward, Noel Warr, Florence Watts, 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, Brian Butler, Craig Butler, Shirley Butler, John and Norma Byles, Rosemary Calder, Susan Caldis, Eileen Cameron, Dorothy Cole, Beryl Cornish, Betty Coward, John Cranfield, Fr Jim Cranswick, Hilary Dowe, Barbara and John Emmett, Anne Evans, Jean Field, Tom Fisher, Kevin Flicker, Leslie Flood, Stella Greaves, Arthur Greenwood, Kath Gumbleton, Norma Halford, Eric Hastings Snr, Michelle Hayden, Margaret James, Pat Kennedy, Joan Killingsworth, 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, Olwyn Rogers, 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, Val West, John Wickes, Kath Yabsley

Those who died recently:

Thelma Waters, Robert Bailey, Thea Cooper, Pauline Hourigan, Pat McLean, Leslie McAdam

Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:

John Westren (22nd), Ethel Bennett, Edna Porter (23rd), Reeve Vaughan, John Jackson (24th), George Morris (priest) (25th), Elsie Peters, Bruce McLean (26th), Milton Moore (27th), Pam Albany (28th)

CHRISTMAS DAY ROSTER

	Midnight	6:30am	8:00am	10:00am
Sidespeople:	Neridah Byrne Graeme Couch Tony Johnson Bev Bingham	Glen Kinging Jean Knight	Dianne Greenhalgh Lee Hansen	Dudley Johnson Wendy Johnson Lesley Flood
Readers:	Graeme Couch Neridah Byrne	Glen Kinging Jean Knight	Lee Hansen Anne Seddon	Adam Roberts Dudley Johnson
Intercessor:	Bev Bingham	Glen Kinging	Allaster McDougall	Wendy Johnson
Chalice:	Robyn Couch	Glen Kinging	Jessica Rynd	Valda Ashover
Servers:	Robyn Couch Roz Peterson Chris Salmon Debby Roberts Adam Roberts Michael Roberts	Brian Butler	Jessica Rynd Anne Seddon Alma Ondevilla	Chris Salmon Debby Roberts Adam Roberts Kathe Swales
Morning Tea:			Sue & Chris Dimock	

29 December – Holy Family Sunday – Rostered Duties

	8:00am	10:00am	6:00pm
Sidespeople:	Chas Coward Betty Coward Jean Knight	Tony Johnson Neridah Byrne Heather Andrews	Ray Phelps
Readers:	Bev Bingham Jean Knight	Wendy Johnson Briedelia Wiggins	
Intercessor:	Peter Cunningham	Roger Soltau	
Chalice:	Alma Ondevilla	Kathe Swales	
Servers:	Alma Ondevilla Jill Knox Brian Butler	Debby Roberts Adam Roberts Michael Roberts Kathe Swales	Kathe Swales Alma Ondevilla Roz Peterson
Morning Tea:		Denise Soltau, Helen Hastings	
Godly Play	- Storyteller: - Door person:	Sandra Salmon Bev Bingham	

Cleaning: Bev Bingham, Robyn Couch	Brass: Dianne Greenhalgh	Grounds: Graeme Couch
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Reading sheets are available on the lobby table for Sundays to 2 February. *If you are rostered, please collect your readings.*