



THE HOLY FAMILY

(Sunday 29 December 2013)



St John
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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
29 December 2013

8:00am Holy Eucharist

Hymns: 37, 40, 34 (TIS)

Setting: *Parish Eucharist* (Michael Dudman)

10:00am Family Eucharist with First Communions and Godly Play

Hymns: 37, 40, 34 (TIS)

Setting: *Newcastle Mass* (Peter Guy)

Motet: *O little one sweet – trad.* (arr. Bach)

Voluntary: *The Holly and the Ivy* (Sumsion)

6:00pm Evening Prayer (Vespers) (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

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.



FROM THE RECTOR

29 December 2013

Dear Friends,

On the feast of the Holy Family we celebrate the mystery of the child Jesus living with his parents. The tone of the celebration is a meditation wholly centred on Christ, from which all Christian families can learn.

In the gospel this Sunday there is no emphasis on the miraculous or marvellous but the story of a child over whom God watches particularly, in a family at the mercy of the historical and political cross-currents of the time. In its ready response to the word of God, the Holy Family is a model for all Christian families.

With every blessing,

Fr Steven Salmon, Rector



COMING EVENTS

Regular weekly ministries return from February after the holiday break.

Sun 5 Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord
Sun 12 Jan	The Baptism of the Lord
Sun 2 Feb	Presentation of the Lord (Candlemass) Blessing of Candles and Mass
Sat 1 Feb	First Op Shop for the year 8:00am
Sat 15 Feb	Music Recital (Flute and Trumpet) 2.00pm
Tue 4 Mar	Shrove Tuesday Penitential Service and Pancake Supper 6:30pm
Wed 5 Mar	Ash Wednesday Masses with Ashing: 6:30am, 10:00am, and 7:30pm



*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*

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

PARISH NEWS

First Holy Communion: Josh and Mia Park are to receive their first communion today, **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 keep them in your prayers to support them.*

Christmas Bowl: *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: After a busy Christmas with the special Weekday Eucharist for the frail and elderly, the Children's Christmas Eve Service, Carol Singing, the Midnight and Christmas Day Masses, St John's owes sincere thanks to all involved - sidespeople, welcomers, readers, intercessors, servers, singers and actors, cleaners, office support, welcomers, helpers and many other workers. Thanks:

- To **Fr Steven, Dn Sandra** and **Dn Jenny** for leading the worship both in the church services and at home communions.
- To **Tom Edwards** our Director of Music, and Choir for the **Christmas Carols and music** at our Christmas Eucharist services.
- To our **Singing Mums**, caroling in retirement villages, nursing homes and at Dee Why Beach.
- To **Lynette Johnson** and **Bev Bingham** for coordinating, and to the many helpers, too many to list by name, who gave up time to prepare (and clean up after) the **Christmas Day Lunch**, accommodating 120 guests. Guests and supporters came from all walks of life to enjoy a tasty lunch packed with fun and laughter (St Nicholas too with presents for all). This could not have happened without generous sponsorship by many of St John's parishioners and the local community.



Dates for your Diary - Holy Week and Easter 2014:

- **Palm Sunday, 13 April**
- **Holy Thursday, 17 April**
- **Good Friday, 18 April**
- **Holy Saturday, 19 April**
- **Easter Sunday, 20 April**

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.*

Anniversary Congratulations to Tom and Isabel Ridgway (4th)

Happy Birthday to Christopher Rynd (30th), Neridah Byrne, Tony Krepler (1st) and Ziggy Zmijewski (turning four on 3rd)

Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF): Quite a few of our parishioners have been long-time, faithful subscribers to BRF "New Daylight" notes (annual cost about \$36 [plus postage if required]). Every four months, BRF publishes a small booklet with a brief reflection for each day on a selected Bible verse. If you are rushed, reading each reflection requires only five minutes, although the reader is often stimulated during the day to reflect on the questions raised or wisdom revealed. *Please speak with Graeme Couch or Bev Bingham.*

Rosters February to May 2014: If you are on any rosters and are going to be away from the parish over February to May 2012, especially over Easter, ***please let Bev Bingham or the office know.*** However, we would really like to hear from parishioners willing to be included on our rosters: sidespersons, readers, intercessors, brass and church cleaning, grounds maintenance. It is a great way to get to know others and help the smooth operation of the parish.

St John's Café needs you as a volunteer to assist with the Tuesday and Friday morning Café (hospitality ministry) about once a month as available. *If you can make a sandwich and are willing to welcome and listen to visitors please speak with Graeme Couch or Bev Bingham. Can you help, please?*

*At the Children's
Christmas Eve
Service and
Nativity Play*



Sunday Morning Tea Volunteers are needed for the cuppa after the 8:00 and 10:00am Eucharists in 2014. *Please speak with Bev Bingham to enquire about helping with this fellowship opportunity.*

Op Shop: After a successful year, the Op Shop will need new helpers for 2014. Volunteers are needed for the first Saturday of each month, and on the preceding Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. Volunteers are also needed on Tuesday mornings to assist with sorting stock. *If you can set aside a little time each month, for this outreach please speak with Bev Bingham or Ken Eltham.*



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

THE WEEK AHEAD 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	30 Dec	12 noon	Holy Eucharist (chapel)
Tue	31 Dec	<i>(no services)</i>	
Wed	1 Jan	<i>MARY MOTHER OF GOD (public holiday)</i>	
		10:00am	Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers and Anointing of the Sick
Thu	2 Jan	<i>Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen (no services)</i>	
Fri	3 Jan	<i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	
		9:00am	Holy Eucharist (chapel)
		1:00-2:30pm	<i>Chronic Pain Support 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	4 Jan	9:00am	Holy Eucharist (chapel) <i>(no January Op Shop)</i>
Sun	5 Jan	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
		8:00am	Holy Eucharist
		10:00am	Family Eucharist with Godly Play
		6:00pm	Evening Prayer (Vespers) (chapel)

Morning Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

With the **School Holidays** our Weekday and Children's Ministries are in recess, restarting in February 2014:

St John's Op Shop	8:00-11:30am, first Saturday in month
Wednesday Bible Study	11:20am to 12:30pm (each Wed except 3 rd)
Mothers' Union (MU)	11:20am to 12:30pm (3 rd Wed)
<i>(Bible Study and MU enjoy morning tea following the 10:00am Eucharist)</i>	
Caritas	7:30-9:30pm first Monday in month
Playtime, 0-5 year preschool	9:30-11:30am Monday and Thursday
Youth Group, from 11 years	7:00-9:00pm 2 nd and 4 th Fridays in month
Choir Practice	7:15-8:45pm Tuesday

The Office and Café resume in the week commencing Monday 30 January.

Continuing throughout are:

- **Sunday morning Eucharists, Godly Play, and Crèche** (unsupervised).
- **Daily Weekday Eucharists**
- **Evening Prayer (Vespers)** will be said in the chapel in lieu of **Evensong** today and on Sundays in January.
- **Street Mission Wednesday Café**

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

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:

Gillian Lloyd, Bob Rundle, Thelma Waters, Robert Bailey, Thea Cooper

Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:

Edna Kitson (29th), John Ward (30th), Miriam Bingham (31st), Michael Allso (1st), Reg Seddon, George Attalla (2nd), Brian Seton (3rd), Norman Cresdee (4th)

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:	Brass:	Grounds:	
Bev Bingham, Robyn Couch	Dianne Greenhalgh	Graeme Couch	

5 January 2014 – The Epiphany – Rostered Duties

	8:00am	10:00am	6:00pm
Sidespeople:	Jean Knight Stan Jeffery Sue Dimock	Tony Johnson Helen Hastings Heather Andrews	Vespers (in the Chapel)
Readers:	Patricia Sara Allaster McDougall	Bob Brownley Denise Soltau	
Intercessor:	John Emmett	Katherine Ward	
Chalice:	Jess Rynd	Valda Ashover	
Servers:	Robyn Couch Alma Ondevilla Jess Rynd	Debby Roberts Adam Roberts Michael Roberts Chris Salmon	
Morning Tea:	Loraine & Ray Cosgrove	Barbara Emmett Robyn Courtney	
Godly Play	- Storyteller: - Door person:	Valda Ashover Robyn Couch	
Cleaning:	Brass:	Grounds:	
Robert Peterson	Barbara Emmett	Alan Plambeck, Glen Kinging	