



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18 2022

Nativity

Remembering that it happened once,
we cannot turn away the thought,
as we go out, cold, to our barns
toward the long night's end, that we
ourselves are living in the world
it happened in when it first happened,
that we ourselves, opening a stall
(a latch thrown open countless times
before), might find them breathing there,
foreknown: the Child bedded in straw,
the mother kneeling over Him,
the husband standing in belief
he scarcely can believe, in light
that lights them from no source we see,
an April morning's light, the air
around them joyful as a choir.
We stand with one hand on the door,
looking into another world
that is this world, the pale daylight
coming just as before, our chores
to do, the cattle all awake,
our own white frozen breath hanging
in front of us; and we are here
as we have never been before,
sighted as not before, our place
holy, although we knew it not.

Wendell Berry

In our Parish all are welcome, all are accepted, all are valued and all are respected.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, the people of the Kulin nation, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

This parish is committed to Child Safety and complies with Diocesan and State requirements.
This is a shared responsibility of staff and parish. Please see the back of pew leaflet for contact details.

Christmas & January services

Saturday 24 th December	5 pm - Children's and Families Christmas Eve service 11 pm - Midnight Mass
Sunday 25 th December	9.30 am - Christmas Day service.
Sunday 1 st & 8 th January	9.30 am only (Joint service).



THANK YOU TO ALL PARISHIONERS
For your support for Food for Friends Appeal.
10 food hampers were delivered to Dixon House.
For your very generous support for the Anglicare
Food and Toy Appeal. All goodies were distributed to
needy families by Dixon House during the past week.
Also for your support of the MWCICC Stall last Saturday
which raised \$1400 for Act for Peace.



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Waiting to return home



Many Sri Lankan refugees living in exile in India are finally ready to make the journey home to the country they love. But the current economic crisis and food shortages mean it's not safe for them to return.

Through the Christmas Bowl you are helping our local partner, the Organisation for Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation (OfERR), continue to provide lifesaving medical care for refugees while they wait for Sri Lanka to be safe again. **Please give today.**



CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

FIVE LEAF ECO TIP

Two for One gifts

Use up last year's Christmas Paper and limit cello tape by tying gifts with raffia or string.

Why not choose a gorgeous fabric scarf or tea-towel to wrap your gift in? The recipient will love you for the 2-in-1 present.



Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday December 18, 2022 - Fourth Sunday of

Advent

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

11.30 am - 3.30 pm Cedar Church

Monday 19

Tuesday 20

7 - 11 pm Amnesty Intl

Wednesday 21

Thursday 22

7.30 pm Choir (Church)

Friday 23

7.45 - 9.45 pm Cedar Church

Saturday 24

5.00 pm **Children's & Families Service**

6.45 - 10.00 pm TCCV

11.00 pm Midnight Mass

Sunday 25

9.30 am Joint Service

11.30 am - 3.30 pm Cedar Church

3.00 - 8.00 pm TCCV



Offertory envelopes

The new envelopes have arrived and are available for collection from the church.

Next Saturday -

Christmas Eve

- December 24, 2022

11.00 pm

Midnight Mass

Welcomers

Glenda Biddle

Nima Flora

Reader

Irene Donohoue Clyne

John Leaver

Intercessor

Judith Gibson

Next Sunday -

Christmas Day

- December 25, 2022

9.30 am

Parish Eucharist

Welcomers

Jenny Brown

Howard Brown

Reader

Jenny Bowers

Howard Brown

Intercessor

Sue Retschko

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 62.6 - 12

Titus 3.4 - 8a

Luke 2.1 - 14

The Thursday Evening Meditation Group

We continue to meet on Zoom on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of the month at 7.30pm. Our next session will be on Thursday February 9 2023. Zoom links are emailed to members prior to the sessions. Enquiries can be directed to Michael Mosley.

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Priest (Day off - Monday)	The Venerable Dianne Sharrock
Assistant Curate (Days off - Monday & Saturday)	The Revd Andrea Nagy
Children's and Families' Minister (Tues 10.00am - 12.00pm, Sun 9.30am - 11.30pm)	Lisa Eames
Safe Ministry Compliance Officer	Elaine Fasken
Child Safety Officer	Lisa Eames/Elaine Fasken
Covid19 Compliance Officer	Sugan Blanchard
Music Director	Brian Copple
Treasurer	Helen Warren
Office Administrator	Katherine Rushby
Churchwardens:	Sugan Blanchard Graeme Dellora Sue Retschko
Parish Council:	Sugan Blanchard, Graeme Dellora, Judith Gibson, Sally Hibbert, John Leaver, Sue Retschko, Fiona Sawyer, Helen Warren, Joan West
Pastoral Care Ministry:	
<i>Hospital Visiting:</i>	Clergy
<i>Funeral Ministry:</i>	The Vicar
Spiritual Directors:	Cath Connelly Val Dyke
Prayer Chain contact	Margaret Syfret
SERVICES:	Sunday 8.30 & 10.00 am Thursday 10.00 am