

First Sunday of Advent

3 December 2023



Christmas and January

Sun 17th Dec - Carol Service 5pm - shared meal to follow

Sun 24th Dec - Advent 4 Joint Service at 9.30am

- Christmas Eve Family Service 5pm

- Christmas Service 11pm

Mon 25th Dec - Christmas Day 9.30am

Sun 31st Dec - One Service only at 9.30am

Sun 7th Jan - One Service only at 9.30am

Sun 14th Jan - One Service only at 9.30am



Could all parishioners please remember to wear their name badges. Thanks!

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.

<p>Can you spare just one hour?</p>	<p>between 9am and 1pm on Fri 15th December</p>		<h2 style="color: blue;">Food For Friends</h2> <p>There was an overwhelming response to this year's Food for Friends Appeal last week. A total of 139 hampers were packed during the week and distributed to the charities nominated by member churches. \$900 in cash was collected as well and this was augmented by a further \$200 to each charity from MWCICC funds.</p> <p>It is hoped that these hampers will bring some Christmas Cheers to families in need.</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who supported this appeal</p>
<p>We want to "spruce up" the Church and Parish Centre for Christmas</p>		<p>Please put your name against any job listed on the notice board</p>	
	<p>Please bring whatever cleaning things you will need to complete your job</p>	<p>THANK YOU!</p> <p>(The Wardens)</p>	

'Act For Peace' Christmas Stall

The MWCICC is holding a Christmas stall outside Westpac in Hamilton Place on Saturday 9 December from 10 am - 2 pm

There will be lots of cakes, cookies, jams, craft items and Christmas treats for sale. If you can help with items for the stall **please deliver them from 9.30am. Ingredients, maker's initials and price need to be listed. No cream please. Please price your donations and pick up a yellow sticker from Marg Taylor.**

Thank You

Phoebe would like to thank anyone who helped with all the catering this week. It has been greatly appreciated.

Thanks again,
Phoebe

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Hope for families forced to flee

Jehan*, a brave mother of five, made the courageous decision to escape on foot to Pakistan with her family when Afghanistan fell to the Taliban in 2021. Your gifts through the Christmas Bowl can help Act for Peace coordinate rapid emergency responses with local partners, like Church World Services Asia, so that they can immediately act, giving families like Jehan's safety in exile – and hope for the future – when they need it most. **Please give today.**



*Name changed for safety reasons

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

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

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday December 3, 2023

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8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

11.30 am - 3.30 pm Cedar Church

3.30 pm - 8pm TCCV

Monday 4

Tuesday 5

Wednesday 6

Thursday 7

10.00 am Eucharist

7.15 - 9.00 pm Tamil choir (Old Church)

7.30 pm Choir (Church)

Friday 8

Saturday 9

9.00 am The Net (Café 57)

11.00 am - 5.00 pm Tamil Choir (church)

Sunday 10

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

11.30 am - 3.30 pm Cedar Church

3.00 - 8.00 pm Tamil Carol Service

Next Sunday - December 10, 2023

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8.30 am Holy Communion

Server Brett Gaffney

Welcomers Nirmala Thevapalan
Adam Thevapalan

Reader Joanne Burns

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Welcomers Nima Flora
Glenda Biddle

Readers Lyn Ryan
Milton Biddle

Chalice Assistants Helen Warren
Val Dyke

Intercessions Judith Gibson

Morning Tea Annemarie Davies
David Sharrock

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 40.1-11

Psalms 85.1-2,8-13

2 Peter 3.8-15a

Mark 1.1-8

The Net

The Net will gather for our men's breakfast at 9am this coming Saturday, Dec 9 at Café 57, 57 Centreway, Pinewood Shopping Centre, Mount Waverley. All men of the parish are welcome. Michael Mosley.

Our next breakfast will be in February 2024 on Saturday Feb 10 .

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Priest (locum)

(Thursday, Friday & Sunday)

Fr Derek Jones

Assistant Curate

(Sundays only)

The Revd Candice Mitrousis

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

Music Director

Brian Cople

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:

Hospital Visiting:

Clergy

Funeral Ministry:

The Vicar

Spiritual Directors:

Val Dyke

Prayer Chain contact Margaret Syfret

SERVICES: Sunday 8.30 & 10.00 am Thursday 10.00 am

Office Days

During November and December the office will be open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.