



**Third Sunday of Advent**

**17 December 2023**

***We welcome Kiara and Safira Clarke  
(twin granddaughters of Jean) who will be  
baptised during the 10 am service.***

## ***Christmas and January***

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Carol Service 5pm - shared meal to follow

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec - Advent 4 Joint Service at 9.30am **(also on zoom)**

- Christmas Eve Family Service 5pm

- Christmas Service 11pm

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Day 9.30am **(also on zoom)**

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Dec - One Service only at 9.30am

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Jan - One Service only at 9.30am

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Jan - One Service only at 9.30am

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Jan - Services at 8.30am & 10.00am



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.

## Parish Council commissioning

Next Sunday (24th December) the Parish Council and Wardens for 2024 will be commissioned at the 9.30 am joint service.

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**Finding Joy in resilience**

Twelve long years have passed since Rima\* and her family fled their beloved home in Syria as the devastating civil war unfolded. Forced to leave everything behind, they sought refuge in Jordan, carrying with them only the essentials. With your kind gift to the Christmas Bowl, you can support Act for Peace's local partner, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees, continue to provide vital food packages, hygiene kits, and the long-term support that refugees need to rebuild their lives. **Please give today.**

\*Name changed for safety reasons

**CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au](http://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



## Family Fun Night

Junior Youth Group and their families are having a Family Fun Night on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December, 5:30-7pm. Please see Revd Candice or Lisa for more details.



## Carol Service 17th December 5pm



Please join us for our annual service of Readings and Carols for Christmas.

There will be a shared meal to follow.



# Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday December 17, 2023

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8.30 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am Parish Eucharist  
11.30 am - 3.30 pm Cedar Church  
5.00 - 7.30 pm Carol Service followed by  
shared meal

Monday 18

Tuesday 19

Wednesday 20

Thursday 21

Friday 22

Saturday 23

7.30 - 9.30 pm Cedar church rehearsal

Sunday 24

9.30 am Parish Eucharist  
11.30 am - 3.30 pm Cedar Church  
5.00 - 6.30 pm Childrens Christmas Eve  
7.00 - 10.00 pm Tamil Service  
11.00 pm - 12.00 am Midnight Mass

Monday 25

9.30 am Christmas Day service

Next Sunday - December 24, 2023

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9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Welcomers Graeme Dellora  
Maggie Dellora

Readers Jenny Brown  
Howard Brown

Chalice Assistants Phoebe Wilkinson-North  
Val Dyke

Intercessions Val Dyke

Morning Tea Maggie Dellora  
Graeme Dellora

## **Next Sunday's Readings:**

2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16  
Psalm 89.1-4,19-27  
Romans 16.25-27  
Luke 1.26-38

Next Sunday - December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve

5.00 pm **Children's service**

Welcomers Graeme Dellora  
Maggie Dellora

11.00 pm *Midnight Mass*

Welcomers Glenda Biddle  
Judith Gibson

Readers Irene Donohoue Clyne  
Ron Ritchie

Chalice Assistants Judith Gibson  
Glenda Biddle

Intercessions Judith Gibson

## ***Thursday Evening Meditation***

The Thursday Evening Meditation Group is now in recess until February next year. Unfortunately **Thursday evenings won't be an option for next year** but details of the 2024 session times TBA at a later date. Enquiries can be directed to Michael Mosley

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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

Sally Hibbert

Sue Retschko

**Parish Council:**

John Leaver, Fiona Sawyer, David Stanley,  
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.