

Fourth Sunday of Advent

24 December 2023



Christmas and January

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

- Christmas Eve Family Service 5pm

- Christmas Service 11pm

Mon 25th Dec - Christmas Day 9.30am **(also on zoom)**

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

Sun 21st 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

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

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Showing Love to the most vulnerable



Sisters Srinidhi* and Mahira* are Sri Lankan refugees who have been living in refugee camps in India for decades and aren't able to access medical care outside the camps. OfERR, a refugee-run organisation supported by Act for Peace, has been providing crucial support in the camps for over 40 years. Through the Christmas Bowl you can help send health workers into the camps and provide medical care to those who need it. **Please give today.**

*Names changed for safety reasons

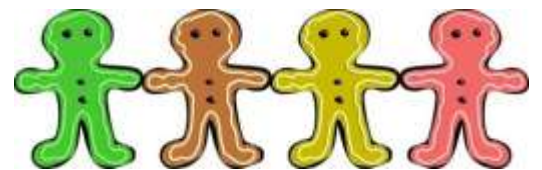
CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au

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



Family Fun Night

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



Office Days

The Office will be closed between Christmas and New Year. Katherine will be back in the office on Tuesday 2nd January. From then on the office will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Dianne's return

Dianne will be back at the helm on Sunday 7th January (The Baptism of Our Lord)

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday December 24, 2023

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9.30 am Parish Eucharist
11.30 am - 3.30 pm Cedar Church
5.00 pm **Children's & Families Service**
6.45 - 10.00 pm Tamil Service
11.00 pm Midnight Mass

Monday 25 - Christmas Day

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Tuesday 26 - Office Closed

Wednesday 27 - Office Closed

Thursday 28 - Office Closed

Friday 29 - Office Closed

5.30 - 7.00 pm Family Fun Night

Saturday 30

Sunday 31

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

11.30 am - 3.30 pm Cedar Church

10.00 pm - 2.00 am Tamil Watch Night service

Monday - December 25, 2023

Christmas Day

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Welcomers Jenny Brown
Howard Brown

Readers Jenny Bowers
Howard Brown

Chalice Assistants Jenny Brown
Howard Brown

Monday's Readings:

Isaiah 62.6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3.4-8a
Luke 2.1-14

Next Sunday - December 31, 2023

First Sunday after Christmas

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Welcomers Annemarie Davies
Arunthy Blanchard

Readers Natalie Stroud
Sue Retschko

Chalice Assistants Arunthy Blanchard
Sugan Blanchard

Intercessions Dennis Mills

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 61.10-62.3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4.4-7
Luke 2.22-40

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)

Fr Derek Jones

(Thursday, Friday & Sunday)

Assistant Curate

The Revd Candice Mitrousis

(Sundays only)

Children's and Families' Minister

Lisa Eames

(Tues 10.00am - 12.00pm, Sun 9.30am - 11.30pm)

Safe Ministry Compliance Officer

Elaine Fasken

Child Safety Officer

Lisa Eames/Elaine Fasken

Music Director

Brian Copple

Treasurer

Helen Warren

Office Administrator

Katherine Rushby

Churchwardens:

Sugan Blanchard

Sally Hibbert

Sue Retschko

parish

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