

**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
First Sunday of Advent
2nd December, 2018**



7.30am - Sung Eucharist - *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*

Organist – *Chris Sillince*

Hymns: 272, 271, 265, 273

English Organ Postlude: ***March in C Major*** (Henry Purcell)

9.30am - Holy Eucharist - *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*

Organist – *Sharon Sandstrom*

Hymns: 272, 271, 265, 273

[All hymns are from Together in Song unless otherwise specified.]

Prayer and anointing for healing are available at each Eucharist. If you would like prayer and anointing, please move in front of the step, at the left side of the altar, after receiving communion and a priest will come and minister to you.



LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

YOUR LIBERATION IS NEAR! The early Christians expected the Lord's return in glory to be very soon. St Paul explained to them that the Lord was delaying in coming for a good purpose, to give them the opportunity to grow in love and make progress in the kind of life they were meant to live. May we also make good use of the present time to deepen our love for one another that we may be ready on the day Christ comes to set us free.

Today we light the candle of hope to recall the hope we have in Christ. We await the fullness of God's reign in Christ and seek to live as citizen of that kingdom now. Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

The first candle is lit.

[Let us pray]

God of Abraham and Sarah and all the patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, the Son of David. Help us prepare to celebrate his birth, to make ready our hearts and to place our hope in you.

Help us to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others.

Through Christ the hope of the world. Amen.

Sentence

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21.28

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,
and make us strong in faith,
so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth,
we may go out joyfully to greet him;
and with all your saints, may worship you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A reading from Jerimiah

Chapter 33. verses 14 – 16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25. Verses 1 – 10

In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope:
in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**Let none who wait for you be put to shame:
but let those that break faith
be confounded and gain nothing.**

Show me your ways, O Lord:
and teach me your paths.

**Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me:
for you are the God of my salvation.**

In you have I hoped all the day long:
because of your goodness, O Lord.

**Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness:
for they are from of old.**

Remember not the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions:
but according to your mercy think on me.

**Good and upright is the Lord:
therefore will he direct sinners in the way.**

The meek he will guide in the path of justice:
and teach the humble his ways.

**All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true:
for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.**

A reading from 1 Thessalonians,

Chapter 3 verses 9 – 13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke , Chapter 21, verses 25 – 38**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

CHRISTIANITY AND TOTALITARIANISM

I recently came across this excerpt from a 1960 essay by Thomas Merton, "Christianity and Totalitarianism." Merton speaks powerfully to our current political climate. His emphasis is on love, patience and silence. Without denying the toxic power of hatred that seems to have won the day in public society, Merton calls us back to ourselves, our deepest capacity as persons, for love. What seems to be weak in the face of hatred and violence is, in truth, our greatest power and strength, but it must be chosen and laboured for.

"A mass movement readily exploits the discontent and frustration of large segments of the population which for some reason or other cannot face the responsibility of being persons and standing on their own feet. But give these persons a movement to join, a cause to defend, and they will go to any extreme, stop at no crime, intoxicated as they are by the slogans that give them a pseudo-religious sense of transcending their own limitations. The member of a mass movement, afraid of his own isolation, and his own weakness as an individual, cannot face the task of discovering within himself the spiritual power and integrity which can be called forth only by love. Instead of this, he seeks a movement that will protect his weakness with a wall of anonymity and justify his acts by the sanction of collective glory and power. All the better if this is done out of hatred, for hatred is always easier and less subtle than love. It does not have to respect reality as love does. It does not have to take account of individual cases. Its solutions are simple and easy. It makes its decisions by a simple glance at a face, a coloured skin, a uniform. It identifies an enemy by an accent, an unfamiliar turn of speech, an appeal to concepts that are difficult to understand. He is something unfamiliar. This is not "ours." This must be brought into line - or destroyed.

"Here is the great temptation of the modern age, this universal infection of fanaticism, this plague of intolerance, prejudice and hate which flows from the crippled nature of

man who is afraid of love and does not dare to be a person. It is against this temptation most of all that the Christian must labour with inexhaustible patience and love, in silence, perhaps in repeated failure, seeking tirelessly to restore, wherever he can, and first of all in himself, the capacity of love and which makes man the living image of God."

~ Disputed Questions, "Christianity and Totalitarianism" by Thomas Merton

Fr Mark

Please pray for

Barbara Matthews, Maureen H, Joan and Norman Williams,
Barry Stokes, Bill Howard, Joel, Paul C, Reg Gill, Pat Jessup,
Wendy and Alan Eades, Jean Easy, Lynn Cooke, Paul Naylor
Julie-Anne O'Regan, Ann Soundy

Prayer in time of drought.

All things look to you, O Lord,
to give them their food in due season:

look in mercy on your people,

and hear our prayer for those whose lives and possessions
are threatened by drought.

In your mercy restore your creation and heal our land.

So guide and bless your people,

that we may enjoy the fruits of the earth

and give you thanks with grateful hearts,

through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, p. 205).

MEDITATION 'WHISPERS OF LOVE'

Monday 10.00am

Reflection

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

Christmas Reading Roster

A sign-up sheet is available from today for people to nominate themselves to read during the Christmas Services. Readers will be needed for:

Christmas Eve - Monday 24th December

5.00pm Eucharist for Families

11.00pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Tuesday 25th December

7.30am Sung Eucharist

9.30am Holy Eucharist

An Advent Service - Samaritans

In celebration of your positive engagement with Samaritans Chaplaincy during 2018 and looking forward to 2019.

There will be a "Praise, Prayer and Proclamation Service".

Mr Brad Webb, CEO of Samaritans will speak about Samaritans Social Justice priorities for 2019. Followed by light refreshments

When: Wednesday, December 12, 2pm - 2:45pm

Where: St Mark's, 7 Norfolk Street Islington

RSVP: mail@samaritans.org.au by Nov 30th 2018

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

We keep our Working With Children WWCC details updated in the Church office.

If anyone has received emails from Diocesan Office in Newcastle reminding them to renew we would appreciate if you could advise Terry or Kyara of new details so we can enter them.

PARISH THANK YOU BOWLO DINER

Our last Parish Bowlo night for 2018 is tonight. We will be joined by volunteers from our Op Shop.

Please be with us for the evening as we thank them for their tireless efforts.

AGM REPORTS

As 2018 draws to an end we will be starting to prepare for our AGM

Normally held end of February early March each year

Therefore It is timely to remind those who prepare an annual report

To please have these ready for the office for beginning January
Thanking you in advance

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Women's fellowship lunch at Breakers Country Club – we have reserved seating and need to know numbers to advise the club.

If you would like to join the group (husbands, friends welcome) please add your name to the list on notice board. No set menu you make your choice and pay on the day.

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2018

Monday 3rd Dec – 12.30pm Women’s Fellowship Lunch – Breakers Country Club

Sunday 12th December - 2.00pm – Samaritans Advent Service

Sunday 16th Dec – 3.30pm – Messy Church

Sunday 27th January – 12.00pm – Australia Day Lunch

Rosters for 9th December 2018

7.30am

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
Charlotte and Eva Martin	Neil Ewer	Neil Ewer Margaret MacLachlan	Rhonda Kiss Coralie Taylor

9.30am

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
Lesley Gosling	Irene Neville	Marie Partier Joshua Partier	Coralie Taylor
Morning Tea	Counting Roster		Flowers
Anna Holt Judy Thompson	John Holt Betty Hancock		Jan Bolte

Next Sunday – 9th December 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

7.30am – Sung Eucharist - Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson
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9.30am – Holy Eucharist - Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson
Trinity Band and Singers

Readings: Malachi 3. 1-14, Psalm – Song of Zechariah, Philippians 1. 1-11

Gospel Luke 3. 1-6

This Week

Monday 3rd December

Francis Xavier, priest and missionary (d.1552)

10.00am - Whispers of Love

Tuesday 4th December

Nicholas Rerrar, deacon, man of prayer (d.1637)

8.00am – Morning Prayer {Rev Ann}

2.00pm - Tarragal Glen Eucharist

7.00pm - Trinity Band and Singers Rehearsal

Wednesday 5th December

8.00am – Morning Prayer {Fr Mark}

5.00pm - Holy Eucharist (Fr Roy)

5.30pm - Sacred Reading

Thursday 6th December

Nicholas of Myra, bishop and philanthropist (d.342)

8.00am – Morning Prayer {Fr Mark}

Friday 7th December

Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher (d.397)

8.00am – Morning Prayer {Fr Mark}

10.30am - Holy Eucharist [Fr Mark] and morning tea
Readings – Isaiah 29. 17-24, Psalm 27. 11-14, Matthew 9. 27-31

11.45am – Bible Study

Saturday 8th December

The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Richard Baxter, pastor and spiritual writer (d. 1691)

8.00am – Gardening

The Parish of Terrigal warmly welcomes you.

We offer many opportunities for meeting together ...
to worship and pray; to study Scripture and theology; to share fellowship, caring and support; and to celebrate real relationships which are divinely life-giving.

These opportunities normally include ...

Sunday Worship at Holy Trinity

7.30am - Sung Eucharist and 9.30am – Holy Eucharist

3rd Sunday in the month - Messy Church

between 3.30pm and 5.30pm

Weekly Worship at Holy Trinity

Tues to Friday - 8.00am - Morning Prayer

Friday at 10.30am - Eucharist

1st Tuesday at 2.00pm - Tarragal Glen Eucharist

2nd Wednesday at 10.00am - Tarragal House Eucharist/concert

Every Wednesday at 5.00 pm - Eucharist

3rd Thursday at 10.30am - Eucharist at The Pod [Aurrum]

4th Friday – 10.30am – Eucharist at Woodport Aged Care

VARIOUS PARISH MINISTRIES

'Whispers of Love' - a meditation (*Monday at 10.00am*); **Women's Fellowship** (*2nd Monday at 1.00pm*); **Parish Council** (*2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm*); **Trinity Band** (*Rehearsal - Tuesday at 7.00pm*) (*Playing at the 9.30am Sunday - 2nd and 4th Sundays*); **Sacred Reading** (*Wednesday at 5.30pm*); **Pastoral Care** (*2nd Thursday at 10.00am*); **Bible Study** (*Friday at 11.45am*); **Messy Church Planning Meeting** (*1st Saturday at 10.00am*) ; **Gardening** (*2nd Saturday from 8.00am*); **Market Day** (*3rd Saturday from 8.00am*)

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Holy Trinity Opportunity Shop ... contact (02) 4365 1280

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**The Op Shop is open Tuesday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.00pm
and each Saturday from 10.00am to 1.00pm**