

**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity
24th December, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Advent**



8.30am - Holy Eucharist – *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*

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 FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

A DWELLING PLACE FOR GOD. King David wanted to build a fine temple in which God would dwell among the people. But God did not choose a building made of stones and mortar for a dwelling place but the womb of the virgin Mary. God continues to dwell among us in Mary's son, Jesus Christ, whose body is the Church. Let us pray for a deepening of faith this Christmas that we, like Mary, may continue to give Christ to the world.

We have lit the candles that remind us of the *hope, peace* and *love* Christ came to bring. Today we light the candle of *joy*. The angel Gabriel told Mary a special child would be born to her. She sang a song that began, "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my saviour." Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his coming into the world brings joy. Jesus healed and gave hope, peace and joy to others. From hope, peace and love grows joy.

Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

The fourth candle is lit.

Let us pray.

Thank you God, for the joy you give us. As we await the fulfillment of your promise, keep our joy alive. Help us today and every day, to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A reading from the second book of Samuel

Chapter 7: verses 1-11, 16.

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For the Psalm: A Song of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord: my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant: From this day all generations will call me blessed.

The Almighty has done great things for me: and holy is his name.

God has mercy on those who fear him: from generation to generation.

The Lord has shown strength with his arm: and scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones: and lifting up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things: and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel: to remember the promise of mercy,

The promise made to our forebears: to Abraham and his children for ever.

**A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans
Chapter 16: verses 25-27.**

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke 1: verses 26-38.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus

Please pray for

Barbara Matthews, Denise King, Maureen H., Marie Partier, David,
Heather Milne, Vern Tucker, Sue Maxwell, Barry Stokes,
Nick Williamson, Alison Gates, Peter & Robin, Dianne,
Joan and Norman Williams, Pam Flegg
Sarah, Peter, Daisy-mena and Bleu Proud, Revd. Ann

SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS 2017

Christmas Eve

5.00pm – Holy Eucharist for Children and Families

11.00pm – Midnight Mass

Monday 25th December

Christmas Day

7.30am – Sung Eucharist

9.30am - Holy Eucharist

Sunday 31st December

7.30am – Sung Eucharist

9.30am – Holy Eucharist

SAMARITANS THANK YOU

Thank you to all who supplied Christmas items for the Wyoming Relief Centre. Your donations are gratefully accepted and will be used to help those in need this Christmas

Margaret Maclachlan.

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2018

Wednesday's **Eucharist & Sacred Reading** resumes 5.00pm 24th January

Op Shop Closes 22nd December and re-opens 2nd January

ANGLICAN WOMEN LENT RETREATS

To be held on 16-22nd February with a number of retreats available at Catalina Conference Centre at Rathmines on beautiful Lake Macquarie.

Cost of Full retreat is \$280.00. For more details please visit www.anglicanwomennewcastle.org.au or speak to Irene Neville
Retreat Conductor is Fr Melbourne Nelson.

THANK YOU

To everyone who did so much in preparation for the funeral for Keith Watson.

Thank you also to all who provided the refreshments for afterwards.

Thank you to all who assisted in any way and to all who did such a sterling job in the kitchen and clearing up afterwards.

This Week

Monday 25th December - The Birth of our Lord - Christmas Day

Tuesday 26th - Stephen, Deacon and First Martyr

Wednesday 27th – John, Apostle and Evangelist

Thursday 28th - Holy Innocents

Friday 29th

Thomas Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr (d.1170)

10.30am - Holy Eucharist [*Fr Bruce McAteer*]

Readings – 1 John 2. 3-11. Psalm 96.1-6; Luke 2. 22-35

Next Sunday – 31st December, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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

Organist – Chris Sillince

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

Organist – Chris Sillince

Eucharistic Readings:

Isaiah 61.10–62.3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4. 4-7

Luke 2. 22-40



**Do you know what happens
to evacuees when there is a
fire or flood on the Central
Coast?**



Would you like to help in these situations?

For more information, talk to Bev Broadley 4367 6066 or 0423 655 723 about working with Samaritans to help in an Evacuation Centre.

Training for one day, once a year, is required and then you would be on call in the event of an emergency to assist those who have been evacuated.

**Mission Report - 24th December 2027
ABM CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL**



Evangelism and Christian Education in Myanmar

The Provincial Religious Education and Religious Music Department of the CPM produce resource materials such as activity books for Sunday school. The books contain stories, activities, poems, and songs, which enhance children's spiritual intelligence and holistic development.

However, due to insufficient funds the department are only able to produce and print 500 copies. With over 6,500 children regularly attending Sunday school classes across the six dioceses, this is nowhere near enough.

This Christmas, a copy of the Christmas for Kids Activity Book would make the perfect gift. The book will help children learn and reflect about what and who the Christmas celebration is all about. That the most important gift anyone can receive is the birth of the Saviour Jesus Christ.

Your support will enable children between the ages of four and fourteen to continue with their spiritual formation and church growth (non tax-deductible)

World Vision

A letter from our new sponsored child Mariane has been placed on the noticeboard.

Coralie Taylor - Mission Secretary.

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

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

4th Friday at 11.00am – 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 11.30am); Messy Church Planning Meeting (1st Saturday at 10.00am) ; Gardening (2nd Saturday from 8.00am); Market Day (3rd Saturday from 8.00am)

Parish contact - (02) 4365 1115 or mobile 0434 431 400

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

Parish Website – www.terrigan Anglican.org.au

Parish Directory

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The Reverend Ann Watson –4365 1065 or 0427 135 771

The Reverend Roy Hazlewood - 4393 0114

The Reverend Dr Richard Harvey – 0422 109 262

Parish Executive

Terry Rowe (4365 0430) - People's Warden

Kyara Newport (4384 3997) - People's Warden

Parish Secretary - Kyara Newport (4384 3997)

Parish Treasurer - Terry Rowe (4365 0430)

Parish Ministries

Parish Organist - Chris Sillince - 0422 225 849

Sacristan and Mission Secretary - Coralie Taylor

Office Manager - Bev Broadley - 4367 6066

Messy Church Convenor - Rhonda Kiss – 4363 5001

Pastoral Care - contact - 4365 1115

Cursillo – Libby Harvey – 0431 315 085

Safety Officer - Mike Keaney

Copyright Compliance Officer – Terry Rowe

Parish Bookshop – Kyara Newport

Market Day Co-ordinator – George Jessup - 4368 2237

Parish Opportunity Shop

Carolyn Shields / Christine De Gans - 4365 1280

The Op Shop is open Tuesday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.00pm

and each Saturday from 10.00am to 1.00pm