

**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
15th December, 2019**



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

Organist – *Chris Sillince*

Hymns: TIS 264, 282 (Tune: Woodlands 411), 497, 274

English Organ Postlude: Processional (C S Lang)

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

Organist – *Libby Harvey*

Hymns: TIS 271 (Tune: Franconia 448), 270, 497, 274

11.30am – Holy Baptism

3.30pm – Messy Church

[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 THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

THE BLIND SEE AGAIN. Many of the Jewish people did not expect a Messiah like Jesus. Many wondered: 'Are you the one who is to come?' Jesus came not to exercise sovereignty and power over the people but to bring blessing to the poor and needy. Let us celebrate his birth this Christmas by being good news for the poor.

We have lit the candles of *hope* and *peace*. Today we light the candle of *joy*. In today's Epistle St Paul exhorts the Philippians to "rejoice always". The Latin for "rejoice" is *Gaudete*, so the Third Sunday in Advent has been called Gaudete Sunday. We rejoice not because things are always going well, but because the Lord has come, the Lord is coming, and the Lord will come. Knowing that the Lord is near eliminates worry and fear.

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 third candle is lit.

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.

Sentence

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.'

Isaiah 35.3-4

Prayer of the Day

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love
on our journey to meet the One who is coming:
strengthen our weak hands,
make firm our feeble knees,
and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom,
so that our hearts may rejoice

as we behold the majesty of our God.

We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Isaiah Chapter 35. Verses 1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul:
while I live I will praise the Lord;
**While I have any being:
I will sing praises to my God.**
Put not your trust in princes:
nor in flesh and blood, which cannot save.
**For when their breath goes from them,
they return again to the earth:**

and on that day all their thoughts perish.

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob:
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

**The God who made heaven and earth:
the sea, and all that is in them,**

Who keeps faith for ever:

who deals justice to those that are oppressed.

**The Lord gives food to the hungry:
and sets the captives free.**

The Lord gives sight to the blind:

the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down.

**The Lord loves the righteous:
the Lord cares for the stranger in the land.**

He upholds the widow and the fatherless:

as for the way of the wicked, he turns it upside down.

The Lord shall be king for ever:

your God, O Zion, shall reign through all generations.

Praise the Lord.

A reading from James Chapter 5. Verses 7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Chapter 11. Verses 2-11

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

For the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Please pray for

Fr Jonathon Ewer, Emma Horton, Isabel Horsley, Ashlyn Blackmore, Ken Hope, Paul C, Maureen H., Jean Easey, Margaret Willard, Kyara Newport, Robyn & Rick Di Cristoforo, Joel, Jean Hilton, Norman Williams, Aaron Lane, Lucy Cardile, Kieran McCarthy, Paul McCarthy, Joyce Taylor, Graeme Patterson, Charlie and Jean K.

We prayerfully remember

Ron Flegg, Michael Wee, Beth Cross and Gordon Robilliard.

'Whispers of Love' Meditation –

Reflection

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And do not forget all his benefits

Psalm 103. 1-2.

Prayerfully, Reverend Ann

Market Day - Thank you and notice for January

Thank you to all those who helped set up and clean up market day yesterday. Your help is always very much appreciated. There will be a market day in January on the 18th. Thank you.

2020 Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Training Programme *Equipping the Saints for the work of Ministry Eph. 4:12*

Two Foundational training programmes in Pastoral/Spiritual care will be offered on the Central Coast in 2020 from February to September. If you feel called to support people with Pastoral/Spiritual care these Units are an exciting way for you to discover and develop your pastoral ability and become equipped for this ministry within a public or church setting.

During training placements are in Gosford or Wyong Hospitals. The training can be used towards formal chaplaincy qualifications with the Sydney College of Divinity.

If you would like to know more, please contact:

Chaplain Frank Wortley **on:**

4320 2253 or Francis.Wortley@health.nsw.gov.au



Sunday 15th December 2019

Please join us this afternoon at 3.30pm for Messy Church and invite a family with young children to come along with you!

Please note: There will be no Messy Church in January, 2020.

Op-Shop Closure Over Christmas

The Op-Shop will proceed with closure on Saturday 21st December, 2019 to re-open on Thursday 2nd January, 2020.

The area where donations are left will be monitored by Parish Councilors to avoid too much build-up of goods.



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Mission Report – 15th December 2019

Third Sunday of Advent



Finding joy in resilience

Is it possible to be joyful when the natural disasters that batter your island home become more destructive with every year? Your gifts help the people of Tonga to prepare for, and stay safe through, worsening disasters. Please give to the Christmas Bowl today.



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

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

Christmas Bowl

Finding joy in resilience

Is it possible to be joyful when the natural disaster that batter your island home become more destructive with every year? Your Christmas Bowl gifts help vulnerable people of Tonga to stay safe through worsening disasters. People like Asena, who has found great joy in protecting her family and caring for her neighbours.

Asena is a trainer in disaster risk reduction and preparedness with Act for Peace's local partner. She travels to communities across the island, teaching people how to survive during a calamity.

When tropical cyclone Gita hit tonga last year, it flattened churches, levelled crops and collapsed power lines. But Asena's work in disaster preparedness helped many families, including her own, to survive the devastation.

By giving this Christmas, you can help more families in Tonga to stay resilient through the next disaster. You will also bring them the joy of knowing they can protect their family and community during the times of greatest need.

We pray for Tonga, our neighbours in the Pacific. Rising tides and changing weather patterns continue to present risk, and the constant threat of disaster. We give thanks for the wisdom and faithfulness of church leaders, and the way that joy is woven deeply into their lived experience despite difficult circumstances. Amen.

THE 2019 ABM ADVENT APPEAL: TO EDUCATE IS TO EMPOWER



Wontulp-Bi-Buya College and Nungalinya College (tax deductible)

Wontulp Bi-Buya College in Cairns and Nungalinya College in Darwin empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to be leaders with the faith, vision and skills to build up their people, their churches and their communities. With a combined enrolment of nearly 400 students, the colleges deliver courses in Christian ministry, theology, suicide prevention, addictions management, community development, media and discipleship, and translating. Your support will help these ecumenical training colleges deliver quality educational programs appropriate to the contexts and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from all around Australia.



Sustainable Livelihoods Program, Kenya (tax-deductible)

ABM's partner in Kenya, Anglican Development Services, Eastern, is bringing real hope for a better future to thousands of subsistence farming families who struggle to put food on the table in the semi-arid Ukamba region of Kenya. You can help to give farmers better access to water, all year round and train those farmers in drought-resistant cropping. Children in the local schools will also be taught about water conservation through an innovative tree-planting scheme. Farmers are also trained and equipped to plant thousands of trees, and to use the best possible farming techniques for conserving precious water. Attention is also given to helping the farmers to join small village savings and loans groups so they can have better cash flows, and eventually borrow to invest in their farms and in their children's education.

Your generous gift to this appeal will put smiles on the faces of Kenyan farmers and their children this Advent.

Coralie Taylor - Mission Secretary.

Prayer of the week

Almighty God,
you have made us and all things to serve you:
come quickly to save us,
so that wars and violence shall end
and your children may live in peace,
honouring one another with justice and love;
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,
who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

GAUDETE SUNDAY

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is sometimes known as Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* is the Latin word for "rejoice." The name comes from the introit or entrance hymn in the old liturgy. It comes from St Paul's letter to the Philippians: *Gaudete in Domino semper* or "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Phil. 4:4). The focus of Advent is the coming of Jesus in his incarnation in the womb of his Blessed Mother; his coming to his Church in the Holy Spirit made present to us by faith and repentance, the ministry of word, prayer and sacrament; and his final Advent at the end of time.

The late Dutch priest and writer, Henri Nouwen, said there is a difference between joy and happiness: happiness depends on external circumstances, our health, our wealth, our relationships and so on. Joy is not finally dependant on those externals, but on knowing that God loves us without condition and that even adversity and sickness, stress, injustice, violence and even death itself, can never take it away from us. In his letter to the Romans, Paul says, "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Rm 8:28). It is possible to know joy even in our sadness. This Sunday of joy can remind us not to fret and fuss

over all the things we've not yet done to prepare for Christmas, but to think of all the good things we have in life, especially the unconditional love of God for us as shown in his Son.

On this Sunday the third candle on the Advent wreath is rose-coloured to remind us of the joyful approach of Christmas. In some parishes, the vestments on this day are rose instead of the usual Advent colour of violet (or blue in some churches).

"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice!"

Fr Mark



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Pew Reflections
The Third Sunday of Advent
– Sunday 15 December 2019

- Isaiah 35.1-10; *Song of Mary* (APBA, pp 31, 435);
James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11

Jesus says of John the Baptist that he is the one who has been sent to prepare the way for Jesus himself. The Greek Church calls John the Baptist the Πρόδρομος – *Prodromos* – *the Forerunner*. This week, pray that like John the Baptist you can prepare the way for Jesus himself in whatever circumstance you find yourself.

- Pray this week for the chance to prepare the way for Jesus to enter the world.
- Give thanks for the Church of the Province of Central Africa, remembering especially the work of the Zambia Anglican Council.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, TERRIGAL 2019

CHRISTMAS EVE Tuesday 24th December 2019

5.00pm Eucharist for Children and Families

11.00pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY Wednesday 25th December 2019

7.30am Sung Eucharist

9.30am Holy Eucharist

Incense will be used at 11pm on Christmas Eve and 7.30am on Christmas Day.

Rosters for next week

22nd December – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.30am

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
Terry Rowe	Adrienne Baldwin Margaret Maclachlan	Terry Rowe TBC	Ronda Margaret

9.30am

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
Carolyn Shields	Irene Neville	Anna Holt John Holt	John Coralie
Morning Tea	Counting Roster		Flowers
Kathy Oaks Margaret & Duncan Piper	Audree Dash June Timms		Margaret Maclachlan

Next Sunday 22nd December 2019 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Organist – Chris Sillince

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

Trinity Band and Singers

Readings: Isaiah 7.10-16, Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19, Romans 1.1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1.18-25

This Week Please note: No morning prayer this Monday or Tuesday.

Monday 16th December

10.00am – Whispers of Love – a meditation [Rev Ann]

Tuesday 17th December

7.00pm - Trinity Band Rehearsal

Wednesday 18th December

8.00am – Morning Prayer [Fr Mark]

5.00pm - Holy Eucharist [Fr Roy]

5.30pm - Sacred Reading [Fr Roy]

Thursday 19th December

8.00am – Morning Prayer [Fr Mark]

10.30am – Eucharist at The Pod (Aurum) [Fr Mark]

Friday 20th December

8.00am – Morning Prayer [Fr Mark]

10.30am – Holy Eucharist and morning tea [Fr Mark]

Readings – Isaiah 7. 10-14, Psalm 24.1-6, Luke 1.28-38

11.45am – Bible Study

Saturday 21st December

THOMAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR (No Eucharist)

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 Monday at 3.00pm Monday Tarragal Manor & Tarragal Glen Eucharist

Every Wednesday at 5.00 pm - Eucharist

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

4th Friday – 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 Service - 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** (as arranged) ; **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**