

**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
22nd December, 2019**



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

Organist – *Chris Sillince*

Hymns: TIS 271, 268, NEH 19, 161

Baroque Organ Postlude: *'Little' Fugue in B Flat (J S Bach)*

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

Trinity Band and Singers

Hymns: TIS 268, 287, 302, 276

[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 FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

A MAN OF HONOUR. Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on Joseph, the husband of Mary, who played such an important role in God's plan of salvation. Joseph was a man of honour who combined respect for the law with compassion for Mary. He was open to hear God's word to him. He is an example for us all.

We have lit the candles of hope, peace and joy. Today we light the candle of love. The angel Gabriel told Mary a special child would be born to her. The birth of Jesus gave joy to his mother and his coming into the world also brings joy. But it was because God loved the world that he gave the gift of his Son. Through the love of Mary and Joseph, Jesus was nurtured and cared for. Jesus taught and healed because he loved. He gave his life in love.

Love is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the love of God shown in Christ.

The fourth candle is lit.

[Let us pray]

Lord God, you chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your incarnate Son. With Joseph, she loved Jesus and cared for him until he was revealed to the world. Give us the same love to help us witness to your Son and so spread the Good News of your love.

Make us ready to welcome him. Amen.

Sentence

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us.

Matthew 1.23

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,
you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:
so fill us with your grace,
that with her we may rejoice in your salvation,
and in all things embrace your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Isaiah Chapter 7. Verses 10 – 16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 80. Verses 1-7, 17-19

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock:
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,
shine out in glory;

**Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:
stir up your power, and come to save us.**

***Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.***

O Lord God of hosts:
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

**You have fed them with the bread of tears:
and given them tears to drink in good measure.**

You have made us the victim of our neighbours:
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

***Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.***

Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:
on that son of man
whom you made so strong for yourself.

**And so we shall not turn back from you:
give us life, and we will call upon your name.**

***Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.***

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Chapter 1. Verses 1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of

faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,
To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

The virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 1.
Verses 18-25

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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, Jean K. and Gloria Townsend.

We prayerfully remember

Marie Hawes, Noreen Neek and Vernon Tucker.

Market Day - January

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

Dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club

Please join us for dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club at 'Bec's Kitchen' on Sunday 5th January from 6pm. If you are interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the notice board.

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.

Samaritan Donations

The Samaritans will be closed until the 21st January, 2020 so please don't drop off any more donations from now until Sunday, 19th January, 2020. Thank you for your kind donations this year.



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Mission Report – 22nd December 2019 ABM - Christmas Gift Appeal



St John's Theological Seminary, Zambia

What will you be thinking about as you celebrate Christ's birth in your church this Christmas? ABM invites you to spare a thought for the Anglican Church in Zambia and its need for well-trained clergy to minister to congregations all over Zambia, many of them in remote rural areas.

St John's Seminary, located in the northern Zambian city of Kitwe, aims to meet the needs of clergy training for the whole church, regardless of whether the diocese or individual can afford to pay. In order to give access to students from poorer dioceses, the college does not charge for tuition.

The seminary receives a small monthly grant from the national Church. But it isn't nearly enough to run the college effectively.

Your generous gift can help the work of St John's, contributing to strengthening the church in Zambia, this Christmas and well beyond.

Christmas Bowl



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Finding strength in love after fleeing Syria

How do we share God's unconditional love with those who have suffered unimaginable violence? Through your gifts, you can help support Syrian refugees as they rebuild their lives. 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

Finding strength in love after fleeing Syria - How do we share God's unconditional love with those who have suffered unimaginable violence?

When their city of Hama came under siege, Rima and her husband Kateb fled for Jordan with their children. As they were escaping, one of their young sons was killed by a chemical strike and died an agonising death. Since then, the family have been living in refugee camps in Jordan, staying together in tents, with no way to support themselves. But they were brave and resilient and have found the strength to carry on. Through the support of the Christmas Bowl they are able to access food packages and hygiene kits from Act for Peace's partner in Jordan, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR). Rima now also brings in a small income for her family by selling Syrian food. Through the Christmas Bowl, you can share God's love by helping to support Syrian refugees like Rima and her family as they rebuild their lives.

Coralie Taylor - Mission Secretary.

Prayer of the week (until Christmas Eve)

O Lord,
raise up your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us,
that, whereas through our sins and wickedness
we are sore let and hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

GIVING BIRTH WITH MARY

At this busy time of year, the Church invites us to reflect again on the strange events recorded in the Gospels that tell of the birth of Jesus. In today's Gospel, we hear about Mary, who was chosen to bear the One who would grow up and save the world from all that spoils it and inhibits its flourishing. When the angel announced to her that she would be giving birth, she said, "Let it be done to me according to your word." In her "Yes" to God, Mary sets us an example of quiet yet confident trust in the promises of God. There was fear, too. To have faith doesn't mean completely understanding; it doesn't mean never doubting or questioning.

Mary, in bearing the Son of God in her womb, shows us how we can carry Christ to the world. Each of us is called to allow Jesus to be born in us and then to bear him to the world – to be his body, his hands and feet and voice. This brings Christmas right to where we are. The Church is called Christ's *body*, the means of his working and ministering in the world. God is again *incarnate*, made flesh, in the Church. This is what makes being a Christian, a follower of Jesus, so exciting and fulfilling. We are involved in the work of God in the world!

But to do this requires God's grace; it isn't something we can do in our own strength or by our own resources. The current economic and environmental challenges we face on a global scale have surely convinced us of that. The Archbishop of Canterbury has called it a "reality check".

Yet, as the angel told Mary, "nothing will be impossible with God". In response, we pray with Mary, "Let it be with me according to your word." As we gather around the Lord's table to share the Eucharist, or Mass – Christmas is *Christ's Mass* – we receive in the bread and wine the very presence of God. Jesus is born in us again. We then go forth in the name of Jesus to incarnate, to embody, to en-flesh his life to others. What a wonderful privilege *and* responsibility.

Let us praise the Lord of heaven and earth for his gift to us, and let us share that gift with the world, in loving service and lavish generosity.

Fr Mark



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Pew Reflections
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
– Sunday 22 December 2019

- Isaiah 7.10-16; Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19;
Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-25

They shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us'. What a profound concept – that God should take on human form and become one of us – what the poet John Betjeman called 'the most tremendous tale of all' in his poem, 'Christmas'. We wait in anticipation for the Incarnation when God comes to us wearing the clothes of humanity, and allows us to become like God by participating in God's life. Alleluya! Salvation is at hand!

- Pray this week that you may become more and more like God himself by following the example of Jesus.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, remembering especially today the staff and students at Newton Theological College in Popondetta.

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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.

25th December – THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR LORD

Please note: If you see a need (marked TBA) and can fill it, please advise Terry Rowe today. Thank you very much.

Christmas Eve 5.00pm

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
TBA	TBA	TBA	Coralie and Margaret

Christmas Eve 11.00pm

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
TBA	TBA	Libby Harvey Terry Rowe	John, Margaret, Coralie, Neil and Stacey

Christmas Day 7.30am

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
TBA	TBA	TBA	John, Jan, Neil, Margaret and Stacey

Christmas Day 9.30am

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
TBA	TBA	TBA	Maureen and Coralie

Rosters for next week

29th December – FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

7.30am

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
Terry Rowe	Ulla Finlay	Neil Ewer TBA	Margaret Neil

9.30am

Greeter	Sidesperson	Readers	Servers
TBA	Ellie Murphy	Judith Thompson Irene Neville	Coralie
Morning Tea	Counting Roster		Flowers
June Timms Laurie Meakins	Audree Dash Ellie Murphy		Jan Bolte

Next Sunday 29th December 2019 – FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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

Organist – Chris Sillince

Readings: Isaiah 63.7-9, Psalm 148, Hebrews 2.10-18

Gospel: Matthew 2.13-23

SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY DURING DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Every Sunday during December and January the Eucharist will be celebrated at 7.30am and 9.30am.

8.00am Morning Prayer on weekdays will be postponed after Christmas and during January.

The Friday Eucharist at 10.30am will continue during December and January however, the Bible Study will be in recess from 27th December and resume on the 7th February 2020.

The Wednesday 5.00pm Eucharist followed by Sacred Readings (*Lectio divina*) will be in recess and will resume 22nd January 2020.

This Week

Monday 23rd December

Reverend Ann's Whispers of Love – a meditation will be in recess until Monday, 3rd February, 2020.

Tuesday 24th December

Band practice will be in recess until Tuesday 4th February, 2020.

CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00pm - Eucharist for Children and Families [*Fr Mark*]

11.00pm - Midnight Mass [*Fr Mark*]

Wednesday 25th December

THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD – CHRISTMAS DAY

7.30am - Sung Eucharist [*Fr Mark*]

9.30am - Holy Eucharist [*Fr Mark*]

Thursday 26th December

STEPHEN, DEACON AND FIRST MARTYR (No Eucharist)

Friday 27th December

JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

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

Readings – Proverbs 8.22-31, Psalm 97, 1 John 1.1-5, John 20.2-8

Saturday 28th December

HOLY INNOCENTS (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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Market Day Co-ordinator – Ian Wolstenholme

Parish Opportunity Shop

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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**