

**Welcome to worship at
Holy Trinity, Terrigal**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
29th November 2020**



9.00am – Holy Eucharist

Presiding and Preaching - Fr Mark Watson

Organist – Chris Sillince

11.00am – Holy Baptism

We welcome Eloise May Creais into the Body of Christ through the Holy Sacrament of Baptism at 11am today. Welcome to parents, Christopher and Christie, and to Godparents and family members and friends as they celebrate this new beginning in Eloise's life.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

COME, LORD JESUS. The prophet Isaiah implored God to tear the heavens open and come down to save the people. God, however, did not come among us in such a dramatic way but in the humble form of Jesus of Nazareth. God continues to enter our lives in unexpected ways. If we are watchful for the presence of Christ in each day, we will recognise him when he comes in glory.

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 citizens 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

'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.'

Mark 13.31

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God,
through long generations you prepared a way
for the coming of your Son,
and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths:
renew us in faith and hope
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts
and claim our love;
to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Isaiah Chapter 64 verses 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 80.1-7, 17-19

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Chapter 1 verses 1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are
sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all
those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of
God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way
you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of
every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been
strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any
spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus
Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may
be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful;
by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord.

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
Mark Chapter 13 verses 24-37

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

'But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Roy writes: As I have listened to and thought about the pandemic during the past weeks, two concepts have come to mind. First, how infectious is the virus? Secondly "Health minister, Greg Hunt says the SA cluster is a reminder that outbreaks are inevitable." There is nothing new in either of these concepts. I thought, however, that it was a good launching pad for my writing this week.

The answer to the first question is extremely infectious. You only need to look at the world-wide figure to agree with that and the deadliness of the results. Putting this into our context as Christians, the question becomes "are we as infectious with our faith"? In Romans 1:7, Paul said he was addressing the Roman letter to "all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints." In I Corinthians 1:2, Paul addressed the Corinthian letter to "the church of God, which is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints." Now transpose that into to-day's world and we read "to all who are in Terrigal, beloved of God, called to be saints." This is you and I who are called to be saints and to live as citizens of heaven. Look now at the saints in heaven and you will find people who suffered as we do, who struggled hard with temptations, sins and doubts and fears. How did they go from being called to be saints on earth to be saints in heaven? They would answer through the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross and his resurrection. They tried then to follow Jesus' footsteps throughout their life and be inspired by his zeal for teaching people in the ways of God.

The health minister's comment about "the SA cluster and outbreaks", brought me to thinking of "cluster" in terms of the people of our parish and the congregations on Friday and Sunday. Last Sunday's Gospel was the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25: 14-30). It is an open-ended Parable allowing each person to find their own interpretation, its specific solution for that person. We have different talents that we discover as time goes by in our lives. They are to be used for God's work within the Body of Christ and within the world and for the benefit of humankind. What, then, can I do to bring my talents to the fore and to use them in this way so that I do not lose the talent? PRAY, PRAY and PRAY. An outbreak of results is inevitable. Come Holy Spirit, come and touch the lives of your people.

Open our lips, Lord, that our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Our help is in the Name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. Keep well, keep safe and the blessing of God be upon you and on all who you love and may your days and nights be holy, good and peaceful.

Prayer for those suffering severe illness (adapted from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, p. 692)

Healing Spirit,
we pray for those suffering from serious diseases
and for those who are terminally ill, and those living with the COVID-19 virus. We pray for skill and patience for the doctors and nurses who care for them. We pray that their relatives and friends may be strengthened and comforted. May their faith not falter as they support each other through testing times. We pray for those engaged in research that by your inspiration and their skill the scourges of this generation may be overcome. Help us to live in your way
and to seek health in body, mind and spirit. **Amen.**

Please pray for

Barb Matthews, Graeme Patterson, Ken Hope, Norm Williams, Emma Horton, Isobel Hargraves, Jean Jackson, Marian French, Aaron Lane, Pat Lindsay, Toby Lindsay, Gloria Townsend, Margaret Willard, Carolyn Gibbs, Kathy Oakes, Pat Stokes, Jill Ross, Tania Howlett, Ian Kidson, Maureen Hazlewood and Carmen McGee.

Funeral Announcement

The funeral service of Elsie Patterson, who died on 20th November, will be held on Monday 30th November, 2020 at the Hillside Chapel, Palmdale at 10.30am. All who knew Elsie are welcome to attend. She is much loved and will be missed by her sons Geoffrey and Graeme, and daughter Elisabeth, family and friends.

'Whispers of Love' Meditation

Reflection:

Jesus' whole life was a witness to his Fathers' love, and Jesus calls his followers to carry on that witness in His Name. In a world torn apart by rivalry, anger, and hatred, we have the privileged vocation to be living signs of love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds.

Henri Nouwen

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

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Samaritans

Some donation requests, should you wish to bring to church to transfer to the Samaritans, are baby nappies, Christmas food items, toothpaste, soap, Christmas biscuits, lollies for children and long-life milk.

We will have our basket for food donations available for those wishing to bring items. Suggestions for donations for the basket are breakfast cereals, pasta, soup, sardines, baked beans, spaghetti in a tin, creamed corn, chips and long-life milk.

Thank you.

Christmas Bowl Appeal

We begin our collection for donations this Sunday through to Christmas. Donations can be left in the white bowl when leaving Church each week or you can ask for an envelope.

For the week beginning the 1st of December, all our takings from our Op Shop will go towards the Christmas Bowl appeal. Please encourage friends to drop in during that week to purchase goods.

Thank you.

Dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club

Please join us for dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club at 'Bec's Kitchen' on **Sunday 6th December from 6pm.**

If you are interested, please let us know by email to the office admin@terrigalanglican.org.au,

calling the office on 4365 1115 or asking to have your name added to the sign-up sheet upon entry to the service on Friday or Sunday.

Women's Fellowship

On the **7th of December at 12 noon**, we are having lunch at Breakers Country Club. We would love to have other women in the parish join us for an enjoyable time there.

Please contact Pam Flegg on 4384 5326 or Irene Neville on 0408 680 269 if you would like to have a lovely time at lunch with us. Thank you.

2021 Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Training Programmes Equipping the Saints. Eph. 4:12

Two Foundational training programmes in Pastoral care will be offered on the Central Coast in 2021. There will be an online and a Face-to-Face option.

Starting in February students can train in Gosford Hospital and the training can be used towards formal chaplaincy qualifications with the Sydney College of Divinity.

What we offer is an excellent way to develop your pastoral ability and become equipped for ministry with a public or church setting. If you are interested in training or for further information, please contact:

Chaplain Frank Wortley on **02 4320 2253** or
Email: Francis.Wortley@health.nsw.gov.au

Prayer of the week

Almighty God,
give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us
 in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
 to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns with you
 and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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Advent 1

– Sunday 29 November 2020

A new ecclesiastical year begins for the Western Church today.

- Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19;
1 Corinthians 1.1-9; Mark 13.24-37

It seems that the Roman Emperor Vespasian needed a striking victory to establish his rule, and so what had begun as the quelling of a revolt in Palestine, became an utter destruction. If you are taken to the base of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem today, you will see huge stones from the second temple, some as large as houses, tossed from the top of the Mount. It would have taken enormous effort, even as it would today, to accomplish this.

Advent calls us again to consider the coming of Christ and Mark chapter 13 plunges us into his vision of the future. It reminds us that most of what we regard as permanent in our own lives is in fact temporary. Ultimately what we can rely on is Christ. *Come Lord Jesus!*

- We pray that we may live each day in the light of his coming.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

Text: The Very Rev Phillip Saunders,
Dean of Canberra and Goulburn
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Mission News – 29th November, 2020 The First Sunday of Advent

First Sunday of Advent



Hope for school girls in Afghanistan

The coronavirus is making it even harder for girls in Afghanistan to get an education and realise their dreams. Schools closed in March and most children don't have internet, TV or radio to learn remotely. Act for Peace's local partner is distributing self-learning packages to children, advocating for girls' education, and getting schools ready to reopen. You can help this vital work. **Please give today.**



Christmas Bowl

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

The Christmas Bowl is an ecumenical appeal bringing together the 18 member churches of the National Council of Churches in Australia.

The First Sunday of Advent: Keeping hope alive for girls in Afghanistan.

Hope keeps us going in bleak times. It's faith that God's love will prevail in our lives. But COVID-19 is dashing the hopes of Afghani girls to go to school and escape the oppression they were born into. This Christmas, please help girls like Jaleela* to keep learning – and restore their hopes for the future.

Jaleela didn't start school until she was eight, because girls' education wasn't encouraged in her community. But thanks to your support, Act for Peace's partner organisation showed her dad the benefits of having an educated daughter.

Because of this advocacy, ten-year-old Jaleela has been getting the education that both her father and mother missed out on. She loves school, and wants to help build a better future for her conflict-torn country. Jaleela said: "There is a lot of fighting in this country, so I should become a doctor."

Sadly, COVID-19 is now making it even harder for girls like Jaleela to learn and realise their dreams. Afghanistan's schools closed in March to stop the spread of the virus. And most children don't have internet access, or even a TV or radio, to learn remotely.

The lockdown is particularly hurting girls, who are already the most vulnerable in their society. As their families come under greater financial strain, many girls are being forced to work, to care for their households, or into early marriages.

The longer girls go without learning, the more likely they will lose their hard-won right to go to school for good. But through your gift to the Christmas Bowl, you can help show them a life of hope and opportunity is still within reach.

Your kindness will help Act for Peace's local partner, Community World Service Asia (CWSA), create and distribute self-learning packages to children across Afghanistan.

You'll help run awareness sessions for families, so they understand how important it is to keep their daughters in school, and you will allow CWSA to train more teachers so they can provide the best, child-centred classes as schools reopen.

Education brings hope. Please give this Christmas and renew that hope for girls in Afghanistan.

**Jaleela's name has been changed to protect her identity as a minor.*

Please remember to support the Parish Op Shop, as they help raise awareness of the mission work of Act for Peace Christmas Bowl, reaching out to assist people in war torn places, refugees, fleeing crises, and those returning to their homeland, helping the vulnerable begin to rebuild their lives, providing medical health care, education, food, hygiene kits, income support, and programs that offer new livelihood skills to those in need,

especially the poor in the world, who are most threatened by COVID-19.

In 2020, the legacy of the Reverend Frank Byatt, has never been more important.

Mission to Seafarers

This past week, the beanies and all other donations were taken to MTS at Wickham. I spoke with the Chaplain Rev. Garry Dodd, and he was overwhelmed by the generosity of the parish.

Thanks again for all the creative beanies and donations for the mission this year.

Beanies final total was 325.

Coralie Taylor
Mission Secretary

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Carolyn Shields / Christine De Gans - 4365 1280

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

Fridays open from 9.00am to 10.15am and from 11:15am to 4.00pm

(Please note Friday between 10.15am-11.15am the Op Shop is CLOSED)

Saturday open from 10.00am to 1.00pm