

**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
First Sunday of Advent
28th November, 2021**



**8.00am - Sung Eucharist - *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*
Organist – Chris Sillince
Hymns: 272, 271, 265, 273**

**9.30am - Holy Eucharist - *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*
Trinity Band and Singers
Hymns: 276, 526, 693, 279**

[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.

BAPTISM

We welcome Alexander and Jacqueline Phillips who bring their daughter Amelia Michelle to the Holy Sacrament of Baptism at 11am today. Welcome also to Godparents, families and friends gathered for this happy and holy occasion.

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 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

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 Jeremiah 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

EMBER DAYS

Ember Days are set aside for prayers for the ministry of the Church. Our lectionary has designated Tuesday, 23rd November to Monday 29th November as Ember Days. The following prayer may be used on each of the Ember Days. "Ember" refers to the fire of the Holy Spirit within us being fanned into flame as we live out our faith in witness to Christ and deeds of loving kindness.

Prayer

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts,
by your Holy Spirit you have appointed
various orders of ministry in your Church:
look with mercy and favour on all who are called
to serve you in the sacred ministry,
that they may faithfully serve you
to the glory of your name

and the benefit of your Church and people;
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**

Please pray for:

Tania Howlett, David Lamb, Gloria Townsend, Val Stratford,
Irene Neville and Margaret Hassall.

We pray for the family of Des Matthews



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Advent 1

– Sunday 28 November 2021

– A new year begins for Western Christians

(Orthodox Christians begin theirs annually on 1 September)

- Jeremiah 33.14-16; Psalm 25.1-10;
1 Thessalonians 3.9-13; Luke 21.25-38

Advent has begun: a time of waiting for the coming of Christ. This whole year has been a time of waiting - waiting to see loved ones; waiting to worship together; waiting for simple freedoms we have always taken for granted. Waiting can be tough! But that changes when we wait with hope. Our readings today encourage us, even as we wait, to hope in God who is compassionate, faithful, and who draws near to us (sometimes in unexpected ways).

- Give thanks for the hope that comes in knowing and trusting God.

- Give thanks for the work of ABM, whose mission is to bring God's love, hope and justice to this hurting world.

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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.**

MEDITATION 'WHISPERS OF LOVE' Monday 10.00am

Reflection

Advent focuses our attention on the coming of Christ. We live between two comings of Christ – his first coming in humility and weakness at Bethlehem, and the second coming in majesty and power at the end of time. St Paul says that with each passing year 'our salvation is nearer than we first believed.' May we this week meditate and strengthen our spiritual life so we may be more sensitive to the gentle voice of God this Advent.

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

PARISH THANK YOU BOWLO DINNER

Our last Parish Bowlo night for 2021 will be held on Sunday 5th December. We will be joined by volunteers from our Op Shop and Market Day. Sign up sheet is now available.

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

Christmas Bowl

As we did last year, the Parish Council has decided to support the Christmas Bowl Appeal. At the last meeting it was agreed that the Parish will be donating the takings from the Opp Shop for the period 30th November – 4th December 2021 to this important appeal.

First Sunday of Advent



Hope for families in Indonesia

Central Sulawesi was hard hit by a huge earthquake and tsunami in 2018. Since then, farms which families rely on for food have been affected by floods, drought and the COVID-19 pandemic. Women are learning to make organic fertiliser and pesticides to help them grow their own food to feed their families. This Christmas Bowl, you are helping communities adapt to climate change and withstand financial hardship when disasters strike. **Please give today.**

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

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Terry Rowe, Treasurer.

AGM REPORTS

As 2021 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 the beginning of January.

Thanking you in advance

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2021

Sunday 5th December - 6.00pm – Dinner at the Bowlo

Monday 13th Dec – 12.30pm Women’s Fellowship Lunch – Breakers Country Club

Next Sunday – 5th December 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Organist – Chris Sillince

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

Organist – Sharon Sandstrom

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

Gospel Luke 3. 1-6

This Week

Monday 29th November

10.00am - Whispers of Love

Tuesday 30th November

ANDREW, APOSTLE AND MARTYR

7.00pm - Trinity Band and Singers Rehearsal

Wednesday 1st December

Thursday 2nd December

Frances Perry, founder of the Royal Women's Hospital Melbourne (d. 1892)

Friday 3rd December

Francis Xavier, priest and missionary (d. 1552)

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

Readings – Isaiah 29. 17-24, Psalm 27. 9-17, Matthew 9. 27-31

11.45am – Bible Study

Saturday 4th December

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

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