

**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
13th February, 2022**



8.00am – Sung Eucharist *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*

Organist – *Chris Sillince*

Hymns: TIS 111, 413, 141 (Tune: Gerontius), 446 (Tune: Austria 772)

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

Trinity Band and Singers

Hymns: TIS 474, 655, 534, 531

[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.

BEWARE OF THE JOY THIEVES

My dear brothers and sisters, it's good to be back feeling refreshed and rejuvenated. I am deeply grateful to my fellow clergy, the Reverends Richard Harvey, Roy Hazlewood, and Ann Watson, for providing cover during my absence. I also thank Churchwardens Kyara Newport, Terry Rowe, and Neil Ewer for their hard work in multiple capacities. Also, thanks to Office Administrator Cal Priest, Op Shop staff and volunteers, and others who have exercised various forms of ministry and assistance.

One of the most relaxing things about holidays is not having to be bound by the clock, the calendar and the diary. While in Nelson Bay, I ate breakfast around 10am. One morning I caught up with a friend for coffee. We chatted for some time. When he asked me what time it was, I replied, "Would you believe it's nearly four o'clock."

Having time to read, go to the beach, take long walks, catch up with family and friends, catching up on gardening, is very pleasant. It's also a good opportunity to take care of mundane and domestic tasks after putting them off for some time: getting taps fixed, shoes repaired, a new battery for my watch.

Of course, all the while, COVID-19 has been present, and has continued to impact our lives. For the first time since the coronavirus appeared, a few members of my family tested positive. Fortunately, they were mainly younger family members and symptoms were mild. We are grateful for that, but at the same time we recognise the ongoing suffering caused by the pandemic. For the first time, parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish have tested positive. This has resulted in a sharp downturn in attendances. People are understandably scared.

While our health system has much to commend it and is the envy of some other nations – I can only say positive things about it after undergoing some minor procedures at this time last year – the pandemic has revealed some of the weaknesses in our health system. Stressed and overworked health care workers stretched to the maximum, the priority of profit over people, the premature coming out of lockdown, again, all for the sake of the economy,

the learning to live with the virus abandonment and surrendering to the virus.

In today's Gospel Jesus pronounces "blessed" those who are normally considered anything but blessed in our world: the poor, the hungry, the sad, the hated and reviled. By contrast, the rich, the well-fed, the happy, the highly commended, are pronounced "cursed." We're led to believe certain activities bring joy and happiness, yet they end up cheating us and stealing our joy.

Currently, the New Testament readings from the lectionary for Morning Prayer are from St Paul's letter to the Philippians. Paul says, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near" (Philippians 4:4-5). Paul had been beaten, shipwrecked, rejected and imprisoned. Yet he was able to say, "I have learned to be content with whatever I have" (Phil 4:11).

Contrary to the popular view, which sees joy as a result of getting and acquiring, joy comes from kindness and gratitude. But it's not a matter of drumming up nice thoughts by our own effort. It is the result of knowing the Lord is near. **Forgetting God is near steals our joy from us.** God is near through the scriptures and the sacraments, in the love we receive from others in the community of faith, and in the gift of life itself. Advent reminds us God is near in the incarnation of Jesus and in the promise of his return.

Another joy thief is selfishness. Self-focus, grumbling, negativity, lack of generosity, refusing to forgive others, dishonesty, and a sense of entitlement, all steal our joy. In the *Magnificat*, we hear our Blessed Mother cry out in joy: "my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant" (Luke 1:47-48a). Mary had every reason to be afraid and turn inwards: an unmarried woman facing the prospect of bearing Emmanuel – *God with us* – in her womb. Yet she was so overwhelmed with a sense of the Lord's love and favour she burst into praise.

As we commence the journey of the year ahead, let us be on our guard against these thieves of joy: especially forgetting the Lord

is near, and selfishness. But don't just avoid them – cultivate their opposites. Remember the Lord is near, by praying, reading the scriptures, and receiving the sacraments (especially Confession and Communion). Discourage selfishness by going out of your way to do kind things for others, forgiving those who've wronged you, and making a conscious choice not to give in to negativity.

Looking forward to catching up.

Fr Mark

LENT 2022

Lent is fast approaching with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd and I invite you to consider joining a parish study group. The Rt Rev'd Bill Ray, who retired as Bishop of the Diocese of North Queensland in September 2018, and who prepared the Lenten study book we used a few years ago, has again agreed to write this year's Lenten study books. This year's study is titled, *Conversations with an awesome God* from 'Grassroots Resources'. Bishop Ray is an engaging writer and the studies include practical exercises which have proved very helpful and popular.

If you would like to join a group, please sign-up on the sheet on the notice board. As last year, there will be two groups meeting: Thursdays at 7.30pm (commencing 3rd March), and Fridays at 11.30am (commencing 4th March), each group gathering in the Meeting Room. Please add your name as soon as possible so the books can be ordered.

Every blessing,
Fr Mark.

Sentence

Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man. Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Luke 6.23

Prayer of the Day

Righteous God,
you challenge the powers that rule this world
and you show favour to the oppressed:
instil in us a true sense of justice,
that we may discern the signs of your kingdom
and strive for right to prevail;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Jeremiah Chapter 17 verses 5-10

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly: nor followed the way of sinners, nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.

**2 But their delight is in the law of the Lord:
and on that law will they ponder day and night.**

3 They are like trees planted beside streams of water:
that yield their fruit in due season.

**4 Their leaves also shall not wither:
and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.**

5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:
they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.

**6 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the
judgement:
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

7 For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, Chapter 15, verses 12 – 20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, **alleluia!**
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Chapter 6, verses 17 – 26**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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

Please pray for:

Angarad O'Malley, Tania Howlett, David Lamb, Gloria Townsend, Val Stratford, Irene Neville, Denise Perry, Anne Fitzgerald, Harvey Boardman, Ron Langley, Sam Mulcahy and Sharon Sandstrom.

Prayer of the Week

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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'Whispers of Love' Meditation

Reflection: Listening creates a holy silence. When we listen generously to people, they can hear the truth in themselves, often for the first time.

In the silence of listening, we can know ourselves in someone. Eventually, we may be able to hear, in everyone, the unseen singing softly to itself and to us.

Prayerfully, Reverend Ann.

DATE FOR THE DIARY – 2022

AGM 13th March, 2022 – 11am.

LOST AND FOUND

Have you misplaced your red framed reading glasses in a black Vogue case? If so, please contact Cal in the office on 4365 1115 on Tuesday or Thursday (10am to 2pm) or speak with Fr Mark.

Women's Fellowship – 14th February, 2022 at 1pm

We welcome all other women in the parish to join us for a time to chat and socialise at our meetings.

Our first meeting will be a short AGM then a general meeting where we will catch up with others.

In March, Stephanie Hall will give a talk about the important medical work her husband is doing for women in Ethiopia. This will be a very interesting topic indeed, so we hope many will come to hear her speak.

We'd be delighted to see new members join us at our meetings.

MARKET DAY CANCELLATION

Please be advised that the February Market Day, due to commence on Saturday 19th February, 2022 has been **CANCELLED**. Market Day will recommence in March on Saturday the 19th.

Ian Wolstenholme.

SAFE Series

The Office of the Children's Guardian (OCG) has developed a series of four children's books known as the SAFE series. The series has been developed as a tool for child-related workers and parents who want to introduce the concept of personal safety in a non-confrontational way to children under the age of six. This guide is to be used in conjunction with other learning resources. The OCG offers weekly webinars for parents and carers. More information can be found by visiting their website at <https://www.ocg.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/training-and-resources/webinars-and-face-to-face-training/safe-books-and-workshops>

Market Days at Holy Trinity are on the third Saturday of the month

Mark your calendars:

19th March/9th April/21st May/18th June/16th July/20th August/17th September/15th October/19th November/10th December.

8am to 1pm in our new building at the rear of the Church.

Palm Crosses - Ash Wednesday 2nd March, 2022

Ash Wednesday, 2nd March, marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. This is a Season of penance, contrition, reflection and fasting, a period of 40 days for us to prepare for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. During this preparation, we are reminded, that **God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts.**

Each year the Ashes are prepared using the blessed Palm Crosses from the previous years' Palm Sunday Service.

The symbolic marking of foreheads with ashes, to humble our hearts, remind us that life passes away on Earth. **"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".** *Gen. 3:19*

Please return your cross by Sunday, 27th February. A Bowl will be placed on the Side Table in the gathering space for the collection of the Palm Crosses. Could you please bring your Palm Crosses from last year to place in the bowl, so that they can be prepared and burned as part of the Parish's preparations for this years' Ash Wednesday services? Thank you.

Coralie Taylor - Sacristan.



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Ordinary Sunday 6C[Epiphany 6] – Sunday 13 February 2022

- Jeremiah 17.5-10; Psalm 1;
1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26

Jesus teaches us today about blessings and woes. Woe to us, rich as we are. Woe to us, bloated with self-satisfaction as we are. Woe to us who laugh without care. Woe to us, the well-regarded ones. It's chastening stuff for the comfortable. What then can we do? We can walk alongside the poor, for theirs is the kingdom that is the only one worth seeking. We can feed the hungry, because God cares for their aching bellies more than ours. We can comfort the sorrowful; bringing them joy helps us to bring ourselves closer to Jesus. We can stand in

solidarity with those whom society finds objectionable for one reason or another. May we 'rejoice on that day' at the end of time 'and leap for joy' along with the others that Jesus loves.

- Lord, help me to become a blessing to others.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*, the Anglican Church of Japan.

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Next Sunday – 20th February, 2022

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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Organist – Chris Sillince

9.30am – Holy Eucharist – *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*
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Readings: Genesis 45.3-11, 15, Psalm 37.1-11, 40-41, 1 Corinthians 15.35-50

Gospel: Luke 6.27-38

This Week -

Monday 14th February

Cyril (d. 869) and Methodius, bishop (d. 885) missionaries to the Slavs

10.00am - Meditation – Whispers of Love – *Reverend Ann Watson*

1.00pm – Women's Fellowship

Tuesday 15th February

7.00pm – Trinity Band and Singers rehearsal

7.00pm – Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 16th February

5.00pm - Eucharist and Sacred Reading at Holy Trinity – *Fr Roy Hazlewood*

Thursday 17th February

Friday 18th February

10.30am - Eucharist [*Fr Mark Watson*]

Readings – James 2.14-24, 26 Psalm 112.1-6, Mark 8.34-9.1

Saturday 19th February

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