

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
11th December, 2022



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

Organist – Chris Sillince

Hymns: TIS 264, TIS 274, NEH 7, TIS 272

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

Trinity Band and Singers

Hymns: TIS 268, 287, 534, 281

[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.

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

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

1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul:
while I live I will praise the Lord;

**2 While I have any being:
I will sing praises to my God.**

3 Put not your trust in princes:
nor in flesh and blood, which cannot save.

**4 For when their breath goes from them,
they return again to the earth:
and on that day all their thoughts perish.**

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

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

7 Who keeps faith for ever:
who deals justice to those that are oppressed.

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

9 The Lord gives sight to the blind:
the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down.

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

11 He upholds the widow and the fatherless:
as for the way of the wicked, he turns it upside down.

**12 The Lord shall be king for ever:
your God, O Zion, shall reign through all generations.
Praise the Lord.**

A Reading from The Letter of 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 God 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:

John, Michael Hort, Lynette Brennan, Shirley Kearns, Sharon Sandstrom, Angarad O'Malley, Tania Howlett, David Lamb, Gloria Townsend, Irene Neville, Denise Perry, Michelle Davies, Jo, Ray Wilmot, Steve Taylor, Di. M, Jeannie Hilton, Robyn Smith, Colleen Wells, Harvey Boardman, Neil Ewer, Carmen McGee, Keith Corden, Emma Horton, Merv Singh, Val King, Melissa Moore, John Sorenson and P. Thomas.

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.**

Third Sunday of Advent



Sharing God's love this Christmas



**Christmas
Bowl**

Zimbabwe is suffering from critically low food reserves, as climate change brings harsher and more frequent drought. Families already living in poverty and hunger are now being plunged further into crisis.

Through your gift this Christmas Bowl, you can support Act for Peace's local partner, Christian Care, to provide training in the latest climate-resilient farming techniques so families can be more food secure. **Please give today.**

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

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ASDF Account: Parish of Terrigal, BSB:705-077
Account Number: 00040934 Terry Rowe, Treasurer.

'WHISPERS OF LOVE' A MEDITATION

We meet each Monday at Holy Trinity Terrigal at 10.00am.

Reflection: God of wisdom,
Grant me the courage to pray with an open heart and open life.
Grant me the peace of mind
That I can be still and listen to you and then be able to
recognize your invitation.
Grant me the humility to seek out those past and present who
are wise and can be my companions at his time Amen.
Prayerfully, Reverend Ann.

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS -
NATIONALLY CO-ORDINATED CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK AND
SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING

ALL Volunteers and Employees of the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle are required to undertake a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check. We need this completed prior to 15th December, 2022. If you haven't already, to do this:

1. Visit the Diocese's Online Self-Service Portal:

crimcheck.org.au/check/newcastleanglican

and complete an application for a Criminal History Check.

2. CrimCheck will then review the application and verify the applicant's identity before submitting the application for processing on behalf of the Diocese and the applicant.

3. The applicant and the Diocesan Office will be notified of the results and will receive a final Criminal History Check Certificate.

This process requires you to upload four identity documents to their website. If you require help with this process, please contact me to arrange a date and time for you to come to the office. Our phone number is 4365 1115 and I am available between 10am – 2pm Tuesday or Thursday or email admin@terrigalanglican.org.au

You will need to bring your four items of ID documentation for me to help you such as passport, drivers' licence (or photo ID), Medicare card, pension card and birth certificate.

Also, every three years all clergy, staff and volunteers are required to undergo the Safe Ministry training. This training is now only online and is free. Here is the link:

<https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/training-and-resources/elearning>

If you need to search for the course name, it is called:

OCG – Child Safe – Keeping children safe in organisation e-Learning modules.

Volunteers need to complete the first 9 modules and Clergy need to complete all 11 modules.

As the training has changed, regardless of your last training date, all clergy, staff and volunteers are required to complete the new training.

Once you have completed the training, please either email the letter of completion or bring a hard copy into the office so that I can update your record with the new date of completion.

If you need assistance, please call or email me to arrange a time to come in to the office.

Thank you.

Cal Priest – Office Assistant.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship meets the second Monday of each month at 1pm in the church foyer. All women are welcome to join us for a shared time of Christian Fellowship. We have concluded meetings for this year and there will be no meeting on Monday 12th December. We will resume in February 2023. Thank you to everyone who attended this year. We hope to see you in the new year.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are trying to set up new rosters for people to help with:

- *Church set up on a Sunday morning
- *Greeters
- *Sidespersons
- *Operating the slides and assisting in video recording.

If you would like to help out and volunteer in any of these roles, please let Fr Mark, another priest, church warden or myself know. Your help would be very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Cal Priest – Office Assistant.

OP SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for more volunteers for our Op Shop on Thursday and Friday. Can you spare a few hours? We would be most grateful. Prior to commencement, Op Shop volunteers need to complete a Police Check and the Safer Ministry Course, along with some other requirements regarding safety of vulnerable people and children. If you are interested in joining our team, please see one of our managers, Carolyn Shields or Julie Laird, in the Op Shop or call them on 4365 1280.

GARDEN WORKING BEE

We are having a working Bee on Saturday 28th January, 2023 at 8:30am and would love to see you there.

Thank you to all who helped in our gardens in 2022. We look forward to more happy gardening in 2023.

Best wishes,
Jackie Davidson.

MARKET DAY

Thank you to everyone who helped set up and clean up market day yesterday. Your help is always very much appreciated and goes towards making each Market Day a great success.

Ian Wolstenholme.



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The Third Sunday of Advent – Sunday 11 December 2022

- 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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Next Sunday – 18th December 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8.00am – Sung Eucharist – *Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*
Organist – Chris Sillince

9.30am – Holy Eucharist – *Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*
Organist – Sharon Sandstrom

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

Gospel: Matthew 1.18-25

4.00pm – Nine Lessons & Carols – *Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*

Rosters for next week 16th and 18th December –

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Friday 16th December 10.30am Eucharist

Reader
Colleen Cronin

Sunday 18th December

Flowers
Jan Bolte

8.00am 18th December Sunday Eucharist

Readers	Servers
1 st – Colleen Cronin 2 nd – Ann West	Margaret and Neil

9.30am 18th December Sunday Eucharist

Readers	Servers	9.30am Morning Tea
1 st – Baxton Culshaw 2 nd – Pam Hammond	Margaret and Neil	Evelyn White Marie Partier



**2022 CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT
HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, TERRIGAL**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT - 18th December, 2022.

**4.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols – followed by
Afternoon Tea.**

Bring your family and friends to enjoy some beautiful Christmas Music provided by our organists *Chris Sillince* and *Sharon Sandstrom* and *The Trinity Band and Singers*.

CHRISTMAS EVE Saturday 24th December 2022

5.00pm Eucharist for Children and Families

11.00pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY Sunday 25th December 2022

8.00am Sung Eucharist

9.30am Holy Eucharist

Please note: Incense will be used at both Midnight Mass and also on Christmas Day at the 8.00am Sung Eucharist.

This Week

Monday 12th December

10.00am – Whispers of Love – A Meditation [Rev'd Ann Watson]
No Women's Fellowship meeting.

Tuesday 13th December

Lucy, martyr and virgin (d. 304)

7.00pm – Trinity Band and Singers Practice

7.00pm – Parish Council

Wednesday 14th December

John of the Cross, mystic and teacher (d. 1591)

5.00pm – Eucharist

5.30pm – Sacred Reading

Thursday 15th December

Friday 16th December

10.30am – Holy Eucharist [Fr Mark Watson]

Readings: Isaiah 56.1-8, Psalm 67,

Gospel: John 5.33-36

11.00am – Morning Tea

Saturday 17th December

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Carolyn Shields/Julie Laird - 4365 1280

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