

1st Sunday of Advent 28th November 2021

Holy Eucharist and Reception of:

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Into the Anglican Church of Australia



8am Presiding and Preaching: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra 10am Presiding: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra 10am Preaching: The Rt Rev'd Genieve Blackwell

Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne. Thank you for joining us in worship.

Please join in saying the text marked in **bold** and singing the musical responses and hymns.

Introduction

The return of Jesus is a moment towards which the Christian looks in hope; it is the beginning of real freedom. Jesus asks us to watch and to wait. If we live lives that contradict worldly values, then we will be able to stand with confidence before the Son of Man when he comes.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

TIS 273



- 1. Lo! he comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain; thousand thousand saints attending swell the sound of this refrain:
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
 God appears on earth to reign.
- 2. Every eye shall now behold him robed in awesome majesty; those who have betrayed and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the tree, deeply shamed before him, deeply shamed before him, shall the true Messiah see.
- 3. Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears, cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshippers: with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4. Sing amen! let all adore you, high on your eternal throne; Saviour, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for your own; O come quickly, O come quickly, O come quickly; hallelujah! Come, Lord, come.

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Bishop: Peace be with you:

And also with you.

Remain standing for the lighting of the Advent wreath

We have this ADVENT WREATH to remind us of the coming of Jesus Christ who is the light of the world.

As we light the first candle let us say together:

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

A young person asks: Why do we light the first candle?

A parent replies: We light the first candle to remind us of the people of God who in every age waited for the coming of the Messiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them has light shined. For a child has been born for us, a son has been given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

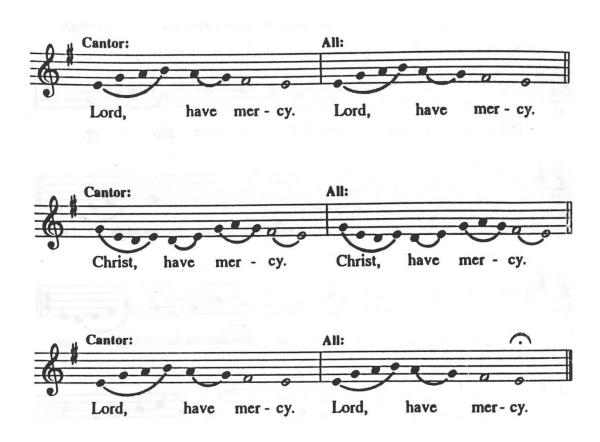
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Celebrant: Let us say together:

Our Father who is in heaven we need the light of peace and love to shine in our world. Help us to prepare our lives and homes to receive the Messiah. Come Lord Jesus come. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Missa Emmanuel R. Proulx

The deacon introduces the confession:

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. In the light we confess our sins.

Merciful God, our Maker and our Judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The bishop pronounces the absolution:

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The celebrant reads the prayer of the day

Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah:

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.'

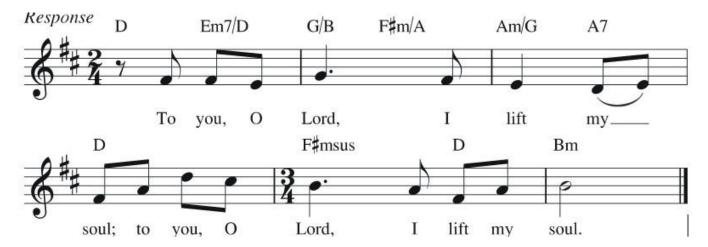
Jeremiah 33.14-16

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25.1-10 TIS 14

Response:



Response:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; to you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

- Lord, make me know your ways.
 O Lord, teach me your paths.
 Make me walk in your truth and teach me: for you are God my saviour. *Response*
- 2. The Lord is good and upright, and shows the path to those who stray. The Lord guides the humble in the right path, and teaches God's way to the poor. *Response*
- 3. The Lord's ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep God's will.

 The Lord's friendship is for those who are faithful, to them God's love has been revealed. *Response*

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SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:

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.

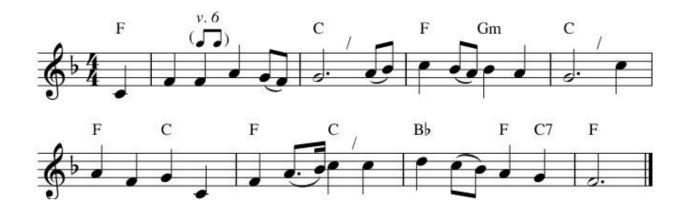
1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

TIS 271



- 1. The advent of our God with eager prayers we greet, and singing hasten on his road his coming reign to meet.
- 2. The everlasting Son was born to make us free; and he a servant's form put on to gain our liberty.
- 3. Let Zion now arise to greet her infant king, and gladly take with thankful heart the peace he comes to bring.
- 4. As judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come again, his scattered people to unite, with them in heaven to reign.
- 5. Then evil flee away before the rising dawn!
 Let our old nature day by day God's image still put on.

6. Praise to the incarnate Son who comes to set us free, with Father, Spirit, ever one to all eternity.

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THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, Alleluia

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, '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. 31 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.

Luke 21.25-38

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

THE RECEPTION

The candidates are presented by the priest/or lay sponsor:

...have already been baptised and has formerly been a communicant member of theChurch. They now ask to be received into communicant membership of the Anglican Church of Australia and seeks our prayers in the fellowship of this parish.

The bishops says to the candidates:

Do you stand by the Christian confession and commitment made at your baptism?

The candidates:

I do.

Do you desire to be admitted into communicant membership of the Anglican Church of Australia and accept her doctrine and order?

The candidates:

I do.

The bishop welcomes the candidates in these words, taking them by the hand:

We recognise you as baptised and communicant member of the Christian Church.

The congregation responds:

We receive and welcome you into the communion of the Anglican Church.

The bishop says:

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of wisdom and love,

source of all good,

by your Holy Spirit strengthen your servants

and guide them in your way of peace and love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,

who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The candidates kneel and the bishop lays hands on the candidate's heads, saying:

...., may the Holy Spirit direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom in the fellowship of this Church.
God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless, preserve and keep you.

Amen.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each section:

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

His spirit is with us.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



- 1. 'Wake, awake, for night is flying,'
 the watchmen on the heights are crying,
 'Awake, Jerusalem, arise!'
 Midnight hears the welcome voices,
 and at the rousing cry rejoices:
 'Where are you, all you virgins wise?
 The bridegroom comes, awake!
 Your lighted lamps then take.
 Hallelujah!
 With joy prepare
 to meet him there;
 the royal wedding feast is near.'
- 2. Zion hears the watchmen singing, and in her heart new joy is springing; she wakes, she rises from her gloom. For her Lord now comes all-glorious, and strong in grace, in truth victorious; her star has risen, her light has come. Now come, O precious crown, Lord Jesus, God's own Son. Hail, hosanna!

 O lead us all into the hall where you provide your joyful meal.
- 3. Now let all the heavens adore you, and saints and angels sing before you with harp and cymbal's joyful tone. Gates of pearl in heaven are shining; there, with the angel-choir combining, we gather round your radiant throne. No eye has seen that sight, no ear heard such delight. What rejoicing! Yet there will we eternally with songs acclaim your majesty.

Philipp Nicolai 1556–1608 tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827–78 alt. The earlier version of this chorale may be found in The Lutheran Hymnal, 1973, at 487. Reproduced with permission

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

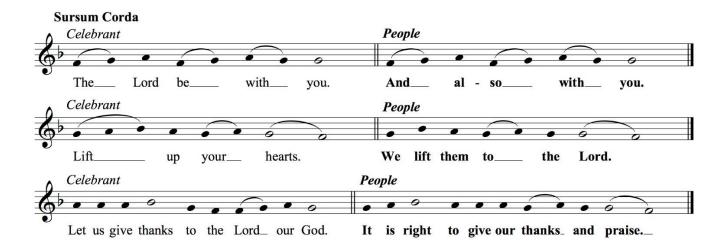
Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessèd be God for ever.

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessèd be God for ever.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



All thanks and praise, glory and honour, be yours at all times and in all places, holy and loving Father, true and living God.

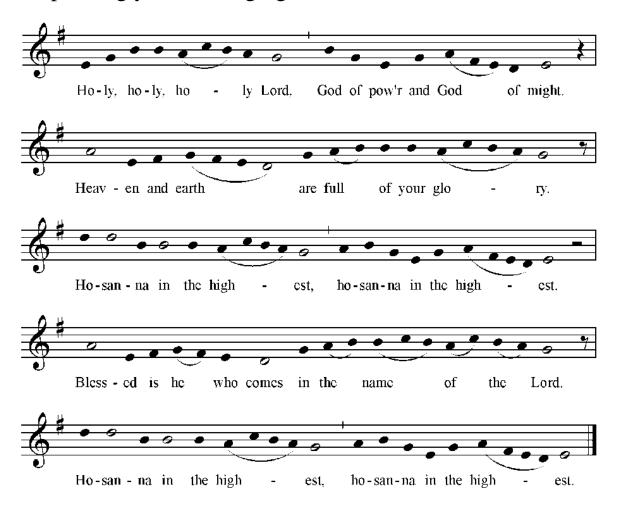
We praise you that through your eternal word you brought the universe into being and made us in your own image. You have given us this earth to care for and delight in, and with its bounty you preserve our life.

We thank you that you bound yourself to the human race with the promises of a gracious covenant and called us to serve you in love and peace.

Above all, we give you thanks for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ: born as one of us, he lived our common life and offered his life to you in perfect obedience and trust.

By his death he delivered us from sin, brought us new life, and reconciled us to you and to one another.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:



Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you.

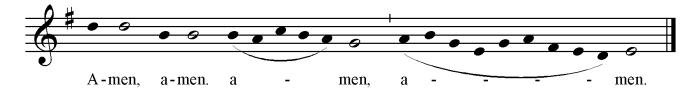
This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit all glory is

yours, eternal God, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

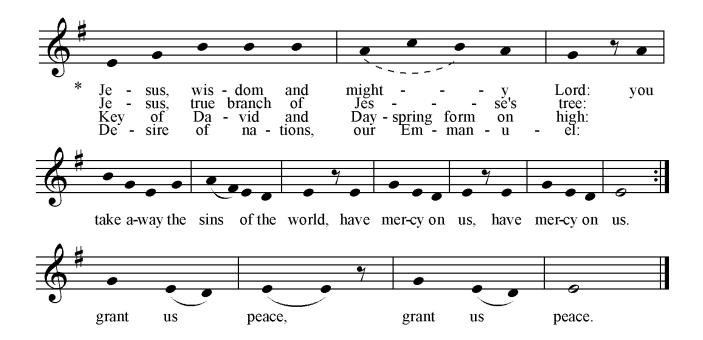
As Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI



THE INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE ANTHEM

"Remember, O Thou man"

Thomas Ravenscroft (ca. 1590-1633). Arr. M Schweizer.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of the Spirit.

THE BLESSING

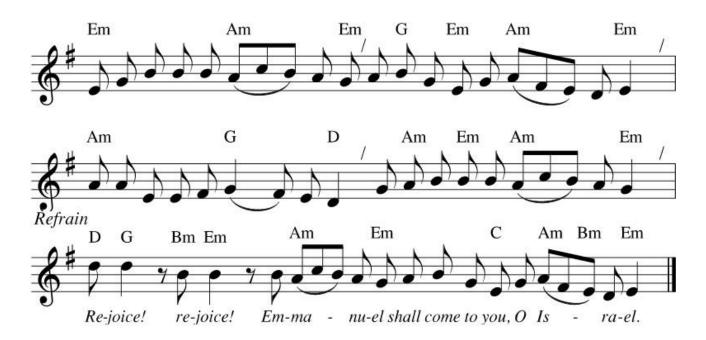
Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.



1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

2. O come, O come, great Lord of might who to the tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times did give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

3. O come, O key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

4. O come, O branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell your people save and give them victory o'er the grave.

Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

5. O come, O dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by your advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Anon., Latin, 18th cent. or earlier based on Antiphons from 9th cent. or earlier tr. John Mason Neale 1818–66 alt.

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POSTLUDE

"Wake, Awake, for night is flying".

Robert A Hobby Based on "Wachet Auf".

PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need, including Deepa, Sharne, Ellie, Leanne, Barbara, Pat, Jocelyn, Mandy, Jenny, Sasha, Martin, Pamela, Paul, + Andrew and Father Tim.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Jarrod Duke and Emily Guy.

If there is a name that should be included, please advise the Parish Office by email office@stmarys.org.au

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ST MARY'S PARISH NOTICES

The Roster - Who's Doing What This and Next week!

	November 28th	December 5th
8:00am Reader	Jenny Langmead	Anne Sunderland
10:00am Readers	Helen McCallum Jer 33:14-16 Fabien Nunes 1 Thess 3:9-13	Paul Eikelboom Mal 3:1-14 Audrey Statham Phil 1:1-11
Serving Team	Alice Christofi Andrew Murray Anne Sunderland	Graeme Archer TBC
Welcome	Michael Golding Harriet Jenkins	Samuel Miller Denise Archer
Introduction & Intercessions	Robert Gribben	Andrew Murray
Video/AV	Adam Wing	Paul Eikelboom
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Harriet Jenkins	Rosie Moloney
Morning Tea	Helen McCallum David K	Susan Gribben
Collection Counting	Parish Council +1	Parish Council +1
Flowers	Jan Joustra (Advent Greenery)	Helen McCallum (Advent Greenery)

Climate in the Kitchen

When: 5 December, after 10am service and morning tea

Join the Climate Action Group for a discussion about how our domestic habits and practices can help in the fight against Climate Change and the degradation of our environment.

Practical tips and exchange of information.

We will have a guest to talk to us about ecological food and products.

Roster

Dear Friends,

With life returning to normal, we are asking if you can indicate your rostering availability for the November/December period. Please click on this link:

https://forms.gle/JPk4WcEPLb6m75TY8

Hotham Mission

The **Hotham Mission** is a faith-based, non-profit organisation which has provided education support, food relief and other general support to young people and their families in North Melbourne and surrounding areas since 1927. The assistance provided by Hotham Mission is targeted, compassionate, and delivered through strength-based, community collaboration.

Five local congregations are affiliated with Hotham Mission; St Mark the Evangelist Uniting Church; the joint Anglican and Uniting Church congregation of Christ Church, Kensington; St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne; St Alban's Anglican Church, North Melbourne; and The West Melbourne Baptist Church, West Melbourne. More information, including how to support the Hotham Mission, can be found on the website.





Christmas Hampers

The Season is fast approaching yet again and Anglicare Victoria's Homeless Support Services is continuing their established tradition of distributing Christmas hampers of food and other amenities to the homeless. The festive season can be a lonely and depressing time for those on the margins of society, so these hampers can often bring a little joy to those who have very little. If you would like to support this community outreach, your donation of items such as the following will be gratefully received:

- Small Christmas puddings
- Small Christmas cakes
- * Tins of ham, turkey and chicken (ring pull or key opening)
 - Tins of vegetables (ring pull)
 - Shortbread
 - Cans of soft drink
- Custard
- Small jar of coffee (50g)
- Packets of tea bags (25pk)
- Small packets of sugar
- UHT long-life milk Packers of 6
 - Christmas cards
- Mince Pies

While not limited to Christmas hampers, toiletries are also handy items - things like: toothpaste & brushes, shampoo & conditioner, disposable safety razors, deodorant, soap (small packages or hotel size).

Also please consider that most of the clients are single people, so individually packaged items are best, or small packets - as family sized packages are often difficult to break down to smaller sizes for distribution.

All donations will need to be received at St Mark's by **Thursday 9th of December** <u>at the latest</u>, as the following weekend the team of elves (err, volunteers) will begin sorting and packing the hampers.

Thank you for all your generosity

Wayne Gleeson Team Leader



Choir practice has resumed on Tuesdays at 5.30pm under the Covid protocols appropriate to any gathering and singing required. The choir needs to rebuild and, to lead the worship well, it is essential to recruit new voices.

This is also an invitation to any who may not be able to commit to weekly rehearsals, to be a part of the Carol liturgy, that we may try to prepare for in a less intensive way, depending on volunteers. Please support the choir by prayer and consideration if you might be able to participate. Please contact Bev if you'd like to be involved.

YOUR OFFERING ONLINE

Account Name: St Marys Anglican Church North Melbourne

Bank: Westpac North Melbourne.

BSB: 033 132 Account Number: 264412

JAM LABELS AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION

We will have jam and preserve labels available in the porch this weekend. The labels are for both a name label (for the front) and an ingredients label (for the back).

CHURCH GARDEN GROUP

If you are available to help in the Church Garden, please contact:

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past or present. The Diocese of Melbourne is committed to doing all that is possible to ensure that abuse does not occur. All complaints of abuse are taken very seriously, and we do all we can to lessen harm. We offer respect, pastoral care and ongoing long-term support to anyone who makes a complaint. St Mary's Statement of Commitment to Child Safety is on our noticeboard and can be downloaded from our website www.stmarys.org.au.

PLEASE REPORT ABUSE CALL 1800 135 246

MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne is an inner-city Christian community that strives to be faithful, inclusive and sacramental.

God inspires us to worship in daily celebration; to be caring, thoughtful and inviting.

In response to God's call, in the next three to five years we aim:

- To grow substantially in faith and numbers
- To create an inter-generational culture that values all age groups children and adults equally
- To express our faith in active engagement within and beyond our own community
- To deploy our property and financial assets in strategic support of the ministry needs of the parish for the long term
- To become more open to change as we learn to grow

