

St Mary's



Advent 3

12th December 2021

GAUDETE SUNDAY



8am Presiding and Preaching: Rev'd Robyn Boyd (Associate Priest)

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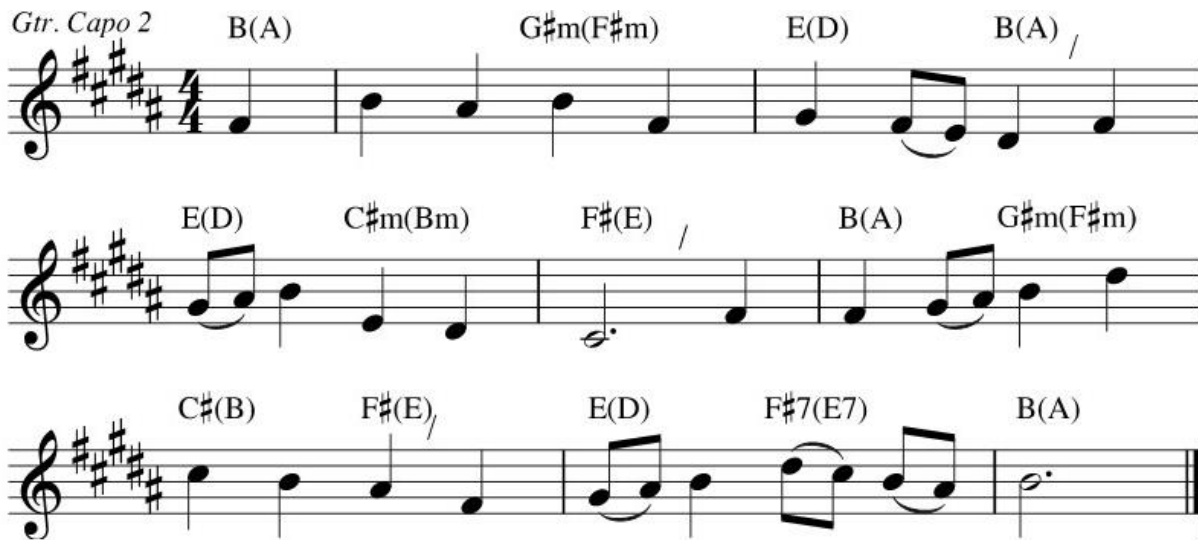
*Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.
Thank you for joining us in worship.
Please join in saying the text marked in **bold**
and singing the musical responses and hymns.*

INTRODUCTION

John answers the question, 'What then should we do?' by emphasising the need for community responsibility, fairness and decency. But he warns the people, that just as Jesus' baptism is radically different from his, so Jesus will demand infinitely more of his followers; they are to be the wheat destined for the granary of eternal life, not the chaff fit only for the fire which will never go out.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

TIS 269



- 1. Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne
and every voice a song.**
- 2. On him the Spirit largely poured
exerts its sacred fire;
wisdom and might and zeal and love
his holy breast inspire.**

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3. **He comes the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.**
 4. **He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.**
 5. **His silver trumpets publish loud
the jubilee of the Lord,
our debts are all remitted now,
our heritage restored.**
 6. **Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heaven's exalted arches ring
with your beloved name.**

*Philip Doddridge 1702–51
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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

Amen.

The Lord 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.

We light the First Candle to remind us of all God's people who, in every age, watch for his coming.

We light the Second Candle to remind us of the great promise made by God and told to us by the prophets.

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

A parent replies: **We light the Third Candle to remind us of John the Baptist, who told us to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. 'I am a voice that cries in the wilderness; Make a straight way for the Lord.'**

As we light the Third 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 man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.'

John 1:6-8

For 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 celebrant 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 Collect of the day

Almighty God, you sent your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff and evil clings even to what is good: let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption, so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 prophet Zephaniah:

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,

he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord , is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord , your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

Zephaniah 3.14-20

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Response:***

***Cry out with joy, cry out with joy and gladness;
For great among you is the Holy One, of Israel.***

Truly God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear, for the Lord is my strength, my song. God became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells, from the wells of salvation.

Response

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to God's name, make the mighty deeds known to all peoples, declare the greatness of God's name.

Response

Sing a psalm to the Lord who did glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth. People of Zion sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One, the Holy One of Israel.

Response

SECOND READING:

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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

1 Philippians 4.4-7

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Refrain

E A B C#m / A E

Com - fort, com - fort all my peo - ple with the com - fort

B7 E / A B C#m /

of my Word. Speak it ten - der to my peo - ple:

A E B7 E F#m G#m F#m [Last time only] E

all your sins are ta - ken a - way.

Verses

E F#m G#m F#m / E F#m

1 Though your tears be riv - ers run - ning, though your tears be an

Ev - ery val - ley shall be lift - ed, ev - ery moun - tain

G#m F#m / E F#m

o - cean full, though you cry with the

shall be low, ev - ery rough place

G#m F#m E B

hurt of liv - ing: com - fort, com - fort,

will be smoo - ther: com - fort, com - fort.

Refrain

*Comfort, comfort all my people
with the comfort of my Word.
Speak it tender to my people:
all your sins are taken away.*

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1. **Though your tears be rivers running,
though your tears be an ocean full,
though you cry with the hurt of living:
comfort, comfort.
Every valley shall be lifted,
every mountain shall be low,
every rough place will be smoother:
comfort, comfort.**

Refrain

2. **Though your eyes see only darkness,
though your eyes can see no light,
though your eyes see pain and sorrow:
comfort, comfort.
Every night will have its morning,
every pain will have an end,
every burden will be lightened:
comfort, comfort.**

Refrain

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THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

The spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

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:

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’ And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He

will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Luke 3.7-18

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON



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.

Em Refrain

The King of glo-ry comes, the na-tion re - joi - ces,

o - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voi - ces.

Verses

1 Who is the King of glo-ry, how shall we call him?
 2 In all of Ga - li - lee, in ci - ty or vil - lage,
 3 Sing then of Da-vid's son, our Sa-viour and bro - ther;
 4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;
 5 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ri - sen,

1 He is Im - ma - nu - el, the pro-mised of a - ges.
 2 he goes a - mong his peo-ple cu-ring their ill - ness.
 3 in all of Ga - li - lee was ne - ver a - no - ther.
 4 he took up - on him-self the sins of the na - tion.
 5 and he will share with us his hea-ven - ly vi - sion.

Final refrain

Em

The King of glo-ry comes, the na-tion re - joi - ces; o - pen the

gates be - fore him, lift up your voi - ces. The King of

glo-ry comes, the na - tion re - joi - ces.

Refrain

*The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices,
open the gates before him, lift up your voices.*

- 1. Who is the King of glory, how shall we call him?
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.**
- 2. In all of Galilee, in city or village,
he goes among his people curing their illness.**
- 3. Sing then of David's son, our Saviour and brother;
in all of Galilee was never another.**
- 4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;
he took upon himself the sins of the nation.**
- 5. He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen,
and he will share with us his heavenly vision.**

Final refrain

*The King of glory comes, the na-tion rejoices;
open the gates before him, lift up your voices.
The King of glo-ry comes, the nation rejoices.*

Willard Francis Jabusch 1930–

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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

The musical score is written on three systems of staves. Each system has two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The music is in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The first system is titled 'Sursum Corda'.

Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who was looked for by the prophets,
heralded by the Baptist
announced by an angel,
born of the Virgin Mary,
and revealed at last to men and women of every race.
By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,

he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



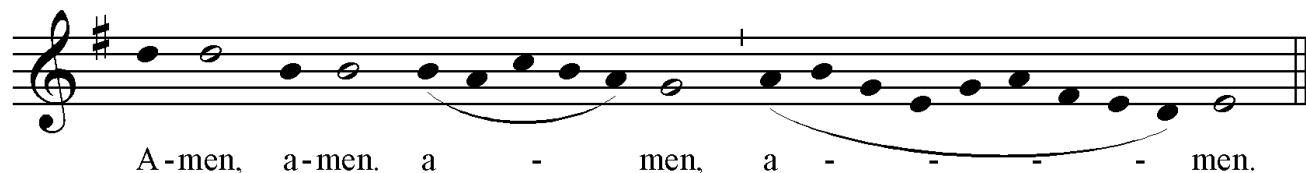
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

* Je - sus, wis - dom and might - - - y Lord: you
Je - sus, true branch of Jes - - - se's tree:
Key of Da - vid and Day - spring form on high:
De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:

take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

“Comfort, comfort now my people.”

Freu dich sehr arr J. Ferguson

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; 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.

Em Am Em G Em Am Em

Am G D Am Em Am Em

Refrain D G Bm Em Am Em C Am Bm Em

Re-joice! re-joice! Em-ma - nu-el shall come to you, O Is - ra-el.

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.

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POSTLUDE

“Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland” BWV 661.

(Now come the Saviour of the Gentiles) J S Bach

PRAYERS

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

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Darren Rooke, Andrew Scragg, and Geoffrey Sambell (Bishop, former Vicar).

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

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



ALL WELCOME

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

19TH DECEMBER 2021 – 7.00PM



SERVICES OVER THE 2021 CHRISTMAS PERIOD

Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday 19th December 7.00pm

Midnight Mass

Friday 24th: 11.30pm

Christmas Day

Saturday 25th: 9.00am

Sunday Service

Sunday 26th: 10.00am



THE ROSTER - WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS AND NEXT WEEK!		
	December 12th	December 19th
8:00am Reader	Judie Bainbrige	Jenny Langmead
10:00am Readers	Geoff Jenkins <i>Zeph 3:14-20</i> Robert Gribben <i>Phil 4:4-7</i>	Anne Sunderland <i>Micah 5:2-5a</i> Susan Gribben <i>Heb 10:5-10</i>
Serving Team	Anne Sunderland Alice Christofi	Peter O'D
Welcome	Michael Golding Rosie Moloney	Anne Sunderland Geoff Jenkins
Introduction & Intercessions	Audrey Statham	Geoff Jenkins
Video/AV	Adam Wing	Samuel Miller
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Harriet Jenkins	Harriet Jenkins
Morning Tea	Marion Poynter Paul Eikelboom	Helen McCallum David K
Collection Counting	Parish Council +1	Parish Council +1
Flowers	TBC	TBC



Provided almost
40,000 kg of direct
food aid in 2021



Assisted over 100
local students in
2021



Provided some
3600 bed nights
in 2021

CURRENT PROGRAMS

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Hotham Mission continued its work throughout the Coronavirus pandemic, providing essential food to over 100 vulnerable local households per week, including those not eligible for regular income support.

EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hotham Mission continued its Homework Club and young women's program through remote learning. It also provided dozens of electronic devices and other materials to help support home based learning, and began a post-secondary bursary program

ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT

Hotham Mission continued to support those from refugee and asylum seeker background, some of whom are ineligible for regular income support. This included providing accommodation and a recent initiative to assist people in their post-secondary education.

We thank you for your interest and support
For more information and details on how to donate,
please refer to our website at:

hothammission.org.au

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CHURCH GARDEN GROUP

**If you are available to help in the Church Garden, please contact
Margaret Noble: 0458 753 654**

CHOIR PRACTICE

**There will be a carol liturgy rehearsal at:
4pm on the 19th of December.**

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:

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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*

