

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 27th November 2022



## ADVENT

8am Presiding and Preaching: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra 10am Presiding: Rev'd Prof Dorothy Lee (Associate Priest) 10am Preaching: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra

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

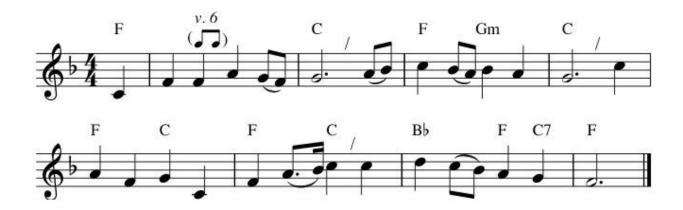
Please join in saying the text marked in **bold** and singing the musical responses and hymns.

#### INTRODUCTION

My brothers and sisters, we gather here on this first Sunday of Advent to begin this special season of watchfulness and hope. We pray in this liturgy that we might grow in joyful hope as we reflect on Christ's having come to be with us, and his future return in glory. May we who live and pray in the time between the first and second comings of Christ, live according to his Word, and use this season to further his kingdom among all people.

#### THE ENTRANCE 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.

Charles Coffin 1676–1749 tr. John Chandler 1806–76 and others

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

Amen.

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.

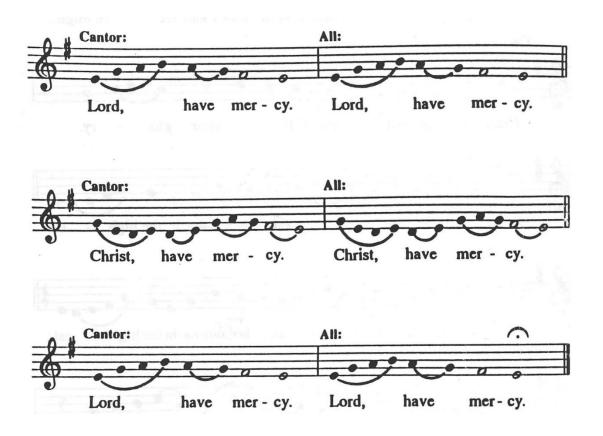
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 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 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 COLLECT

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 Isaiah:

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come

the mountain of the Lord 's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

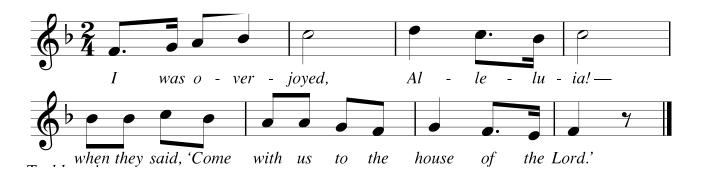
Isaiah 2.1-5

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

PSALM 122

**TIS 78** 

#### Response



Jerusalem our home, Alleluia! there God's people go to bow before his throne. *Response* 

For Israel's law, desermoon by God eternal, calls us to his temple, Alleluia! there to praise and bless his name for evermore.

#### Response

My prayer for Jerusalem is that peace may reign within her walls, Alleluia! and I pray for love of you that you her peace may share. *Response* 

tr. Albert McPherson 1927– and Michael Wentzell 1939–73 Translation by permission A. McPherson Music by permission R. Reboud

#### **SECOND READING:**

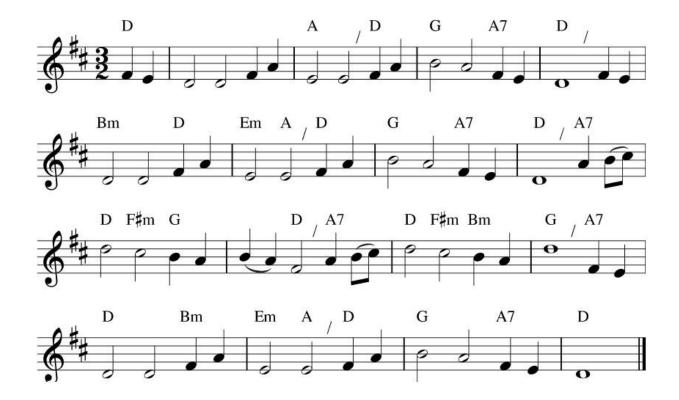
A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:

The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. *Romans* 13.9-14

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN TIS 793



- 1. Darkness lay upon the waters and the starless heavens swirled, as the formless earth awaited the creating of a world.

  Over all the Spirit brooded, like a patient mother bird, for the leaping of the morning at the speaking of a word.
- 2. In another age of darkness children stumbled, blind from birth, as the Word of God, incarnate, moved again upon the earth, with the re-creating promise that the sightless would be healed, and perceive the new creation that the light of God revealed.

3. Every soul will sit with darkness, every eye will long for light, every heart will lose direction in the swirling, starless night. Still the one who speaks the morning moves beside us on the way; knowing this we know that darkness always holds the hope of day.

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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 Matthew:

#### Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. *Matthew 24.36-44* 

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.

#### THE OFFERTORY HYMN

#### **TIS 266**



- 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.

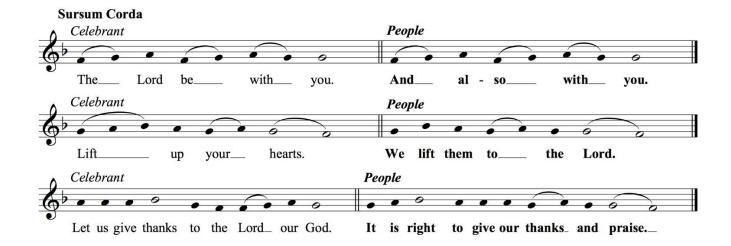
Philipp Nicolai 1556–1608 tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827–78 alt.

#### THE 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.

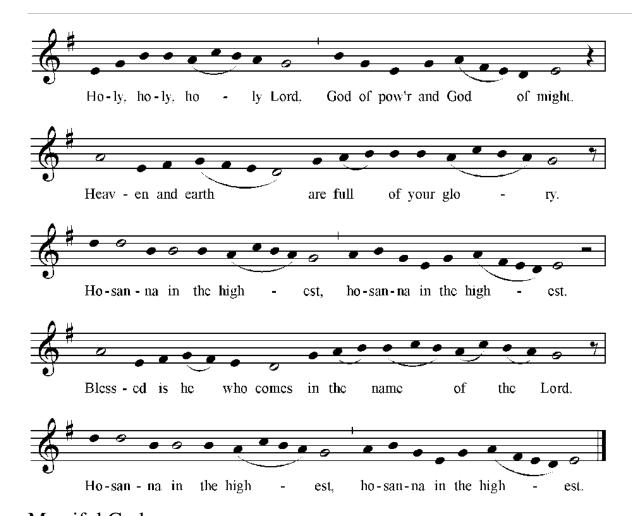
We praise you that through your eternal word you brought the universe into being and made us in your own image. You have given us this earth to care for and delight in, and with its bounty you preserve our life.

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.

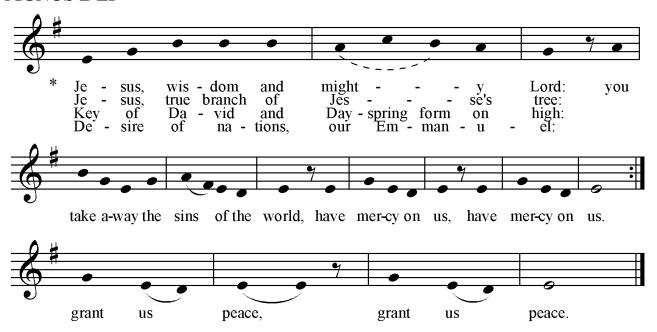
The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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

'Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning'

African American trad Arr William A Pasch.

#### 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 among you and remain with you always.

#### Amen.

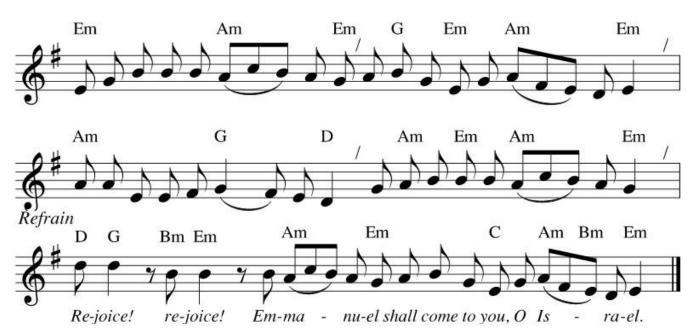
#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

#### THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

**TIS 265** 



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! ...
- 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!* ...
- 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! ...

Sung unaccompanied:

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!* ...

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

#### **POSTLUDE**

#### **PRAYERS**

Please pray for those in need: including Father Rob, Bishop John (Parkes), Bianca and family.

And whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Emily Guy, and the recently departed Dom Placcid OSB.

#### Acknowledgements:

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## ST MARY'S PARISH NOTICES

#### **Delta Sessions for Advent**

Three Delta sessions have been planned for Advent:

- Isaiah, the Prophet of Advent (Advent Sunday, Geoff Jenkins);
- Apocalyptic in the New Testament (Advent 2, Mother Dorothy);
- the Future Coming of Christ (Advent 3, Father Mark).

## Social night at The Castle

We're holding a social night on **Monday the 5th of December** from 7.00 pm. All are welcome to join us at The Castle, 56 Courtney Street North Melbourne. https://thecastlehotel.com.au

No agenda, no speeches, no designated seating and it will be pay your own way.

Come and go as you wish. See you there!

### **Advent Edition of Ave**

Thanks to all who have contributed to Ave this year. The next edition, for Advent and Christmas, appears early December. We want it to represent the ideas and creativity of the widest possible range of parishioners. (Editorial help is available if you're a bit insecure). Please send all contributions to Rhondda, rhondda.fahey@bigpond.com, by November 30.

### **Anglicare**

There's so much in the media about the financial difficulties people are having in providing for themselves and their families. And to top it all off Christmas is coming.

There are several ways to help if you are able.

- 1. Basic grocery items. Noodles and canned food are popular
- 2. Basic toiletries. Soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, female hygiene.
- 3. Coles or Woolworths cards
- 4. Money
- 5. Christmas food
- 6. Christmas presents for children and teens

Everyday items can be left in the baptistery any Sunday.

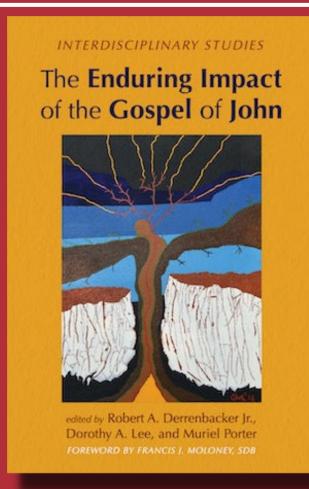
Christmas items, not wrapped, can be brought on the last two Sundays in November and the first Sunday in December.

After that it's too late and the gifts are held over till the next year.

Please mark any Christmas items for the homeless men at St Mark's.

Presents and food for families, including for children, will be taken to Mission House for distribution.

Thank you for participating in this expression of God's generosity.



# BOOK LAUNCH

Join Bishop Alison Taylor as we officially launch *The Enduring Impact of the Gospel of John* (Wipf & Stock), edited by Robert A. Derrenbacker Jr., Dororthy A. Lee, and Muriel Porter with a foreword by Francis J. Moloney, SBD

John's Gospel possesses a generous range of meanings and has had an enduring impact across the generations. This book explores that impact from a range of disciplines: from the exegetical and theological to the historical, spiritual, liturgical, musical, pastoral, political, and postcolonial.

Wednesday 7 December 2022

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## Roster – Who's doing what? Sign up for roles here: <a href="https://forms.gle/SBjAjPGPcrVBdyDt8">https://forms.gle/SBjAjPGPcrVBdyDt8</a>

	November 27th	December 4th
8:00am Reader	Jenny Langmead	
10:00am Readers	Robert Gribben Rebe Taylor	
Serving Team	TBA	
Welcome	Samuel Miller	
Introduction & Intercessions	Geoff Jenkins	
Video/AV	Adam Wing	
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Rosie Moloney	
Morning Tea	Helen McCallum David Keuneman	
<b>Collection Counting</b>	Parish Council +1	
Flowers	Fr Jan	

## **Giving to Support St Marys**

We value your financial support. This helps us keep our doors open and fulfil our mission. *You can donate by following this link or scanning the QR code:* 

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Or make a direct transfer to:

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#### STEWARDSHIP AT ST MARY'S - PLEDGE YOUR REGULAR SUPPORT

In order to plan our parish finances, we welcome pledges of support from parishioners. Forms are available from the Parish Office or the Stewardship Secretary (role shared by Andrew Murray and Darrell Pitt). Please note that pledges are confidential. Your identity will not be revealed to the Wardens, Parish Council or Vicar.

#### 31st October 2022



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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I'm the current Team Leader of the Homeless Support Program at St Mark's Community Centre in Fitzroy. Some of you may have already met myself and/or my wonderful team at St Mark's but for those of you who don't me, I've been the Team Leader since June 2021 since my predecessor, Christopher De Paiva, moved into another role within Anglicare Victoria.

I thought I would send you this letter to firstly update you about what has been happening within the service throughout the past 12 months since I sent you my last letter and secondly, to remind you all that the festive season is fast approaching and to inform about what we'll need to provide our clients with hampers for Christmas before we finish for the two week break on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. I have included a second letter articulating what we need for these Christmas hampers.

#### Day Program at St Mark's Community Centre, Fitzroy:

After two years (and one month!) of St Mark's being closed due to the pandemic, we finally re-opened our doors to the community once more in April 2022. We have made a lot of changes due to the fact that are number of volunteers who have, understandably, decided not to return to their roles due to a variety of reasons related to the pandemic. Therefore, we've had to change the way we provide service delivery to our clients which required a lot of planning.

After some trials and tribulations, we have decided to open the hall to the community Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. The hours are 10.30 AM to 2.30 PM. My staff and volunteers provide support to people experiencing homelessness in the municipalities of the City of Yarra and the City of Melbourne by providing case management & support, providing showers and assistance with laundry, providing food parcels & clothing. We provide a sausage sizzle on a Tuesday morning which attracts a large crowd and because of this other services have started to attend the BBQ as well. These include the City of Yarra Libraries, St Vincent's hospital, Services Australia (Centrelink and Medibank), hairdressers and a masseuse! The other two days- Wednesdays and Thursdays are days which the hall isn't open however we provide a take away service where clients can come into the deli area and either a staff member of volunteer can assist them with a weekly parcel (if they haven't had one as yet).

TOMORROW

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#### Breakfast Program at St Peter's, East Melbourne:

As you may know, the Homeless Support Program is not only based at St Mark's Community Centre, Fitzroy, we also run a breakfast program to rough sleepers at the Lazarus Centre at St Peter's in East Melbourne, seven days per week- 7.30 AM to 9.00 AM. Again, similar to St Mark's, this consists of doing both a take-away service- (providing toasted sandwich and a breakfast parcel & a hot drink) and providing breakfast inside the hall due to shortage of volunteers and critical incidents (cereal, toast & hot drinks). We also provide a weekly BBQ on a Wednesday morning (bacon and eggs) which has proven to be a popular event throughout the past six months!

#### What we need:

As always, my team and I would like to thank you each and every one of you for your generosity and hard work which goes into our donations. We simply wouldn't be able to exist without the donations as we receive no government funding for the program. What we require for food parcels and food drinks which we provide at the Breakfast Program include items such as:-

- · Pot noodles,
- Bread (white and sliced)
- Non- perishable foods such as beans and spaghetti.
- Boxes of cereal- Weetbix, cornflakes etc
- Snacks such as potato chips, chocolate, cakes
- Coffee, tea, Milo and bottles of juice (fresh & cordial)
- Dairy- butter, milk, yoghurt, cheese
- Sleeping bags, warm clothes, socks & jocks
- Toiletries- soap, shower gel, razors, shampoo & conditioner

Items that are not very popular are rice and pasta as many of our clients don't have the facilities to cook these foods. As we don't cook lunches any more these items pile up in our stock room and we find them hard to give away. It would be ideal if you would be able to contact myself or my team on 9412 6060 before organising a donation- this way we could articulate to you what we need and don't need. Also, it would be greatly appreciated if you would be able to contact us to arrange a time to do a drop off. There have been times when the hall has been closed for various reasons and a parish have unexpectedly come to drop off a donation and there hasn't been anyone available to receive them. We would hate to waste your time as some of you travel from across the city to get to us which we enormously appreciate.

Once again, thank you so much for your wonderful support and I look forward to meeting & working with you all in the year ahead.

God bless,

Wayne Gleeson

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The Anglican Diocese is conjunction with St Mary's Anglican Church North Melbourne does not tolerate abuse, harassment or other misconduct within our communities. If any person has concerns about behaviour of a church worker, 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, <u>inclusive</u> 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

