

# Thirtieth Ordinary Sunday 29th October 2023



8am and 10am Presiding and Preaching: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra

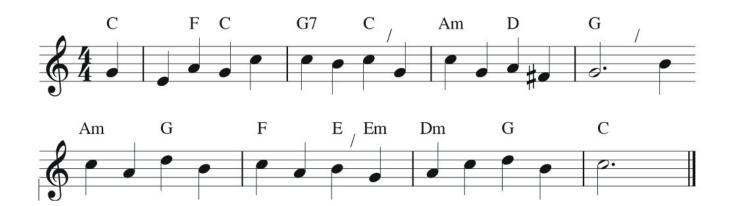
# Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne. Thank you for joining us in worship.

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

#### Introduction

The message of today's gospel is that we cannot live our Christianity in isolation from others, since love for God is defined in terms of love for one another. Our priorities as Christians are to love God, to love, accept and know ourselves, and to love others. In the act of loving others we show our true love for God.

HYMN TIS 47



- 1. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
- 2. under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure: sufficient is your arm alone, and our defence is sure.

- 3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting you are God to endless years the same.
- 4. A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone: short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
- 5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all of us away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
- 6. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, remain our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts 1674-1748 alt.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

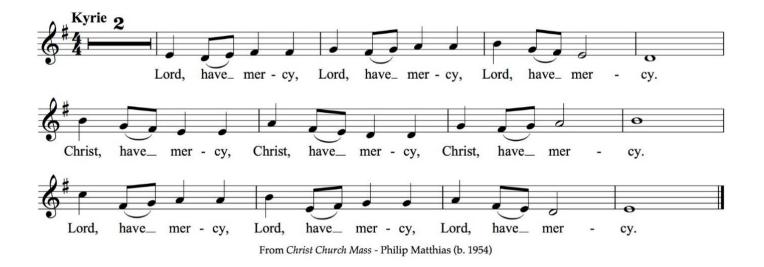
In the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.



Introduction to the confession

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Let us therefore bring our sins in faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

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.

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.** 

# **G**LORIA



#### THE COLLECT

O God, whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilling of your law: stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love, so that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

# FIRST READING

A reading from the book Deuteronomy:

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as

Zoar. The Lord said to him, 'This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, "I will give it to your descendants"; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.' Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Deuteronomy 34.1-12

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90

THE PSALTER 83

# **Response:**



O Lord, you have been our refuge
 From one generation to the next.
 Before the mountains were born
 Or the earth or the world brought forth,
 You are God, without beginning or end. Response.

- 2. You turn us back into dust
  And say: "Go back, children of the earth."
  To your eyes a thousand years
  Are like yesterday, come and gone,
  No more than a watch in the night. *Response*.
- 3. You sweep us away like a dream, Like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers; By evening it withers and fades. *Response*.
- 4. So we are destroyed in your anger,Struck with terror in your fury.Our guilt lies open before you,Our secrets in the light of your face. *Response*.
- Show forth your work to your servants;
   Let your glory shine on their children.
   Let the favor of the Lord be upon us;
   Give success to the work of our hands,
   Give success to the work of our hands. *Response*.

#### SECOND READING

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

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might

have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

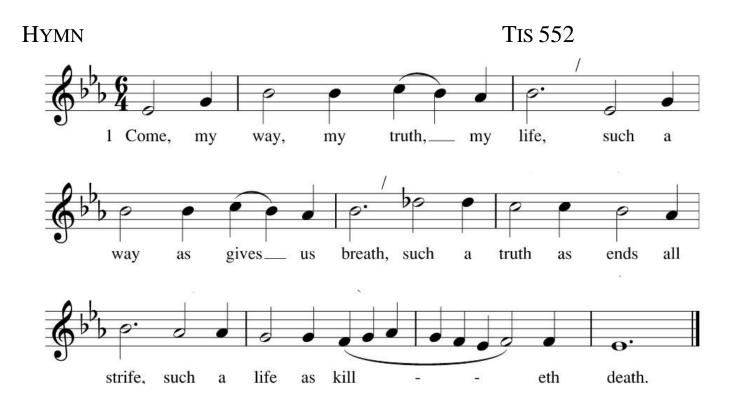
You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

1 Thessalonians 2.1-13

For the word of the Lord.

# Thanks be to God.



- 1. Come, my way, my truth, my life, such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.
- 2. Come, my light, my feast, my strength, such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest.
- 3. Come, my joy, my love, my heart, such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.

George Herbert 1593–1633 Music © 1911 Stainer & Bell, London, England

#### THE GOSPEL



# Alleluia, Alleluia

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

#### Alleluia

The Lord be with you **And also with you.** 

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

# Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said

to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' "? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Matthew 22.34-46

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

Please stand.

We are the body of Christ.

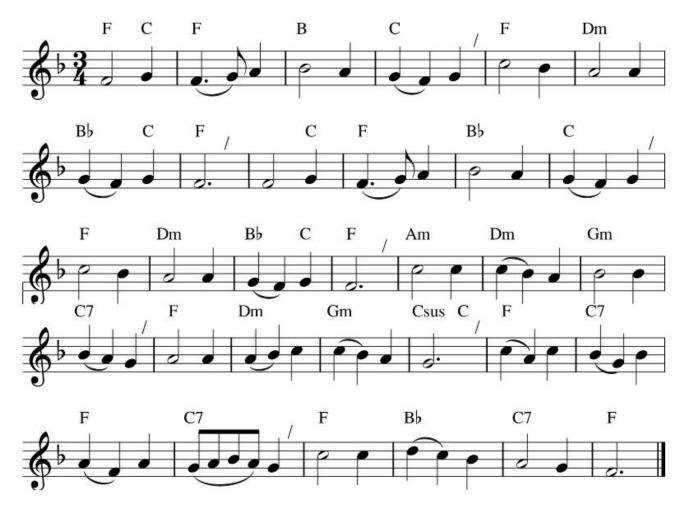
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN TIS 217



- 1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:

  Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
- 2. Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave: thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be, let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt.

#### THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

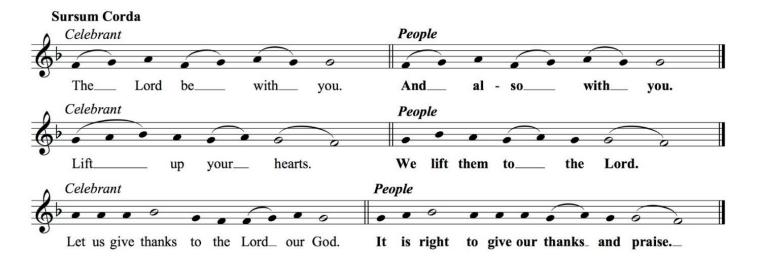
Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

### 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.

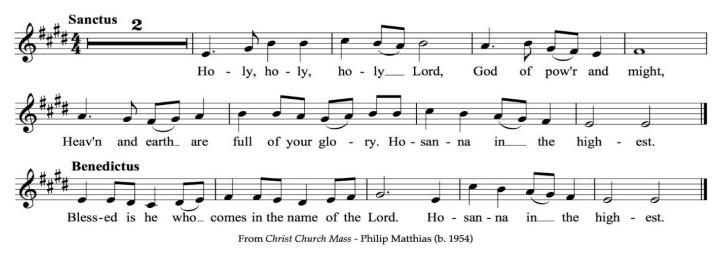
# Blessèd be God for ever.

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**



It is right to praise you, faithful God, always and everywhere, for with your only begotten Son and life-giving Spirit, you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting. At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing a universe of beauty and splendour, bringing light from darkness and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in your image, and endowed us with creative power. We turned away from you but you did not abandon us. You called us by name and searched us out, making a covenant of mercy, giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets. And so we praise you, joining with your faithful people of every time and place, singing the eternal song:



When the fullness of time was come, you sent your Son, to be born of Mary. Bright image of your glory, he learnt obedience to you in all things, even to death on a cross, breaking the power of evil, freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight. You raised him from death, exalting him to glory, and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends, his companions on the way. While at table he took bread, blessed, and broke it, and giving it to them, said: 'Take, eat; this is my body.'

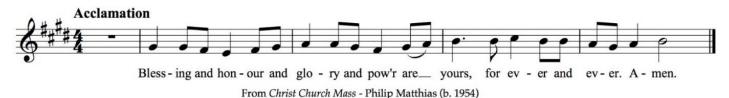
He took a cup of wine, and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Therefore, living God, as we obey his command, we remember his life of obedience to you, his suffering and death, his resurrection and exaltation, and his promise to be with us for ever. With this bread and this cup we celebrate his saving death until he comes. Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration that all who eat and drink at this table may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people, may we proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever:



# 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.

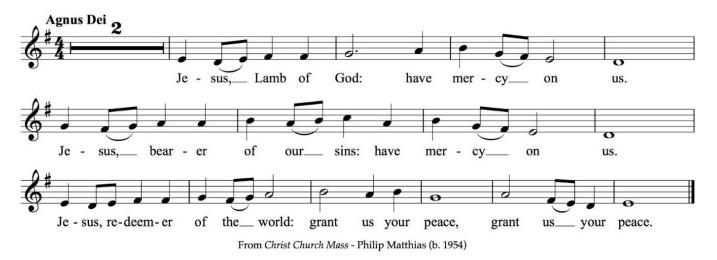
The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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.

#### ANTHEM

"A new commandment"

William Mundy (1529-1591). Text John 13:34-35

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

HYMN TIS 456



- 1. Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age; the wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page; your people owned your goodness, and we their deeds record; and both of this bear witness: one church, one faith, one Lord.
- 2. Your heralds brought glad tidings to greatest, as to least; they bade them rise, and hasten to share the great King's feast; and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word, to all alike proclaiming one church, one faith, one Lord.

- 3. Through many a day of darkness, through many a scene of strife, the faithful few fought bravely to guard the nation's life.

  Their gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, earth restored, was all in this enfolded: one church, one faith, one Lord.
- 4. Your mercy will not fail us, nor leave your work undone; with your right hand to help us, the victory shall be won; and then by all creation, your name shall be adored, and this shall be our anthem: one church, one faith, one Lord.

John Newton 1725-1807 alt.

#### **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

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; 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.

**POSTLUDE** 

**PRAYERS** 

Please pray for those in need.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week, including: Ian Ross.

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

The Roster	
	29th October
8:00am Reader	Jenny Langmead
10:00am Readers	Elizabeth Brookes
Serving Team Subdeacon	Alice Christofi Andrew Murray Lewis Gurr-Stephen Josie Snowdon
Welcome	Helen McCallum
Introduction & Intercessions	Audrey Statham
Video/AV	Adam Wing
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Harriet Jenkins
Morning Tea	Lewis Gurr-Stephen Rosie Moloney
<b>Collection Counting</b>	Parish Council +1
Flowers	N/A

# Mary's Parish Notices

# **Annual Meeting**

**Please note:** Due to Diocesan regulations, the meeting must occur in person, although a livebroadcast will be made available for people who wish to observe. However, enrolled parishioners must attend in person to be able to participate and vote should they wish.

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the parish will be held in the church at: 11.30 am on Sunday 19 November 2023.

Nominations of Candidates for the offices of:

- 2 Churchwardens
- 6 Members of Parish Council
- 2 Members of Incumbency Committee

shall be given to the Vicar before 8.00 am on Sunday 12 November 2023.

After prayers, the order of business in accordance with the Parish Governance Act 2013 (the Act) shall include:

- 1. The reading of this notice;
- 2. The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting;
- 3. Reception of the electoral roll of the church of the Parish;
- 4. An annual report by the Vicar that includes the entries in the registers of the Parish for the financial year, including numbers of baptisms, persons received into communicant membership, confirmations, marriages, funerals, Sunday services, acts of communion and such other statistics from the registers as Archbishop in Council determines;
- 5. An annual report on the proceedings of the Parish Council by the Parish Council together with a report by the parish council on the pastoral care, evangelism, social and ecumenical programmes of the parish and on future plans for the parish;
- 6. A report by the churchwardens of the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church of the Parish and vicarage and other buildings of the Parish;
- 7. The audited or independently examined accounts and financial statements of the parish and any accompanying papers required by the Act;
- 8. The budget approved by the Parish Council for the year in which the meeting is held;
- 9. Reports by other parish groups (such as the Climate Action Group and the Social Committee);
- 10. The election and appointment of churchwardens and members of the Parish Council;
- 11. The election of auditors;
- 12. The election of lay representatives to the parish Incumbency Committee;
- 13. Any other matters of parochial or general church interest.

By order of the Parish Council

Andrew Murray (Parish Secretary)

# **Roster Availability**

The roster availability survey is now live. Please complete ASAP - Christmas is a very busy time for all as well as the life of the parish so any help no matter how small is greatly appreciated!

https://linktr.ee/stmarysroster

#### The Choir

New members are always welcome. If you are interested please contact the Director of Music, or talk to one of the Choristers following the liturgy.

#### **Thursday Midday Eucharist**

For the next two months, there will be a midday Eucharist on Thursday.

All are Welcome!

#### **Sharing with the Hungry**

Food donations – but no glass items – can be left in the baptistery at St Mary's for either St Marks or Mission House.

# Giving to Support St Mary's

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:

http://st-marys-anglican-north-melbourne.square.site/



Or make a direct transfer to:

Account Name: St Marys Anglican Church North Melbourne

Bank: Westpac

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#### **Nativity Sets Display**

This Advent, we will be displaying all sorts of nativity sets around the church (inside). Traditional sets, international sets, wooden, knitted, ceramic, modern, minimalist, crafted, rough around the edges from years of love (and children) .......
YOUR Nativity sets, which we hope you will kindly loan to St Mary's for the season!

Advent begins on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our plans are to gather sets during November, so that they are all ready to go for the beginning of Advent.

If you have a set, or sets, you are happy to loan us, please let Mother Robyn know – revrobyncb@gmail.com 0418 648 331.

If you would like to be involved in the organisation of this, please let her know as well.







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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