

Thirty-Second Ordinary Sunday 12th November 2023





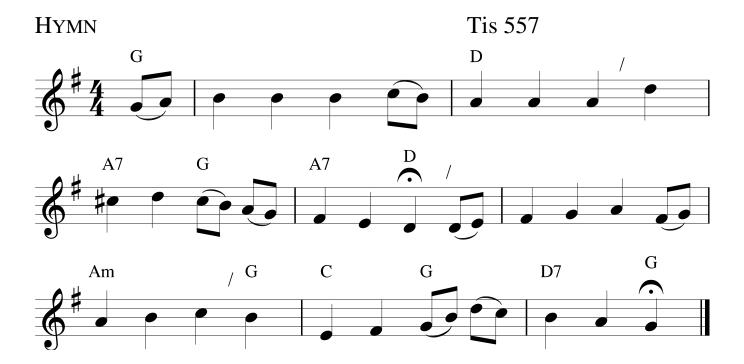
8am and 10am Presiding and Preaching: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra

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

Christianity is not just for feasts and special days. Today's gospel reminds us that living the Christian life is a daily commitment. Let us pray during this Eucharist for the grace to be consistent, even when we would rather avoid the demands Jesus makes of us.



- 1. Awake, my soul, and with the sun your daily stage of duty run; shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise to pay your morning sacrifice:
- 2. Glory to you that safely kept and have refreshed me while I slept; grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake I may of endless light partake.

- 3. Lord, I my vows to you renew; disperse my sins as morning dew; guard my first springs of thought and will, and with yourself my spirit fill.
- 4. Direct, control, suggest, this day all I design or do or say, that all my powers, with all their might, in your sole glory may unite.
- 5. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here below, praise God above, you heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Thomas Ken 1637–1711 alt.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

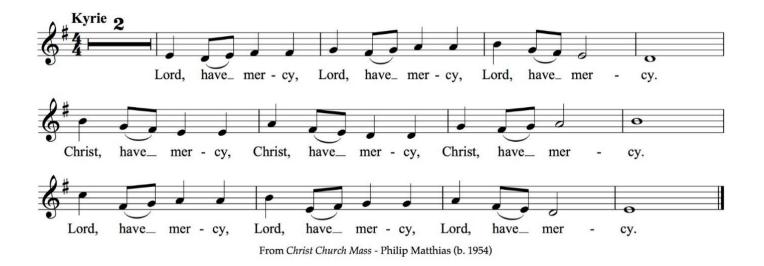
In the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.**

GLORIA



THE COLLECT

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, so that when Christ, the bridegroom comes we may go out joyfully to meet him, and with him enter into the marriage feast that you have prepared for all who truly love you; though Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book Exodus:

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah

and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac;

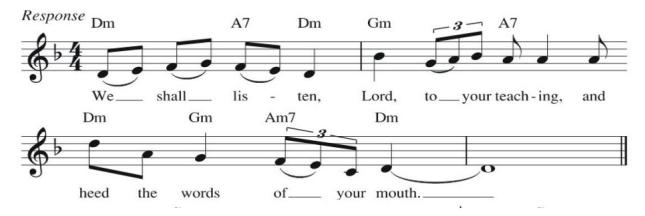
'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.' But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord!' Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.' The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



- 1. Give ear, O my people, to my teaching: incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
- 2. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
- 3. things that we have heard and known, that our forebears have told us. **Response**
- 4. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, the might, and wonders God has wrought. **Response**
- 5. The Lord wrought marvels in the sight of their forebears in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan,
- 6. the Lord divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap,
- 7. led them with a cloud in the daytime, and all the night with a fiery light,
- 8. cleft rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep,
- 9. made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers. **Response**

SECOND READING

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

Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more, to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, so that you may behave properly towards outsiders and be dependent on no one.

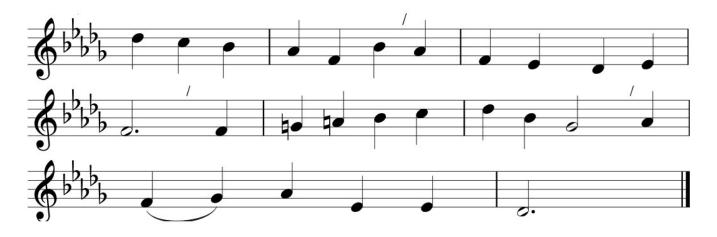
But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-18

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN TIS 616



- 1. O day of God, draw near in beauty and in power, come with your timeless judgment now to match our present hour.
- 2. Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid, the quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.
- 3. Bring justice to our land that all may dwell secure, and firmly build for days to come foundations that endure.
- 4. Bring to our world of strife your sovereign word of peace, that war may haunt the earth no more and desolation cease.
- 5. O day of God, draw near as at creation's birth; let there be light again, and set your justice in the earth.

THE GOSPEL



Alleluia, Alleluia

Be watchful and ready; you know not when the Son of Man is coming **Alleluia**

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

A reading from the Gospel of St Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Matthew 25:1-13

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.

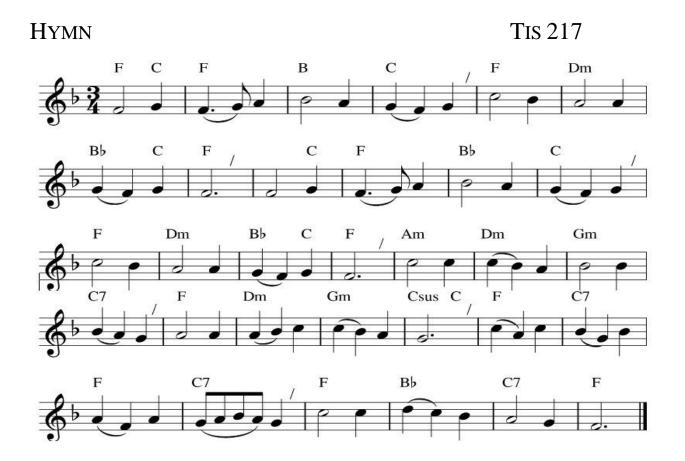
We are the body of Christ.

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.



- 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

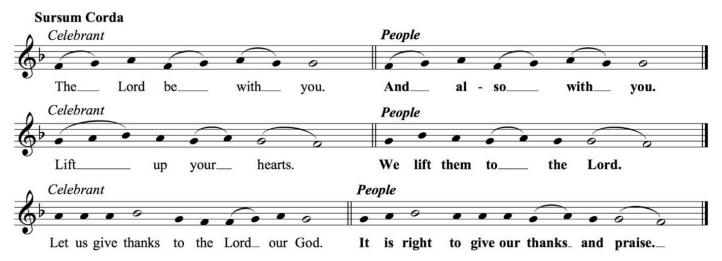
Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

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.'

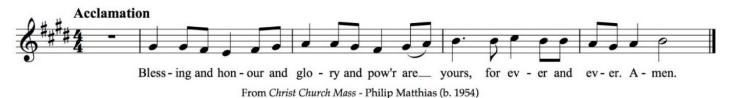
He took a cup of wine, and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Do this in remembrance of me.'

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.

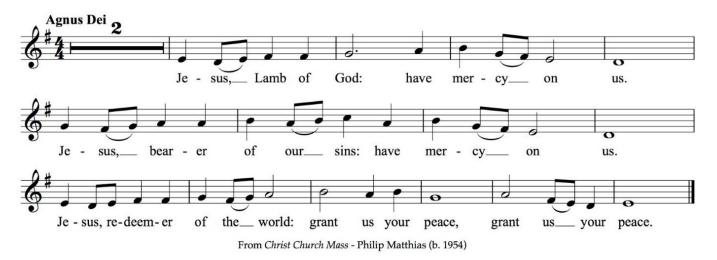
The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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

"Keep your lamps trimmed and burning".

African Trad W A Pasch.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.





- 1. Ye servants of the Lord, each in his office wait, observant of his heavenly word, and watchful at his gate.
- 2. Let all your lamps be bright, and trim the golden flame; gird up your loins as in his sight, for aweful is his name.
- 3. Watch! 'tis your Lord's command, and while we speak, he's near; mark the first signal of his hand, and ready all appear.
- 4. O happy servant he in such a posture found! he shall his Lord with rapture see, and be with honour crowned.
- 5. Christ shall the banquet spread with his own royal hand, and raise that faithful servant's head amid the angelic band.

Philip Doddridge 1702-51

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

May almighty God set his Word in your heart; may you walk in his ways, knowing always what is right and good until you enter your heavenly inheritance; 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

Service of William (Gerard) McMahon

William (Gerard to all who knew him well) died on the 24th of October. His funeral will be held in the church on Monday the 13th of November at 11.00am. If you're attending the service, to help celebrate his life, his family have asked that you wear something green in his memory.

PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week, including: Athol Keith Blaubaum, Ethel Proctor, Lola Gleeson, George Petrie and Michael Symons (priest).

And the recently departed: Bob Crabb and William (Gerard) McMahon.

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

The Roster		
	12 th November	19th November
8:00am Reader	Judie Bainbridge	Jenny Langmead
10:00am Readers	Elizabeth Brookes Fabien Nunes	Helen McCallum John Blanch
Serving Team	Anne Sunderland Andrew Murray Lewis Gurr Stephen	Peter O'Donoghue Andrew Murray Josie Snowdon Andrew Murray
Subdeacon	Josie Snowdon	
Welcome	Sam Miller	Michael Golding
Introduction & Intercessions	Andrew Murray	Audrey Statham
Video/AV	Adam Wing	Paul Eikelboom
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Harriet Jenkins	Rosie Moloney
Morning Tea	Helen McCallum David Keuneman	Margaret Noble Michael Noble

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)

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

There are three ways we can contribute food to those who cannot afford it.

- A financial donation to the Anglican Benevolent Society via the church office feeds the funds we use for a weekly purchase of meat for the kitchens at St Marks Fitzroy.
- A financial donation to either St Marks or Mission House via the church office gives them the money to buy what is needed for their food parcels.
- 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

BSB: 033 132 **Account Number:** 264412

Advent Stall

On Advent Sunday (3rd December) we will be having a Christmas Stall following the 10 AM service. This is a call to everyone to help produce items for the stall. Can you make jams and preserves? Or Christmas decorations? Or craft items, such as aprons, lavender bags, or coat hangers? Closer to the time you may be able to make Christmas food items such as shortbreads, cakes, pate, or anything else.

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 3rd. 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