



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA  
PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYS

**8<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

Dear Parishioners

Wednesday .a week ago (27th November) I went to Geelong for the 125th Anniversary Celebration of the Missions to Seafarers in Geelong. For several years I was a member of the Committee of Management of MTS Geelong so it was good to be present for this most significant occasion. Coincidentally The Rev'd Noah Park, was celebrating 25 years as Geelong MTS Chaplain and 10 years as Lay Chaplain for MTS Melbourne prior to that, a total of 35 years as a MTS Chaplain—a world record!

The ministry of MTS is highlighted once a year, usually in July, but the work of the Mission in Ports around Australia and the world goes on every day. Without the ships coming and going we would not have most of the things we take for granted in our daily lives, clothes, cars, house fittings, machinery, toys, electronics etc. and most things still come into Australia by ship. Also most of our produce—agricultural, mining, etc — goes out by ship. Only once things reach our shores do they travel by rail and road. Please remember the Mission to Seafarers in your prayers and your giving and especially spare a thought for all seafarers who will not be at their homes at Christmass.

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I was able to call on Bishop Garry Weatherill in Ballarat on my way home. Garry is most grateful for the prayers of our parishioners and asked me to convey his gratitude. Please keep praying that Garry's rehabilitation will result in him being able to live independently again and return to full time work soon.

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I hope that most parishioners have by know filled out and returned the Stewardship Programme Update Forms. These help us keep records up to date as well as give a useful indication of financial and practical support being offered for the coming year. Thank you for participating in this programme.

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*Peace and Joy,*  
*Neil Hicks*

## Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 12th**, 10.00 a.m. Parish Council meets at St Michael's.

**Friday 13th**, 6.00 p.m., The Chosen, @ St Michael's, with a light tea in Hall.

**Wednesday 18th December**—ConTACT 'Drop-In' at St Paul's. 2.00pm.

**Save the Date 2025** - Artisan Markets Saturday 3rd May & Saturday 29th November

### Advent Quiet Day

We are asking for expressions of interest to attend Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December where we start with a Morning Prayer service and then reflect and prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus. The day will be one of quiet reflection and an opportunity to come together in a quiet space away from the noise of the world and be with God.

If you are interested or have any questions please contact  
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### Christmas Raffle -

There are 3 Hampers for this Raffle.

Thankyou for all donations.

**Raffle drawn December 15th. Ticket Books available now.  
\$2 per ticket.**

### Christmas Cake Raffle

We are also raffling a beautiful home-made Christmas Cake, drawn next week (15th) also. Tickets available today \$2.00 each!

We are looking for volunteers to sit in Appin Street next Friday only.

### Christmas Puddings

Mrs Savery's famous Christmas Puddings are available for \$30.00 per pudding. Proceeds benefit the Friends of Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Please see Fr Neil for details.



### DECEMBER FOCUS:

***Peanut Butter. Pasta sauce. Shampoo & Conditioner.  
Milo. Noodle cup varieties. Sweet Biscuits. Body wash.***

*Dog food, as this cannot be obtained through the food share programme.*

***All non-perishable items are appreciated,  
and as a special treat for children - muesli bars or similar.***

## WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December

Isaiah 35. 1-10. Psalm 85. 8-13. Luke 5. 17-26.

### Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 40. 1-11. Psalm 96. 7-11. Matthew 18. 12-14.

9.30 a.m. Eucharist—St Michael's Hall.

10.15 a.m. Bible Study

11.30 a.m. & 2.00 p.m. Cathedral College Christmas Carols in the Chapel

### Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 40. 25-31. Psalm 103. 1-5. Matthew 11. 28-30.

9.30 a.m. Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.

10.00 a.m. Eucharist—Holy Trinity Cathedral—Lady Chapel.

11.00 a.m. Eucharist at St John's Respect.

### Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 41. 13-20. Psalm 145. 8-13. Matthew 11. 11-15.

10.00 a.m. Parish Council—St. Michael's Hall.

10.00 a.m. Eucharist, Chapel of Our Lady and St John.

### Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> *Lucy, martyr and virgin (d 304)*

Isaiah 48. 17-19. Psalm 1. Matthew 11. 16-19.

10.00 a.m. M.U. Lone Members at St Michael's "Songs and Scones"

6.00 p.m., The Chosen, screening in St Michael's, then a light tea in Hall.

### Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> *John of the Cross, mystic and teacher (d 1591)*

Malachi 4. Psalm 80. 14-19. Matthew 17. 10-13.

Sounds Organic: 9.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m.—Holy Trinity Cathedral.

11.00 a.m. Clergy Lunch at Bishop's Lodge.

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December, Third Sunday of Advent

9.30 a.m., Eucharist @ St Michael's, Wangaratta.

11.00 a.m. Ante Communion @ St Paul's, Glenrowan.

Zephaniah 3. 14-20. Song of Isaiah. Philippians 4. 4-7. Luke 3. 7-18.

**Artisan Market** - Many thanks to all who rallied around to support Saturday's very wet Market - Our cake stall proved to be as popular as ever, and many responded and most goodies were sold on the day. Craft and also plants sold well, the rain encouraging everyone to think gardening. We have a number of plants over, and appealing to parishioners to take some home and care for them until the May market. It is very difficult to keep them watered and healthy over the summer. Please see Margaret if you can help.

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

- ◆ **The World:** Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam.
- ◆ **Australia:** Refugees and asylum seekers. The homeless. Street kids. All who have no proper home.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** The Salvation Army.
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:** The Diocese of Bunbury: Bishop Ian Couotts (*Anne*), the Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle*). (*Kian & Kyle*).  
The Parochial District of Alexandra: P-i-C: Mario Hendriks (*Hester*)  
The Parish leaders and community at St John's Alexandra.
- ◆ **ANGLICAN PROVINCE OF VICTORIA.**  
Dioceses: Ballarat, Bendigo, Gippsland, Melbourne, Wangaratta.
- ◆ **Our Parish:** The Parish Council.  
The Co-operating Ministry between our parish and Wangaratta Parish.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Warren Gould. Rob Butler. Mark Heaton. Shirley Cameron.  
Bp Garry Weatherill. Josef. Wayne. Michael E. Kaye McKenzie.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 8<sup>th</sup>—13<sup>th</sup> December.**  
[10/12] Maureen Appleby, 2005.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.  
**And may light perpetual shine upon them.**

### **Prayer of the week** (*pray daily*) {*Advent Two*}

Merciful God,  
who sent your messenger John the Baptist  
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:  
give us grace to heed his warning and forsake our sins,  
that we may greet with joy the coming of our Redeemer,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **STEWARDSHIP FORMS**

**Please return your completed papers  
a.s.a.p.**



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