



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

15th December 2024
Third Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners

One last plea for the return of the Stewardship Programme Update Forms with Address Book details. 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.

Today, December 15th is the Twenty-Eighth Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood for our Bishop. Congratulations Bishop Clarence on this anniversary and may God continue to bless your ministry.

This coming week we have the “run-down” to Christmas Day beginning in earnest, with the start of the “O” antiphons.

The first one being *O Sapientia*.

17 December marks the start of the week before the celebration of Christmas, the birth of Christ, and at evensong, the great Song of Mary, the Magnificat, has a refrain or antiphon attached to it proclaiming the ascriptions or ‘names’ given to God through the Old Testament. Each name develops into a prophecy of the forthcoming and eagerly-anticipated Messiah, Jesus, The Son of God.

17 December—O Sapientia, or O Wisdom,

18 December—O Adonai,

19 December—O Root of Jesse,

20 December—O Key of David,

21 December—O Dayspring,

22 December—O King of the Nations,

23 December—O Emmanuel.

These antiphons are the basis for the hymn *O come, O come Emmanuel*, which as can be seen from the above list actually starts with the last antiphon and uses only 5 of the 7 antiphons.

Peace and Joy,
Neil Hicks



Dates for your Diary

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

Friday 20th, 6.00 p.m., The Chosen, @ St Michael's, with a light tea in Hall.

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

Advent Quiet Day Saturday 21st December

10.00 a.m. start with a Morning Prayer service

Free-time for reflection and preparation for the birth of Jesus.

12.00 p.m. Midday Prayer followed by B.Y.O. Lunch.

1.45 p.m. Concluding Prayers.

quiet reflection in a quiet space to be with God.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

24th December Christmas Eve

6.00 p.m. Holy Trinity Crib Service - N. Hicks

7.00 p.m. St Paul's Glenrowan Family Eucharist - Bishop Clarence

10.30 p.m. Holy Trinity Choral Eucharist - Bishop Clarence

25th December Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Trinity Eucharist - N. Hicks

9.30am St Michael's Eucharist - Ven. Alan Jarrad

10.00am Holy Trinity Eucharist - N Hicks

9.30am All Saints Moyhu Eucharist - C. Carden

11.00am Holy Trinity Whitfield - C. Carden.



STEWARDSHIP FORMS

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



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, 16th December

Numbers 24. 2-7, 15-17. Psalm 25. 3-9. Matthew 21. 23-27.

Tuesday, 17th *O Sapientia*

Genesis 49. 2, 8-10. Psalm 72. 1-7. Matthew 1. 1-17.

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

10.15 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, 18th Jeremiah 23.5-8. Psalm 72.15-21. Matthew 1. 18-24.

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

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

2.00 p.m. CONTACT 'Drop-In' at St Paul's.

Thursday, 19th Judges 13. 2-7, 24-25. Psalm 71. 17-21. Luke 1. 5-25.

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

11.00 a.m. Eucharist, St Catherine's Hostel.

11.15 a.m. Rangeview H.C.

Friday, 20th Isaiah 7. 10-14. Psalm 24. 1-6. Luke 1. 26-38.

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

Saturday, 21st THOMAS, Apostle and Martyr.

Habakkuk 2. 1-4. Ps 117. Ephesians 2. 19-22. John 20. 24-29.

10.00 a.m.—2.00 p.m. QUIET DAY at St Paul's Glenrowan.

Sunday 22nd December, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00 a.m. Eucharist @St George's Taminick.

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

11.00 a.m. Eucharist @St Paul's, Glenrowan.

Micah 5. 2-5a. Magnificat. Hebrews 10. 5-10. Luke 1. 39-45 [46-55].

Thank you all you lovely folk who took a box of plants home to care for over summer, I am sure they will come back in much better condition than if they were left at the back of the hall, the heat there is quite intense at times. Please bring back the plastic boxes as they are extremely useful to use again for the future.



Sunday 15th December 2024

- ◆ **The World:** P.R. China, Hong Kong, Macau.
- ◆ **Australia:** All who are involved in Primary Industry: Farmers and farm workers. Primary Industry organisations. Agricultural researchers.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** The Syrian Orthodox Church.
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:** The Diocese of Melbourne, Abp Philip Freier (*Joy*); Regional Bishops: Paul Barker, Genieve Blackwell (*John*), Brad Billings (*Karen*) Katie Prowd (*Roger*). Community of the Holy Name. Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle*). (*Kian & Kyle*).
The Parochial District of Cobram: P-i-C: Victor Adams (*Elizabeth*)
the Parish leaders and community at St Margaret's, Cobram.
The St Aidan's Op Shop—Strathmerton.
- ◆ Hospital Chaplains: Albury/Wodonga Health, Catherine Dawson.
- ◆ **Our Parish:** Community involvements of parishioners.
The Co-operating Ministry between the Wangaratta Parishes.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Margot C. Warren Gould. Rob Butler. Mark Heaton. Shirley Cameron. Bp Garry Weatherill. Josef. Wayne. Michael E. Kaye McKenzie.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 15th - 21st December.**
[15/12] Charles Norton-Wood, 1993.
[16/12] Stella Kershaw, 1980.
[19/12] Dorrie Elliot, 2014. Arthur Lucas, 1992.
[20/12] Russell John Kneebone, 2005.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

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

Almighty God,
you have made us and all things to serve you:
come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end
and your children may live in peace,
honouring one another with justice and love;
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,
who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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