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PARISH OF THE HOLY TRINITY  
AND

PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYS



**First Sunday after Christmass**

29<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**9.30 a.m. Eucharist with Hymns**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn: TiS 290. Tune, Corde Natus or Divinum Mysterium*

1. **Of the Father's love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see  
evermore and evermore.**
2. **O that birth for ever blessèd  
when the virgin, full of grace,  
by the Spirit's power conceiving  
bore the saviour of our race,  
and the babe, the world's redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore.**
3. **This is he whom seers and sages  
sang of old with one accord,  
whom the voices of the prophets  
promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines, the long-expected:  
let creation praise its Lord  
evermore and evermore.**

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4. **In the heights of heaven adore him,  
angel hosts his praises sing,  
all dominions bow before him  
and extol our God and king;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
every voice together sing  
evermore and evermore.**

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius 348–c. 413  
tr. John Mason Neale 1818–66  
Henry Williams Baker 1827–77 and others.

*The Acclamation and Greeting.*

Let us bless the living God:  
He was born of the Virgin Mary,  
**revealed in his glory,**  
worshipped by the angels,  
**proclaimed among the nations,**  
believed in throughout the world  
**exalted to the highest heavens.**

Blessed be God, our strength  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

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

*The Sentence*

Clothe yourselves with love,  
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.  
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and be thankful.

Colossians 3.14–15

*Invitation to Confession*

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:  
‘You shall call his name Jesus,  
for he will save his people from their sins.’

Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God  
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

cf Matthew 1.21

*Pause*

We pray together:

**Loving God,  
you have searched us and known us,  
our blindness, our frailties,  
our fears and our selfishness.**

**In sorrow we confess  
that we have sinned against you  
and disobeyed your command to love.**

**Forgive us, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who became like us  
that we might become like him. Amen.**

*Absolution*

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive you your sins  
and make you holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Gloria in excelsis*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord, God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*The Collect*

God of community,  
whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood:  
may we so respect and love those  
    whose lives are linked with ours  
that we fail not in loyalty to you,  
but make choices according to your will;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**A Reading from the First Book of Samuel [2. 18-20, 26]**

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Hear the Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 148. 1-3, 7-13.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:  
    praise him in the heights.**

**Praise him, all his angels:  
    praise him, all his host.**

**Praise him, sun and moon:  
    praise him, all you stars of light.**

**O praise the Lord from the earth:  
    praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

**Fire and hail, mist and snow:  
    and storm-wind fulfilling his command;**

**Mountains and all hills:  
    fruit trees and all cedars;**

**Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:  
creeping things and winged birds;  
Kings of the earth, and all peoples:  
princes, and all rulers of the world;  
Young men and maidens:  
old folk and children together.  
Let them praise the name of the Lord:  
for his name alone is exalted.  
Praise the Lord.**

**A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians [3. 12-17]**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Hear the Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God**

*Gradual Hymn: TiS 313. Tune, In Dulci Jubilo*

- 1. Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
listen well to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today,  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now!  
Christ is born today,  
Christ is born today.**

2. **Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now you hear of endless bliss,  
Jesus Christ was born for this;  
he has opened heaven's door  
and you are blest for evermore;  
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this.**
3. **Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now you need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save,  
calls you one and calls you all,  
to gain his everlasting hall;  
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save.**

John Mason Neale 1818–66 alt.

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke [2. 41-52]

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

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

For the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*The Sermon*

*A time of silence will follow the sermon, a time for reflection.*

*The 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

*The president says:*

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has promised that you will hear us when we ask in faith: receive the prayers we offer.

Jesus, born as one of us, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The president says:*

Almighty Lord,  
**hear our prayer  
and fulfil your purposes in us,  
as you accomplished your will  
in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.

Luke 2.14

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*You are invited to share the Peace of Christ,  
with your neighbours*

*Offertory Hymn: TiS 316. Tune, Forest Green*

1. **O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see you lie!  
Above your deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by:  
yet, in your dark streets shining  
the everlasting light,  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in you tonight.**
2. **For Christ is born of Mary;  
and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King  
and peace to all on earth.**
3. **How silently, how silently  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming;**



**but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.**

4. **O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels their great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Immanuel.**

Phillips Brooks 1835–93 alt.  
Adaptation and arrangement from the English Hymnal  
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### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, Father,  
in every place and at all times.

You made us, all the people of the world,  
and everything that is.

You give us the daylight.

Your Word lights up our minds.

Jesus was born among us  
to be light in our darkness.

Your Spirit lives in us

so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

One day we will be with you in heaven,  
but already we laugh with the saints and angels,  
and sing their joyful song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, you never forget us or turn away from us,  
even when we fail you.

You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us.

He healed those who were sick,  
cared for those who were poor,  
and cried with those who were sad.  
He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.

For all your love we give you thanks  
in the way that Jesus showed us.

On the night before he died,  
while he was having supper with his friends,  
Jesus took bread and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:  
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." ✠

After supper, he took the cup,  
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:  
"Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me." ✠

In faith we acclaim you, O Christ.

**Christ is born.**

**The Saviour has come.**

**God is with us.**

So, as we do what he told us,  
we open our hearts to him;  
we remember how he died and rose again  
to live now in us.

Together with him we offer you these gifts:  
in them we give you ourselves.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and this wine,  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ, ✠  
and that, sharing your life,  
we may travel in your company to our journey's end.

With all your people we give you thanks and praise  
through the Son and in the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

*The priest breaks the bread.*

Christ is the bread of Life.

Christ is the Light of the world.

**God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us light and life.**

*The Agnus Dei is said.*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

*The Invitation to Communion is given*

Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*After Communion hymn: TiS 317. Tune Gartan (AHB 243)*

1. *Love came down at Christmas,  
love all lovely, love divine;  
love was born at Christmas:  
star and angels gave the sign.*
2. *Worship we the Godhead,  
love incarnate, love divine;  
worship we our Jesus,  
but wherewith the sacred sign?*
3. *Love shall be our token;  
love be yours and love be mine,  
Love to God and to all men,  
love for plea and gift and sign.*

Christina Rossetti, 1885

Let us pray.

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Notices*

*Final Hymn TiS 613. Tune, Slane (2).*

1. **Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike,  
no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**
2. **Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled  
at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**
3. **Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**
4. **Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

Joyce Placzek ('Jan Struther') 1901–53

## THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

May Christ,  
who by his incarnation gathered into one  
things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with peace and goodwill  
and make you partakers of the divine nature;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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Great Thanksgiving Prayer is Prayer V, from Scottish Liturgy 1982. Compiled December 2024.

**Holy Trinity Cathedral Roster  
for 5 January 2025—10.00 a.m.**

<b>Presider</b>	<b>C. Carden</b>
<b>Sidespeople</b>	Edwin Savery Val Edwards
<b>First reading</b>	Isaiah 60.1-6
<b>Second reading</b>	Penelope Kenny Ephesians 3.1-12
<b>Intercessions</b>	Jillian Kimber
<b>Servers</b>	Imogene Gillespie Ian Gillespie Norm Kenny
<b>Sacristy</b>	Kieran Crichton
<b>Morning tea</b>	Sophie Frieschmidt Penelope Kenny

**Cathedral Prayer List:**

We are coming to the end of the month, which means the prayer list will be refreshed for January. If you have put anyone's name forward, please contact Fr Neil to let him know whether or not to continue the name on the prayer list.

**WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> December** *Josephine Butler, social reformer (d. 1905)*

1 John 2. 12-17. Psalm 96. 7-9. Luke 2. 36-40.

**Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup>** *John Wyclif, teacher and reformer (d. 1384)*

1 John 2. 18-21 Psalm 96. 10-13. John 1. 1-18.

**Please Note: No 9.30am. Service at St Michael's this day**

**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025—The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**

Numbers 6. 22-27. Psalm 8. Galatians 4. 4-7. Luke 2. 15-21.

**Please Note: No 10.00am. Service at Holy Trinity this day**

**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Basil of Caesarea (d. 397) and Gregory of Nazsianzus (d. 389) bishops and teachers  
Eliza Hassall, CMS missionary in the Middle East (d. 1917)*

1 John 2. 22-28. Psalm 98. 1-7. John 1. 19-28.

**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup>** 1 John 2. 29—3. 6. Psalm 98. 8-10. John 1. 29-34.

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup>** 1 John 3. 7-10. Psalm 99. John 1. 35-42.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January, Feast of the Epiphany**

8.00 a.m. Eucharist @ Holy Trinity Cathedral—Lady Chapel

10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist @ Holy Trinity Cathedral

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

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

Isaiah 60. 1–6; Psalm 72. 1–7, 10–14; Ephesians 3. 1–12; Matthew 2. 1–12.

## EMERGENCY APPEAL LAUNCHED FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE VANUATU EARTHQUAKE

ABM AID has just launched an emergency appeal for those who have been affected by the 17 December earthquake that hit near Port Vila, causing deaths, injury, and destruction of buildings and other infrastructure in Vanuatu's capital city and surrounds.

We ask you to pray for all people affected, and for our partner, the Anglican Church of Melanesia, and especially for the Diocese of Vanuatu and New Caledonia, as it responds to the tragedy.

# Sounds Organic

At the Wangaratta Farmers Market

9.00am, 10.00am, 11.00am Saturday 11 January 2025

Charlotte Bongers and Kieran Crichton present a morning of piano music and folk songs. Featuring *O Waly Waly* (Benjamin Britten) and piano music by contemporary composer Mathias Rehfeldt.



### Prayer of the week (*pray daily*) {*Christmas One*}

Almighty God,  
you have shed upon us the light of your incarnate Word:  
may this light, kindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024

- ◆ **The World:** Stateless people.
- ◆ **Australia:** Missionaries, here and abroad.  
Non Government Organisation workers.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** for all who are working with and for, refugees and asylum seekers.
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea:** Acting Archbishop: Nathan Ingen  
Dioceses: *Port Moresby*—vacant *Popondota*—Lindsley Ihove  
*Dogura*—Tennyson Bogar. *Aipo Rongo*—Nathan Ingen  
*New Guinea Islands*—Reginald Makele.  
Melanesia Brotherhood, Sisters of the Visitation, Society of St Francis.
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:** Theological Colleges, their staff and students.  
Trinity, Melbourne, VIC                      St Francis', Brisbane, QLD  
Ridley, Melbourne, VIC                      Wontulp Bi-Buya, Cairns QLD  
St Barnabas', Adelaide, SA                      Nungalinga College, Casuarina NT  
St Mark's Canberra, ACT                      John Wollaston, Perth, WA      Moore, Sydney, NSW
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle*). (*Kian & Kyle*).  
For the safety of Michelle and Clarence on their holiday.
- ◆ **Our Parish:** That the Co-operating Ministry between the Wangaratta Parishes may be guided by the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ **Those in Need: (WWW)**  
Sharon W. Margot C. Warren Gould. Rob Butler. Mark Heaton. Shirley Cameron. Josef. Bp Garry Weatherill. Wayne. Michael E. Kaye McKenzie.
- ◆ **Those in Need: (HT Parish)**  
Ed & Carol McG. Penny K. Sarah H. Dot B. Bishop Garry Weatherill. Elizabeth S. Mary V. Jean H. Sylvia N. Greg H. Marnie.
- ◆ **Died Recently:** Dawn Hamilton, obit 27/12/2024.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 29<sup>th</sup> December—4<sup>th</sup> January. (WWW):**  
[31/12] Muriel (Migs) Peacock. [01/01] Verna Sullivan, 2019.  
[03/01] Gwen Florence Hagger, 2017.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 29<sup>th</sup> December—4<sup>th</sup> January. (Holy Trinity Parish)**  
[29/12] June Williams. Albert Wenham. Anne Wingrove. Lionel Tripp. John Mann.  
Gwenneth Mapley.  
[30/12] Robert Thrum. Nancy Stephens. Ethel Oates.  
[31/12] Eileen Mapley. Joseph Metcalfe. Harry Nichol. Geoffrey Barty.  
William Stone. Leo Jordon. Clarice Hall. Lois Sullings. Rose Bullied.  
Dennis Devine  
[01/01] Dorothy Wright. John Way. Cheryl Broadhurst. Kenneth Lucas.  
[02/01] Hazel Fletcher. 'Charlie' Porter. Annie Wallace. Clive Nason.  
[03/01] Anthony Grounds. Allan Fisher. Alfred Essenhig. Edwin Parsons.  
William Gibb. Gwennlian Hagger. 'Trixie' Carson. Joyce Bulleid.  
[04/01] Eileen Graham. Cyril Firth. 'Vi' Down. Adam Johnson. Margaret Mathews.  
Gwendoline Redmond. Elsie Wenham.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.

**And may light perpetual shine upon them.**