

Our Weekly Prayers

Sunday Church	28th November	The First Sunday of Advent
Diocese	Pray for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, Abp Naudal Alves Gomes	
The World	Pray for those whose task it is to advise the Bishop	
Our Ministry Unit	For Trade Unions and their members	
Those in need	For our Archdeacons: Chris Wright, Kenneth Lay, Annette Woods, Jeff Coop and Rosemary Dunn	
Anniversary	For those who contemplate suicide Noel Boswood (2008)	
Monday Church	29th November	
Diocese	Pray for the Diocese of Idoani, Bp Adegoke Oludare Agara (Nigeria)	
The World	Pray for the staff of the Diocesan Offices in Townsville	
Our Ministry Unit	For the work of the World Health Organisation	
Those in need	For our Area Dean: Rev Stephanie Patching	
Anniversary	For those who are suffering with AIDS related diseases Mark Bingley (2006)	
Tuesday Church	30th November	The Feast of St Andrew
Diocese	Pray for the Diocese of Ife, Bp Olubunmi A Akinlade (Nigeria)	
The World	Pray for the support BCA gives to remote Ministry Units	
Our Ministry Unit	For all people in positions of authority	
Those in need	For those who decorate our church	
Anniversary	For those who are unable or unwilling to accept help from others Ivy Graham (1999), Jonathan Harris (2007), Eric Nixon (2008)	
Wednesday Church	1st December	
Diocese	Pray for the Diocese of Ife East, Bp Oluseyi Oyelade (Nigeria)	
The World	Pray for the Bishop of North Queensland, Bp Keith Joseph	
Our Ministry Unit	For our Country	
Those in need	For our Rector and Dean: Fr Kenneth	
Anniversary	For those who do not know God	
Thursday Church	2nd December	Frances Perry, founder Royal Women's Hosp, Melb (d.1892)
Diocese	Pray for the Diocese of Ifo, Bp Nathaniel Oladejo Ogundipe (Nigeria)	
The World	Pray for the Archbishop of Brisbane and Metropolitan of Queensland	
Our Ministry Unit	For our neighbouring countries in the Pacific Region	
Those in need	Pray for the Precentor: Fr Alphonse Garimae	
Anniversary	For the aged and lonely	
Friday Church	3rd December	Francis Xavier, priest and missionary (d.1552)
Diocese	Pray for the Diocese of Igbomina, Bp Michael Akinyemi (Nigeria)	
The World	Pray for the Ministry Units of the Southern Region	
Our Ministry Unit	For our neighbouring countries in Asia	
Those in need	For our Ministry Unit Clergy: Revs Stuart, Beryl, Helen, Vic, Fae and Shirley	
Anniversary	For those who look after others	
Saturday Church	4th December	Nicholas Ferrar, deacon and man of prayer (d.1637)
Diocese	Pray for the Diocese of Igbomina West, Bp Olajide Adebayo (Nigeria)	
The World	Pray for the Ministry Units of the Central Region	
Our Ministry Unit	For all retired people	
Those in need	For the Ministry Unit Wardens, members of the Ministry Unit Council (MUC) and the Cathedral Chapter	
Anniversary	For those suffering with mental diseases	

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The First Sunday of Advent 28 November, 2021

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Eucharists:

5.00pm (Sat) St Margaret's, Arcadia
7.15am St Mark's, Belgian Gardens
9.00am St James' Cathedral
including Sunday School

Monday to Friday:

8.00am Morning Prayer, Cathedral
4.30pm Evening Prayer, Cathedral

Wednesday Eucharists:

12 noon St James' Cathedral
5.30pm St James' Cathedral



Welcome to our worship this weekend.



We hope that you enjoy worshipping with us, and we invite you to stay behind and join us before the service at St Margaret's or after the services at St Mark's or St James for a cuppa.

We are a warm and welcoming church, accepting of all God's people; a diverse congregation in age and backgrounds; a place where everyone is valued for who they are now and not just what they might become; a place where everyone is encouraged to grow in faith, hope and love.

For more information about us, or about weekday services, Baptisms, Weddings, and other activities in the Ministry Unit, please speak with someone over morning tea or contact Fr Kenneth directly on 0422 148 952.

As a congregation we acknowledge the Bindal and the Wulgurukaba peoples, the traditional owners of the land on which our churches are built. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and we recognise their custodianship and role in caring for and maintaining Country over thousands of years.

MINISTRY UNIT DIRECTORY

Dean: Fr Kenneth Lay 0422 148 952 **Clergy:** Rev'd Beryl Finch
 Rev'd Canon Vic Hall
 Rev'd Helen Canon Houghton

Precentor: Fr Alphonse Garimae 0457 216 894 Rev'd Dr Fae Rouse
 Rev'd Shirley Thomson

Wardens: Ross Garling **Hospital Chaplain**
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THANKSGIVING

Please consider direct deposit for your freewill offering to God's work in the Ministry Unit,
Account Name: Church Wardens of St James Cathedral General Account
BSB: 034 222 Account Number: 250713

ANFIN also offers a direct giving option. There are brochures on the back table to complete. It is also possible to complete and lodge the application online. If you wish to do this, please email Fr Kenneth (kenneth700@gmail.com) and he will send you the file.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Daily	4.30pm	Evening Prayer in the Cathedral
Sunday	28th	The First Sunday of Advent
	7.15am	Eucharist at St Mark's
	9.00am	Eucharist at the Cathedral
	5.00pm	"Melanesian" Eucharist (at Ayr)
Monday	29th	8.00am Morning Prayer/Eucharist at the Cathedral
	1.00pm	Eucharist at Bolton Clarke
	6.00pm	Area Deanery "Christmas" Dinner
Tuesday	30th	8.00am Morning Prayer/Eucharist at the Cathedral
	2.00pm	Funeral at the Cathedral
Wednesday	1st	8.00am Morning Prayer at the Cathedral
	12.00pm	Eucharist at the Cathedral
	4.20pm	Fr Kenneth leaves for Mackay (till 7/12)
	5.30pm	Eucharist at the Cathedral
Thursday	2nd	8.00am Morning Prayer /Eucharist the Cathedral
Friday	3rd	8.00am Morning Prayer / Eucharist at the Cathedral
Saturday	4th	8.00pm Morning Prayer at the Cathedral
	5.00pm	Eucharist at Magnetic Island
Sunday	5th	The Second Sunday of Advent
	7.15am	Eucharist at St Mark's
	9.00am	Eucharist at the Cathedral
	6.00pm	"A Celebration of Music and Poetry"

More than a church - We are a family

Happy New Year!

Today is Advent Sunday, the start of the new year for the church. It is Year C where our focus for the year will be the Gospel according to St Luke. If you are in the custom of making New Year's Resolutions, perhaps this is the time to make a spiritual resolution and keep it for all of 2022.

TONIGHT'S MELANESIAN SERVICE

The Melanesian Service planned for the Cathedral tonight will now have to take place at All Saints Ayr, as the transport arrangements to bring the Melanesian seasonal works from Ayr to Townsville was not able to be arranged.

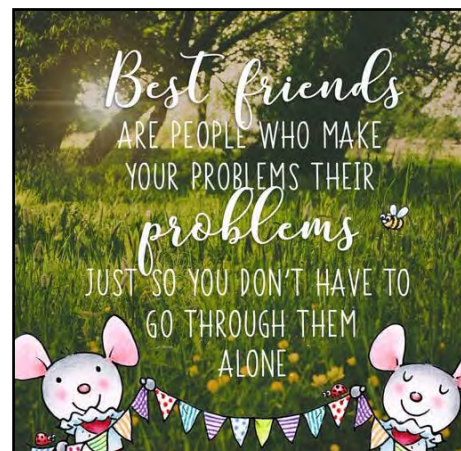
The service begins at 5pm, and it's certainly worth the travel to be part of it.

As the seasonal workers have come to the end of their time in the Burdekin, this will be the last service of this season.

A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC AND POETRY

Next Sunday, in place of the regular Evensong of the first Sunday of the month, there will be a special event in the Cathedral. "A Celebration of Music and Poetry" arranged by Anne Milanovic, will commence at 6.00pm

Featuring Vivaldi's Gloria RV 589 in D major, Handel's Halleluia-Amen from Judas Maccabaeus and poems by Shakespeare, Wordsworth, and Hopkins. The Cleveland Singers are joined by choir singers from the Townsville community, members of the Barrier Reef Orchestra and others.



Sexual Abuse contact line: 1800 242 544 or 07 3835 2266

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED:

Tracey, Ian, Craig, Rev Fae, Barry, Wynter, Phil, Trevor, Fr Vic Hall, Allan Bell, Bishop Arthur & Colleen Malcolm, Betty Daly, Bronwyn and Stephen Wilson, Rodney, and the residents of the local nursing homes. To add someone's name to this list, you must first get their permission, then let Fr Kenneth or Anne McCutcheon know.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

19 Dec	6.00pm	"Blue" Christmas
24 Dec	5.00pm	"Kids Christmas"
	7.30pm	"Restricted Service"
	11.30pm	"Midnight Mass"
25 Dec	7.15am	St Mark's Belgian Gardens
	9.00am	St James and St Margaret's

THIS MORNING



Please pray for the parents and the godparents of Zachary Christopher Moore who will be baptised BY Fr Aphonse at the cathedral at 11am.

OFF TO MACKAY

With the appointment of Canon John McKim as Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Heatley, Fr Kenneth has undertake the role of locum of the Mackay Ministry Cluster. Because of the distance of this locum, he will be travelling to Mackay once a month and spending a week there. The first of these trips is this week. He leaves on Wednesday afternoon and returns on the following Tuesday.

"CONNECTIONS" IS READY

"Connections" the parish calendar for December is ready for you to collect as you leave this morning. It contains details of this years Christmas Services.

LECTIONARIES AND CALENDARS

Most people collected their calendars and lectionaries last weekend, though there are still a few left to collect from the back table at the Cathedral. Don't forget to pay Fr Kenneth for these.

WHERE TO FIND US...

We are on the web and also on Facebook. To keep up to date, visit us often in both places:
 Web: www.stjamescathedral.com.au
 Facebook: St James' Cathedral, Townsville

FIND THE WORD

All the words in the following grid are taken from some of this week's readings. Once you have found them in the grid, find them in the reading sheet and underline them there.

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CLOUD	COMING	CONFUSED	DISCIPLES
DISSIPATION	DISTRESS	DOWN	DRAWING
DRUNKENNESS	EARLY	EARTH	ESCAPE
FAINT	FEAR	FIG	FOREBODING
FROM	GENERATION	GLORY	GOD
GREAT	GUARD	HEADS	HEARTS
HEAVEN	JESUS	KINGDOM	LEAVES
LOOK	MAN	MOON	MORNING
MOUNT	NATIONS	NEAR	NIGHT
OLIVES	PARABLE	PEOPLE	PLACE
POWER	POWERS	PRAYING	RAISE
REDEMPTION	ROARING	SAID	SEA
SEE	SHAKEN	SIGNS	SON
SPEND	SPROUT	STAND	STARS
STRENGTH	SUMMER	SUN	TEACHING
TEMPLE	TRAP	TREE	UNEXPECTEDLY
UPON	WAVES	WEIGHED	WILL
WORDS	WORLD	WORRIES	

A REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

Read: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



Gospel Summary

Just a few weeks ago we heard a Gospel passage with a similar message. In the end times many unusual things will happen and people will be frightened, but the Son of Man will come with great power and glory to redeem his own. The second half of today's Gospel reading stresses the importance of being ready for Christ's coming at all times.

Reflection for Parents

Yes, it is important to be ready for the Second Coming of Christ, but it is also important to be prepared for his arrival into every moment of every day. He may come to us through a conversation, in the form of a beggar on the streets, through the words or actions of our children, or through the kindness of a stranger. Are our hearts open to receiving him? Advent affords us the opportunity to prepare our hearts and lives for Christ's coming today, at Christmas, and at the end of all time. This Advent, open your eyes, your ears, and your heart to the coming of Christ in ordinary and extraordinary ways.

Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

Take time today to make a family Advent plan. Create a family Advent calendar or Advent chain listing ways your family will spiritually and physically prepare for the celebration of Christ's coming at Christmas. Include on your calendar or chain parish Advent opportunities, such as an Advent Penance and Reconciliation service or shopping for and wrapping gifts for the parish Advent Giving Tree.

Discussion Starters

1. One way I have been lazy about my faith is . . .
2. One thing I can do to become more ready for Christ's coming at Christmas is . . .
3. One thing I am looking forward to doing with my family this Advent is . . .

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - (Year C)

Sentence

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21:28

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, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may go out joyfully to greet him; and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God

The response to the verses of Psalm 25 is:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my

God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way. He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. For your name's sake, O Lord, forgive my sin, for it is great.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself

and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. (NRSV)

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 21, beginning at the 25th verse.

Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I

tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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