



18th December 2022

ADVENT 4

WELCOME TO THE PARISH of East Lake Macquarie

Service Times & Locations

**Church of the Transfiguration,
Merrigum St, Windale**

- Sunday 8:30 am

All Saints, 24 Church St, Belmont

- Sunday 9am Eucharist
- Sunday 4pm FAITH@4
- Wednesday 10:30 am

St Peters, 28 Josephson St Swansea

- Sunday 10:30 am
- Friday 9.30am



Today's Readings

- **Isaiah 7: 10-16**
- **Psalms 80: 1-7, 17-19**
- **Romans 1: 1-7**
- **Matthew 1: 18-25**

We acknowledge the first nations' people of the Awabakal & Darkinjung nations, traditional custodians of the east side of Lake Macquarie.

We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

We commit ourselves to the ongoing work of healing and reconciliation.

OUR PARISH TEAM



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(Sunday-Thursday)



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Priest (hon):
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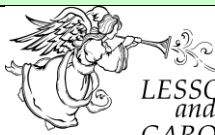


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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	CENTRE	DETAILS
Monday	19/12	Lessons and Carols	7.30pm	All Saints Belmont	 LESSONS and CAROLS

FOR YOUR DIARY

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	CENTRE	DETAILS
Thursday	2/2/23	Men's Breakfast	7.00am	To be decided	All men in the parish are invited to attend to share fellowship.
Sunday	12/3/23	AGM	2.00pm	To be decided	

Sunday Clergy Roster

DATE	WINDALE 8.30am	BELMONT - 9am	SWANSEA - 10.30am	BELMONT - 4pm
18/12	Rev Alison	Fr Peter	Rev Alison	Fr Peter

Christmas Eve Services

Windale 6.00pm with Rev Robyn
 Swansea 5.30pm with Rev Alison
 Belmont 6.00pm with Fr Peter

Christmas Day Services

Windale **9.00am** with Rev Robyn
 Swansea **9.00am** with Rev Alison
 Belmont **9.00am** with Fr Peter



ADVENT CANDLES- What do they mean?

The candle for the **fourth** Sunday of Advent is the **Love** candle. Love is at the very core of the Christmas story—Mary's love for her son, Zechariah and Elizabeth's love for each other and for John, the love and respect of the Magi and Shepherds for Jesus, and God's love for all the world.

As we celebrate Christ's holy birth, may we be guided by His word, filled with His hope, surrounded by His love.

Prayers for the Week

- **For the world:** For fighting in Ukraine to end and peace prevail. Refugees who risk their lives in boats trying to seek asylum. For Christians throughout the world as they celebrate Christmas.
- **For the Church:** We pray for Bishops Peter, Sonia, Charlie. Parishes of All Saints ANeW, Beresfield/Thornton, Branxton/ Greta/ Lochinvar.
- **For the wider Community:** Pray for the police as they protect our community, often facing danger themselves. For the victims, families, colleagues and friends of those killed and injured in Wieambilla. For students who received their HSC results and those who await Uni offers. For those in our community who feel sad, lonely or anxious at Christmas and for organisations that help to bring some Christmas spirit to those who are needy at this time.
- **People who have asked for our prayers:** Anne, Marie (Ma), Alan, Margaret, Pat, Judy, Ian, Donna & Aaron, Elaine, Lyn, Sylvia, Margo, Bess.

Please contact Narelle if you would like to put someone on the prayer list.

PLEASE NOTE: Names will only be kept on the list for one month unless there is a need to keep them on for longer

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O Lord, raise up your power and come among us, and with great might succour us, that, whereas through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

READINGS

DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

- **Isaiah 9: 2-7**
- **Psalms 96**
- **Titus 2: 11-14**
- **Luke 2: 1-20**

ABM Reflections

- Isaiah 7.10-16; Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19; Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-25

They shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us'. What a profound concept – that God should take on human form and become one of us – what the poet John Betjeman called 'the most tremendous tale of all' in his poem, 'Christmas'. We wait in anticipation for the Incarnation when God comes to us wearing the clothes of humanity, and allows us to become like God by participating in God's life. Alleluya! Salvation is at hand!

- Pray this week that you may become more and more like God himself by following the example of Jesus.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, remembering especially today the staff and students at Newton Theological College in Popondetta.

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Together we work to strengthen the Parish of East Lake Macquarie for the future

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Regular weekly giving is essential to the life of our parish and your gifts can be offered for the Parish or for Mission in 2 ways:

1. Directly into the appropriate baskets before or after each service
2. By Electronic Funds Transfer

Many People are finding that this is an easy, fuss free way to maintain their support. Donations this way can be easily arranged by speaking to your bank directly or set it up through internet banking.

BANKING DETAILS FOR DIRECT ON-LINE GIVING:

If you would like to start giving in this way you will need the following

details: **BSB: 705 077 Account Name: ELMAC Account Number: 000 405 34**

Perhaps you might even like to arrange a gift in your will to assist the Parish into the future.



Advent and Christmas
APPEAL 2022
Your gift will transform communities

The poster features a circular image of two children playing with water and colorful toys. To the left is a QR code. To the right are two circular logos: 'ANGELIC BOARD OF MISSION' and 'ANGELIC IN DEVELOPMENT'. At the bottom left, it says 'DONATE ONLINE' and at the bottom right, the website 'www.abmission.org/Christmas2022'.

JOY
LOVE
PEACE
BELIEVE
CHRISTMAS

Christmas Gifts and craft

At the back of each church there are lots of goodies for sale. **GRAB A BARGAIN** and support our parish.



The Anglican Church of Newcastle takes allegations of misconduct and abuse seriously.

We welcome and encourage everyone with concerns to come forward.

TO REPORT A CRIME TO NSW POLICE RING 131 444 OR RING 000 IN AN EMERGENCY
TO CONTACT CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE RING 132 111 OR TO CONTACT THE
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIRECTOR

Phone: 1800 774 945

Write: Director of Professional Standards – PO Box 494, Newcastle NSW 2300

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