



**25<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Christmas Day**

# **WELCOME TO THE PARISH of East Lake Macquarie**



*Unto Us a Child is Born..*

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.



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## Christmas Day Services

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

- Sunday 9.00 am

**All Saints, 24 Church St, Belmont**

- Sunday 9.00 am

**St Peters, 28 Josephson St Swansea**

- Sunday 9.00 am

**Sunday Service Times in January:**

**Windale: 8.30am**

**Belmont: 9.00 am**

**Swansea: 10.30 am**

**No midweek services in January**

**Our Op Shops will close over  
the Christmas /New Year and  
will re-open on January 9  
FOR YOUR DIARY**

## Today's Readings

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



| 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 |                                                                  |

# **Prayers for the Week**

- **For the world:** For places throughout the world that are suffering due to political unrest, war, famine, natural disasters. For people that are displaced or are fleeing from their homelands. Those who live in poverty and medical aid. Those parts of the world where people lack hope. Christians throughout the world as they celebrate Christmas. Pray for peace, hope and love.
- **For the Church:** We pray for Bishops Peter, Sonia, Charlie. For the parish of Williamtown/Medowie/Mallabulla. For Op shops in our Diocese. Give thanks for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in our Diocese. The retirement of John Kirkpatrick AM who has given service to Anglican Care since 1980.
- **For the wider Community:** Pray for those in our community who feel sad, lonely or anxious at Christmas, for broken families, for those who feel let down, angry, disappointed, remembering that its not always the loving, joyful and happy time for everyone. Give thanks for organisations that help to bring some Christmas spirit to those who are needy at this time.
- **People who have asked for our prayers:** Janet and Peter, 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**

God Most High,

whose eternal Word chose a dwelling among us, that we might live in your presence: grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory you have given us, and how great is the hope to which we are called in the Word made flesh;

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Readings for 1st January The Epiphany of our Lord**

- **Isaiah 60: 1-6**
- **Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14**
- **Ephesians 3:1-12**
- **Matthew 2: 1-13**

## **ABM Reflections**

The angel says: *Do not be afraid*. The phrase is used throughout the Bible – in the Hebrew Scriptures, in the Apocrypha and in the New Testament. God does not want us to be timid, afraid, anxious or troubled. God wants us, as the birth of Jesus shows, to come closer. Perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4.18), and today God surrounds us with perfect love in the birth of the Baby at Bethlehem.

- Pray this week that you may show perfect love to all you encounter. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa.

Text: Robert McLean



## 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.



**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.**

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TO CONTACT CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE RING 132 111 OR TO CONTACT THE  
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIRECTOR

**Phone:** 1800 774 945

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