



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 11:1-10
- Psalm: 72:1-7, 18-21 (APBA page 294)
- Romans 15:4-13
- Matthew 3:1-12

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



Parish Priest:
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(Sunday-Thursday)



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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	CENTRE	DETAILS
Thursday	8/11	mainly music	9.00am	Belmont	In the hall
		Study Group	10-11am	Swansea	At Julie's Place

FOR YOUR DIARY

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	CENTRE	DETAILS
Sunday	4/12	Carols on the Lawn	5pm	Windale	Free sausage sizzle & drink. BYO chairs. Santa will be coming.
Tuesday	7/12	Service of Lament	6pm	Christ the King Toronto	Lamenting Domestic and Family Abuse in our community
Friday	9/12	Swansea MU Christmas Lunch	11.30am	Swansea Hotel Restaurant	Everyone invited to join MU members. Phone Carol 0414 425 941
Sunday	11/12	Baptism & Confirmation	8.30am	Windale	Bp Charlie's Visit
		A Christmas Celebration	2.00pm	Christchurch Cathedral	Newcastle University Choir. \$30-35 www.TryBooking.com
Friday	16/12	Blue Christmas	9.30am	Swansea	For those for whom Christmas is a difficult time.
Monday	19/12	Lessons and Carols	7.30pm	Belmont	 LESSONS and CAROLS
Thursday	2/2	Men's Breakfast	7.00am	Yet to be decided	All men in the parish are invited to attend to share fellowship.

Sunday Clergy Roster

DATE	WINDALE 8.30am	BELMONT - 9am	SWANSEA - 10.30am	BELMONT - 4pm
4/12	Rev Robyn	Fr Peter	Rev Alison	Fr Peter
11/12	Fr Peter	Rev Alison	Fr Peter	Fr Peter
18/12	Rev Alison	Fr Peter	Rev Alison	Fr Peter

DOMESTIC AND FAMILY ABUSE - Service of Lament

Lake Macquarie Anglicans are committed to responding to the reality of domestic and family abuse. As part of this commitment, we are holding a Service of Lament to express our deep sorrow that domestic and family abuse is part of the life of our community and our churches.

The service will be held on Tuesday 7th December 6pm @ Christ the King Toronto.

Advent Candles- What do they mean?

The first Advent candle is called the **Hope** candle and represents the hope born out of all that God has done and will do for humanity.

The second Advent candle is frequently called the **Peace** candle or the Bethlehem candle. Reflecting on the peace promised by Christ's birth and the faithfulness of those who played a part in the Christmas story. In lighting this angel's candle, we celebrate the restoration of creation and wonder of God's Shalom lived out here on earth.

Prayers for the Week

For the world: Pray for peace and justice in war torn countries and the easing of tensions between nations. For leaders of all nations to make just and fair decisions for their people. Pray for peoples facing starvation and lack of medical aid.

For the Church: We pray for Bishops Peter, Sonia, Charlie. Anglican Care- Chaplains Andrew Harrison and Yoshika, Jenny Foley, Toni Wein. Samaritans Foundation- David Hesketh, Community Chaplain. Parishes of Southlakes and Stockton. Pray for ELMAC op shops, especially giving thanks for the volunteers.

For the wider Community: Continue to pray for the towns in Central NSW affected by flooding in the past few weeks. The emergency services who are dealing with the aftermath and clean up. For the homeless in our community and those who are having difficulty finding accommodation to rent. For those working in retail in the lead-up to Christmas.

People who have asked for our prayers: Alan, Margaret, Pat, Judy, Ian, Joel & Alex, 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

Merciful God,

who sent your messenger John the Baptist
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:
give us grace to heed his warning and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy the coming of our Redeemer,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READINGS DECEMBER 11 ADVENT 3

- **Isaiah 35: 1-10**
- **Psalms 146**
- **James 5: 7-10**
- **Matthew 11:
2-11**

ABM Reflections THE Second SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Sunday 4th December 2022

- Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-7, 18-21; Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12

John the Baptist quotes the prophecy of Isaiah: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight'. How can we prepare the way of the Lord this Advent? As Isaiah tells us, by proclaiming (in deed and in word) good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, freedom for the oppressed and the year of the Lord's favour.

- Pray this week for the chance to proclaim to others the fullness of life that Jesus offers the world.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*, the Anglican Church of Japan.





SERVICE OF CAROLS AND LESSONS

Monday 19th December at 7.30pm
@ All Saints Belmont



Advent and Christmas
APPEAL 2022
Your gift will transform communities



DONATE ONLINE
www.abmission.org/Christmas2022

BLUE Christmas
FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER
9.30 am
St Peter's Anglican Church
28 Josephson Street,
SWANSEA
You're Invited!

If there is something you want to have included in the Bulletin, please send your information to Narelle by the Wednesday **prior to** the Sunday, you want it included.

Email – nsherring@bigpond.com or phone **0447 450 182** or email one of the parish Clergy

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.

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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