

17th December 2023
Advent 3

WELCOME

To The Parish of East Lake Macquarie

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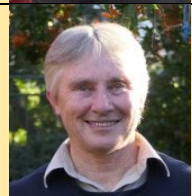
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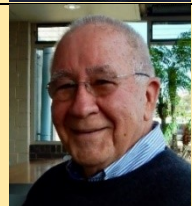
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GAUDETE SUNDAY

"Rejoice in the Lord always"



Readings for Today

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11	1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28
Psalms 126	John 1: 6-8, 19-28

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 & reconciliation.

SERVICE TIMES & LOCATIONS

WINDALE - Talinga Close	BELMONT - 24 Church St	SWANSEA - 28 Josephson St,
Church Of the Transfiguration • Sunday 8:30am	All Saints • Sunday 9am Eucharist • Wednesday 10am	St Peters • Sunday 10:30am Eucharist • Friday 9.30am

FOR YOUR DIARY

ACTIVITY	DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
With the Magi to the Manger	Wednesday	20/12	12 noon	Windale
Lessons and Carols	Sunday	17/12	7.30pm	All Saints Belmont

SUNDAY CLERGY ROSTER

DATE	SERVICE	WINDALE	BELMONT	SWANSEA
17/12	Advent 3	Rev Robyn	Fr Peter & Rev John	Rev Alison
24/12	Advent 4 - am	Rev Robyn	Fr Peter	Rev John
24/12	Christmas Eve	Rev Robyn	Fr Peter	Rev Alison
25/12	Christmas day	Rev Robyn	Fr Peter & Rev John	Rev Alison

CELEBRATE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

with us at our LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE

Sunday 17th December

7.30pm

All Saints, Belmont



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.....

Bim has delivered the gifts that were placed under our parish Christmas trees to the Samaritans and they expressed their thanks to all who donated gift cards, money, food and toys.

Your generous donations will make a huge difference to a lot of people this Christmas.

With The Magi to The Manger....



The Magi followed a star to welcome the Saviour of the World amongst us with the best gifts they had.....

On our journey through Advent, let us discover anew our 'God Given Gifts' and bring them to the Manger.....

12noon on Wednesday, - December 20th – LIVING
AT THE CHURCH OF THE Transfiguration- Talinga Close, Windale

For more details,
please contact
Rev. John Carroll,
0419 703 410

Prayers for the Week

FOR THE WORLD: Pray for world peace and healing where wounds have been caused by violence, war and oppression. For the Holy Land in this time.

FOR THE CHURCH: Diocesan Bishop Peter, Assts Sonia and Charlie. Parishes of Lakes Anglican (Rev Jodie Zammit), Peninsular Anglican (Rev Jacqui Smith), St Albans. Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College. Fr Roger Zohrab (Chaplain of JHH). That we might celebrate the birth of Christ with generosity of heart and Spirit.

WIDER COMMUNITY: The Federal Opposition and Shadow Cabinet. Hospitals in the Hunter and all who work in them. Ambulance and paramedic services. Those in our community who find Christmas a difficult time. First Peoples, Awabakal and Darkinjung people.

PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Patricia, Noeline, Arthur, Maree, Betty, Jenny, George, Sylvia.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Donald Kirk, Jack Barsley

PRAYER of the WEEK

Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you:
come quickly to save us,
so that wars and violence shall end
and your children may live in peace,
honouring one another with justice and love;
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,
who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING READINGS

24 December - Advent 4

- 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
- Psalm 89; 1-4, 19-27
- Romans 16: 25-27
- Luke 1: 26-38

OUR THANKS.....

To all the wonderful people who have offered their care, support and prayers for us over the last few weeks whilst I have been unwell.
Fr Peter & Fiona



SHARING YOUR GIFTS

Please give generously to support our Parish & assist us in providing Mission and Ministry now, and into the future.

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. Donations this way can be easily arranged by speaking to your bank directly or set it up through internet banking.

BANKING DETAILS FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING:

BSB: 705 077

Account Name: ELMAC

Account Number: 000 405 34

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas EVE - Sunday 24th December

Windale - 8.30am SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Belmont - 9.00am SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Swansea - 10.30am SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Swansea - 5.30pm FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Windale - 6.00pm FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Belmont - 6.00pm FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Christmas DAY - Monday 25th December

Windale - 9.00am CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

Swansea - 9.00am CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

Belmont - 9.00am CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

If you have Bulletin items, please phone, text or email Narelle on: 0447 450 182 or
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& PLEASE Remember that we will only have one Bulletin throughout January
so please let us know now if you have anything you would like included.

ABM Pew Reflection



The Gospel of John gives us an alternative view of John the Baptist: a man of God and a witness testifying to the light. Some are confused about who he really is, so they ask him and he gives many answers of who he is not. John the Baptist again affirms that he is preparing by making the path straight for the coming of the Lord.

- God, may I be bold to affirm who I am and testify to the light of Jesus Christ.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council

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We welcome and encourage everyone with concerns to come forward.

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TO CONTACT CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE RING 132 111

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Phone: 1800 774 945 Email: dps@newcastleanglican.org.au

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