



**The Anglican Parish of All Souls, St Peters**

*"Nurturing hearts, souls and friendships by creating space for contemplation,  
connection and community"*

**Parish News**

**25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**The Nativity**



- Paul Gauguin

**Christmas Services**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**

Family Communion with Brass Ensemble and story reading, 6.00pm

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

Sung Communion with story reading, 9.00am

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Boxing Day**

Morning Prayer 9.00am followed by get-to-gather

~~Wednesday 29 December 10.00am CANCELLED~~

**Covid protocol: Please ensure you sign in and wear a mask (provided)**

**Clergy day off: Monday**

We acknowledge the Kurna people, their spiritual relationship with their Country, and their Elders.

### Parish prayers

Caroline Brown, Michelle Hill, Nish's family suffering with Covid: Rohini de Mel, Rangika, Randeve, Ranishka, Raneth & Ranara Fernando

### Parish Remembrances

Cecil Giles 1993, Margaret Kay 1941, Wilf Reinhard 2020, Elwin Radford 1961, Doris Furneaux 1987, Albert Brockhouse 1992, Joan White 2005

### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

*Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America* Primate Archbishop Julio Murray Thompson. Adelaide: St Peter's College: Headmaster Tim Browning, Chaplains **Theo McCall and Alison**, Ben Bleby and Rebekah. Willochra: Anglicare-Willochra: Louise Lang and Andrew, the Committee; Church Mission Agencies: ABM, BCA, CMS. The Murray: ac.care. National: Wangaratta: Bishop Clarence Bester and Michelle

### Readings for 25/12/21

First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Isa 9: 2-7	Ps 96	Titus 2: 11-14	Luke 2: 1-20
<b>Readings for 26/12/21</b>			
1 Sam 2: 18-20, 26	Ps 148	Col 3: 12-17	Luke 2: 41-52

### Roster for Christmas services

	Lay Assistant	Server	Reader	Welcomers
<b>24th</b>		<b>Family Communion</b>		
<b>6.00pm</b>	Elizabeth W	Elizabeth W	Steve B	Ann P, Fiona H Peter N, Jill D
<b>25th</b>		<b>Sung Communion</b>		
<b>9.00am</b>	Pauline P	Pauline P	Julie B	Richard B Emma & David R
<b>26th</b>		<b>Morning Prayer</b>		
<b>9.00am</b>	N/A	N/A	Vernon, Pauline	Fiona H, Emma R





Meagan Schwarz of ABM, guest speaker on the fourth Sunday of Advent who talked about the Larapinta Challenge earlier this year and the projects assisted by the funds raised.



## Christmas Message from the Archbishop

What words come to mind when you think of Christmas? Family, friends, food, gifts, fun . . . all these are indeed good.

When we dig down a little deeper, they are tied together with the most important aspect of Christmas – love. The love we share with our family and friends, the love we express in generosity to others, the love of children’s delight and laughter. Yet, this love is seen in its greatest clarity in God’s love for the whole of creation in coming amongst us as a vulnerable, helpless baby.

Our society appears to be becoming more and more vexed and polarised – the vaxers vs anti-vaxers, climate change activists verse sceptics, State and Federal governments divided over Covid response, increasing global tensions, issues of honesty and integrity in our leaders, and the list goes on. There is a lot of stress in the world right now.

Into this world God continues to speak his message of love. As followers of Jesus his love needs to be our motivation and our action. It is hugely important that we treat each other respectfully and focus on what is good for others and our society and to do that with graciousness, acceptance, and generosity. Our love mirroring God’s love will bring hope and healing to this broken and divided world.

The simple story of a baby in a manger is dismissed by many, yet it continues to be a light of hope that shines eternal as it is the birth of God in human form, coming to us in love. This is the sign that God has love and hope for the world. As such the message of Christmas, the message of God’s extravagant love, offers a real alternative for a flourishing life.

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. **John 1:14***

As we come again to this Christmas time, I encourage us to ponder afresh the love of God seen most clearly in the coming of Jesus to bring hope to the poor, release for the captive, sight for the blind, freedom for the oppressed and to proclaim to all the Lord’s favour (Luke 4:18-19). And to respond to this love by loving God and neighbour.

With every blessing this Christmas and in the year ahead.

**The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith, Archbishop of Adelaide, and Primate, Anglican Church of Australia**



## Safety Guidelines for your Christmas Nativity Scenes

The coronavirus pandemic has had a huge impact on the way we conduct our lives, with many new rules and restrictions governing our health and safety. One area of concern is your Christmas Crib. You will need to do a thorough risk assessment to ensure your Crib is COVID-secure. Here are some guidelines:

1. A maximum of four, double-vaccinated shepherds only permitted at the Crib. Please ensure you check vaccination status.
2. Shepherds must wear facemasks (unless exempt) and strictly observe social distancing.
3. 4. Jesus, Mary and Joseph form a family bubble so may be placed together.
5. The ox and the ass need Declaration of Non-Contamination Certificates, obtainable from the Department of Agriculture.
6. The Three Magi, since they come from an undisclosed country, will be subject to 14-day quarantine, irrespective of vaccination status or Covid test results.
7. The straw, moss, palm branches and other decorations must be disinfected, with hands washed for 20 seconds after handling.
8. Angels flying over the Crib are now forbidden, owing to the aerosol effect produced by the batting of wings.
9. The inn, although open, is subject to ever-changing regulations – please apprise yourself of the latest if you intend to visit.
10. For 2021 only, a Pontius Pilate should be added to the Crib to check vaccination status and explain to authorised participants the protocols for wearing masks, washing and sanitising hands.

Please protect those whom you love and have a safe Christmas! – *Anonymous*



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