



# First Sunday after Christmas

26 December, 2021

*We welcome you to St. Oswald's Church and to this service, especially if you are new or a visitor among us. Please make yourself known to the welcomers, so that they may introduce you to other members of the congregation. Please join us in the hall for refreshments after the service.*

*We acknowledge the sovereign country of the Wurrundjeri people of the Kulin nation on which we gather.*

## Outline of Today's Service from A Prayer Book for Australia

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The Collect

Readings 1 Samuel 2: 18—20, 26  
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Colossians 3: 12—17  
Luke 2: 41—52

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### Today's Ministries

10 am	Reader	
	Intercessor	<b>C. Adams</b>
	Welcome /	<b>D. Adams</b>
	Offertory	<b>C. Adams</b>
	Covid	<b>Jill O'Shea</b>
	Cleaning	<b>John O'Shea</b>



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**Thank you!**

In a world that often feels divided, you've come together with churches across Australia to stand alongside those uprooted by conflict and disaster. Thank you for standing with Act for Peace's local partners to bring practical care – as well as hope, peace, joy, love and light – to people in urgent need around the world.

By joining together through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping build a world where all people have a safe place to belong. **Thank you.**

**CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](http://actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl)**

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



## **From the Vicar**

If we move the birth of Jesus to the peak of lockdown, what would this scene have looked like?

As a result of the strict no visitor rules to homes & health institutions, density quotients, travel pass & permits, QR codes, border closure, mask rules, perhaps:

- No Joseph,
- No angels,
- No shepherds,
- No animals,
- No kings.

Maybe it would not be in Bethlehem at all, but back at home where Joseph may have been allowed (with a mask and social distancing).

Would it just be Mary (with a mask on) and the baby Jesus - alone, isolated, unable to share this moment with anyone?

During Covid this has been the experience of many mothers and I suspect will continue to be for many depending on where they live in our world.

What difference would this experience make to our understanding of the story?  
What role do those who gather around Mary and Jesus at this time play in the story?  
Are they necessary or are they simply colour we do not need? Can we simply leave them out?

Just thinking out loud.

Merry Christmas!

**Glenn**

## Diary for the Week

### *St Oswald's Facebook page*

<https://www.facebook.com/stoswaldchurchgleniris>

*go to Videos on left side of screen*

*You Tube—St. Oswald's Glen Iris*

### **Wednesday 29 December**

10 am **Holy Communion**

### **Sunday 2 January —Live streamed**

*Second Sunday after Christmas*

8 am **Holy Communion**

10 am **Family Eucharist**

### Readings 2 January

Jeremiah 31: 7—14

Psalms 147: 12—20

Ephesians 1: 3—14

John 1: 10—18

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## **Intercessions**

### **For the church:**

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America;

The Diocese of North West Australia; St John the BapOst WanOrna South.

### **For those who face challenges in daily living:**

Lesley Whitehead, Gaye Loughrey.

### **Departed**

George Shepherd, John Langlands, Rex Walsh, Edward Hinton, Doris Warren.

## **CARING FOOD – AN UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone who has donated bags of food for those less well off.

We appreciate that everyone has been so generous, and we hope to continue this program next year.

The food that has not been collected has been shared with the Uniting Church through their community food cupboard, and some given to Camcare as part of their community support program. In the New Year, we will re-jig the program and provide a further update on some revised arrangements.

Many thanks again to all who donated. Merry Christmas to all.

**Judy Johnson**

## **Covid-19 Regulations**

- Do not attend Church if you are experiencing flu like symptoms or if you are waiting for the results of a Covid-19 test. Please maintain social distancing at all times (keep 1.5 meters from other parishioners). Windows will be open and you are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer at the entrance.
- All are welcome at Church services (regardless of vaccination status). There is no limit on the number of people attending church services.
- All must check into St Oswald's using the QR Code poster. A Covid Marshal will assist you if you do not have a smart phone.
- Mask wearing is no longer mandatory in the Church. You are strongly encouraged to wear a mask in order to help protect you and your families and friends
- Refreshments before or after services are for fully vaccinated people. People serving refreshments or food before or after services must wear masks. Self-service food is discouraged. You may be asked to show your proof of vaccination.

# TODAY'S READINGS & PRAYER

Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and be thankful.

*Colossians 3.14–15*

## Prayer of the Day

**Lord, your wisdom echoes  
in the child's question,  
the raw insight of youth:  
renew our curiosity  
and deepen our desire  
for a truth that lives  
and grows before you;**

**through Jesus Christ, the Question and the Answer. Amen.**

## A Reading from the Book of Samuel

[1 Samuel 2: 18–20, 26]

<sup>8</sup> Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup> His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup> Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home. <sup>26</sup> Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148 (Spoken)

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**A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians**

[Colossians 3: 12—17]

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church,  
**Thanks be to God.**

***Please Stand***

**Gospel Acclamation:** (Spoken) Open our hearts , O Lord,  
To listen to the words of your Son.

**The Gospel**

[Luke 2: 41—52]

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>41</sup> Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup> Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and

friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' <sup>49</sup> He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup> Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

