

# **The Anglican Parish of St Luke Toowoomba**



**Second Sunday in Advent  
6 December 2020**

*6 December is the Feast Day of the real person behind the story of 'Father Christmas'. Saint Nicholas was a bishop in Myra, a city now in Syria, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> centuries. He is remembered as a man of extraordinary love and generosity. One key story which is told of him is that when he heard that there was a poor family who had three daughters and no money to contribute as a dowry (in those times in that place the bride's family contributed the dowry. In other times and places it has been the reverse, the dowry being paid by the groom and his family). In the middle of the night (isn't it always the case that exciting things happen in stories in the middle of the night!) Nicholas crept up to the home of the poor family and tossed three bags of money through their window, thereby allowing the three girls to marry and have life to the full (as they hoped and as was the expectation of society at the time).*

*Somehow the source of the gift was discovered and Nicholas was praised for giving life to that family. There are many other similar stories and over time he became a focus for thinking about generosity and gift-giving. With the closeness of the date of his feast day to Christmas the connection between the generosity of Nicholas and celebration of gifts at Christmas was established and grew. Across Europe the story developed in many ways, including in some places the accompanying story of a dark character (in Germany the 'Krampus') who handed lumps of coal and even meted out punishment to children who had misbehaved. This is where the 'naughty or nice' aspect of the story came in.*

*In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century this character was appropriated by Coca Cola in advertising campaigns and his clothes, usually previously dark green or other colours, because the now familiar red and white.*

*Another interesting connection is that the three 'balls' outside pawn brokers are thought to be symbols of those three bags of money which Nicholas tossed through the window of the poor people's house.*

*Quiet music is played.*

*The Sanctuary Party enters in silence*

*Opening Song: 'I've got peace like a river'. (All Together Now 70)*

**I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.**

**I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.**

**I've got peace, joy and power,  
I've got peace, joy and power,  
I've got peace, joy and power in my soul.  
I've got peace, joy and power,  
I've got peace, joy and power,  
I've got peace, joy and power in my soul.**

*Advent Welcome*

Advent is 'new year' time in the Church. On this second Sunday in Advent we look ahead with fresh eyes to all that will come. In the fourth week of the new year we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Every birth is anticipated, prepared for with care, requires and brings a change of situation, status and connection. The birth of a child opens our hearts to look forward.

On this second Sunday in Advent we light the second candle in the Advent Wreath, the candle of PEACE. Peace is not the absence of violence and war and turmoil. Peace is the presence of love and justice and mercy and hope. As we prepare to welcome the birth of the Prince of Peace, our prayer for our world is that there will be a heartfelt desire for all the characteristics of living which lead to peace, and an openness to be transformed into peacemakers.

*The second Advent Candle is lit. While it is lit we sing:*

*The Lord is my Light (TIS 747)*

**The Lord in my light, my light and salvation.  
In God I trust. In God I trust.**

Let us pray:

**God of hope,  
place within our hearts the courage to face the future  
and the confidence to trust in your loving care for us.  
Open our hearts to love, now and always. Amen.**

*Hymn: 'Comfort, comfort' (TIS 647)*

*Comfort, comfort all my people  
with the comfort of my Word.  
Speak it tender to my people:  
all your sins are taken away.*

**Though your tears be rivers running,  
though your tears be an ocean full,  
though you cry with the hurt of living:  
comfort, comfort.**

*Comfort, comfort all my people  
with the comfort of my Word.  
Speak it tender to my people:  
all your sins are taken away.*

**Every valley shall be lifted,  
every mountain shall be low,  
every rough place will be smoother:  
comfort, comfort.**

*Comfort, comfort all my people  
with the comfort of my Word.  
Speak it tender to my people:  
all your sins are taken away.*

*Robin Mann 1949-. Based on Isaiah 40.*

*The Collect for the Second Sunday in Advent:*

Merciful God,  
you sent your messengers the prophets  
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:  
give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,  
that we may greet with joy  
the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*The Greeting:*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ.

**And also with you.**

*Sentence*

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory  
of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

*Luke 3.4; Isaiah 40.5a*

*The prayer of preparation*

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Collect for the first Sunday in Advent:*

Faithful God,  
whose promises stand unshaken through all generations:  
renew us in hope,  
that we may be awake and alert  
watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ,  
our Judge and Saviour,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

May our hearts be open to hear God speaking to us.

*The First Reading, from the Old Testament, Isaiah 40:1-11*

<sup>1</sup> Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup> A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough

places a plain. <sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’  
<sup>6</sup> A voice says, ‘Cry out!’ And I said, ‘What shall I cry?’ All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. <sup>9</sup> Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, ‘Here is your God!’ <sup>10</sup> See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup> He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

*At the end, the reader says:*

May your word live in us,

**And bear much fruit, to your glory.**

*Notes on Isaiah 40:1-11*

*These words are a promise of transition. The book of Isaiah is in three distinct sections, leading most commentators to suggest that there are actually three authors (at least). The first section was the preparation for the exile, the warning, the clarity being brought to the people who had wandered away from God that their lack of faithfulness, their lack of listening, had led to the consequences which were about to overwhelm them. In the second section, to which this passage belongs, the people who had been in exile AND those who had remained in the land, were being prepared for a return which would be far more than ‘back to normal’. It would be refreshing of their relationships with God and with one another in every way. The third section is a joyful celebration of those hopes becoming realised. Paul Mitchell*

*Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13*

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, you were gracious to your land:  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**<sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of your people:  
and covered all their sin.**

<sup>8</sup> I will hear what the Lord God will speak:  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.

**<sup>9</sup> Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:  
and his glory shall dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup> Mercy and truth are met together:  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

**<sup>11</sup> Truth shall flourish out of the earth:  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup> The Lord will also give us all that is good:  
and our land shall yield its plenty.

**<sup>13</sup> For righteousness shall go before him:  
and tread the path before his feet.**

*Notes on Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13*

*While it may be argued that these words of celebration could come from any particular time in the story of the people of God (and they ARE appropriate to us at any time of celebration) it is most likely that this psalm was written during or in celebration of the return from exile.*  
*Paul Mitchell*

*The Second Reading, from the New Testament, 2 Peter 3:8-15a*

<sup>8</sup> But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. <sup>11</sup> Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup> But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15</sup> and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him.

*At the end, the reader says:*

May your word live in us,

**And bear much fruit, to your glory.**

*Notes on 2 Peter 3:8-15a*

*“Lord give me patience, and give it to me NOW!” When things are bad we want change to happen very quickly. We also get ourselves muddled when we look only through our eyes and our limited perspective. There is a way of showing a different perspective on ‘time’ which suggests that we think of it as passing us on a train which we are observing. This passage suggests that sort of perspective is where God views us. The actions of God in time, in history, are outside of our limitations. The ‘day of the Lord’ has already come, is already happening, we are already inside the time when God is acting in extraordinary ways. The key invitation is to find peace, in our hearts, in our lives, with one another. Paul Mitchell*

*Hymn: 'On Jordan's bank'. (TIS 270)*

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
come then and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings from the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every heart from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
prepare we in our hearts a home  
where such a mighty guest may come.**

**For you are our salvation, Lord  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without your grace we waste away  
like flowers that wither and decay.**

**To heal the sick stretch out your hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let your light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.**

**To him who left the throne of heaven  
to free us all, let praise be given;  
and praise be to the Father done,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One.**

*Charles Coffin 1676-1749 tr. John Chandler 1806-76 alt.*

*The Gospel Reading (Mark 1:1-8) All stand*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Mark,  
chapter one, beginning at the first verse.

## Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>1</sup> The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup> As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; <sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', <sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

*At the end, the reader says:*

Hear the Gospel of the Lord.

## Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Notes on Mark 1:1-8*

*The opening verse of Mark's Gospel in its original Greek sounds as a call to LISTEN and pay attention. It is filled with words which end with 'ou' and it would have rung out across the crowds in the marketplaces where this message was being shared. Once having grabbed people's attentions Mark draws the connections back into the past story of the people of God to show how key figures of the past and the immediate present around Jesus were preparing humanity for this wonderful new in-breaking of God into our world. Paul Mitchell*

*The Sermon. Silence follows.*

*The Nicene Creed. Please stand*

*Lay assistant:*

Let us affirm our faith in God:

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the**

**forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

*The prayers of the people.*

Prayers are led by a member of the congregation.

*Prayer of Confession*

*Lay Assistant:*

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness,  
and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

*Silence may be kept*

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our  
sins in penitence and faith.

**Heavenly Father,**

**you have loved us with an everlasting love,  
but we have gone our own way  
and broken your laws.**

**We are sorry for our sins  
and turn away from them.**

**For the sake of your Son who died for us,  
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.**

**By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you,  
and to please you more and more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*A short time of silence is held.*

*Absolution*

May God who loves us, have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*All stand for the Greeting of Peace.*

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Hymn: 'Mine eyes have seen the glory' (TIS 315)*

**Mine eyes have seen the glory  
of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage  
where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning  
of his terrible swift sword:  
his truth is marching on.**

*Glory, glory, hallelujah, glory, glory, hallelujah,  
glory, glory, hallelujah, his truth is marching on.*

**He has sounded forth the trumpet  
that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men  
before his judgment seat:  
O be swift, my soul, to answer him;  
be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.**

*Glory, glory, hallelujah, glory, glory, hallelujah,  
glory, glory, hallelujah, our God is marching on.*

**In the beauty of the lilies  
Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom  
which transfigures you and me:**

as he died to make us holy,  
let us live to make all free,  
while God is marching on.

*Glory, glory, hallelujah, glory, glory, hallelujah,  
glory, glory, hallelujah, while God is marching on.*

He is coming like the glory  
of the morning on the wave;  
he is wisdom to the mighty;  
he is succour to the brave:  
so the world shall be his foot-stool,  
and the soul of time his slave:  
our God is marching on.

*Glory, glory, hallelujah, glory, glory, hallelujah,  
glory, glory, hallelujah, our God is marching on.*

*Julia Ward Howe 1819-1910 and others. Alt.*

*Blessing of the gifts:*

We prepare gifts, and give them with love. We prepare ourselves, and offer who we are into the opportunities before us. Stir our hearts so that giving and offering will be hallmarks of our character, and echoes of the gifts with which our lives have already been blessed.

**Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

We thank you that when he shall come again  
in power and great triumph to judge the world,  
we may with joy behold his appearing,  
and in confidence stand before him  
who redeems us from sin and death  
and makes us heirs of everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,  
and we pray that we who eat and drink them  
in obedience to our Saviour Christ,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may be partakers of his body and blood,  
and be made one with him and with each other  
in peace and love.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'  
After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

As we eat and drink this holy sacrament,  
renew us by your Spirit  
that we may be united in the body of your Son  
and serve you as a royal priesthood  
in the joy of your eternal kingdom.  
Receive our praises, Father,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom and in whom,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

*The priest breaks the bread:*

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace**

Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The priest and other communicants receive the Holy Communion.*

*The sacrament is given with the following words.*

The body of Christ, keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

*If you are a communicant member of another church community  
you are welcome to share the Sacrament of Communion with us.*

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Post Communion Prayers.*

We pray, as Jesus did, for the coming of the kingdom:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done**

**on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who  
sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

God for whom we wait,  
we thank you that you have fed us  
with the bread of life  
and the cup of salvation.  
As we joyfully await your Son,  
keep us ever watchful  
that we may be ready to stand before him  
on the day of his coming.

**Most loving God,  
you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit.**

*Notices*

*Missional Song: 'Joyful, joyful'. (TIS 152)*

**Joyful, joyful, we adore you,  
God of glory, God of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
opening to the sun above.**

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!

All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heav'n reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
singing bird and flowing fountain  
call to praise you joyfully.

You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
You our Father, Christ our brother,  
all are yours who live in love;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to your joy above.

*Words: Henry Van Dyke 1852-1933 alt*

*The Blessing.*

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*The dismissal.*

Go, in peace and hope and love.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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*We know that many people are struggling at this time financially  
as well as being isolated from family and friends and community.  
If you are able to help us to be able to maintain community please  
donate through this connection, see the information on our  
parish website or contact the Parish Office.*

## **Christmas Eve**

*Thursday 24 December*

St Mark's: 6.30pm

St Luke's: 10.30pm—Carols

11.00pm—Midnight Mass



## **Christmas Day**

*Friday 25 December*

St Luke's: 8.00am and 10.00am

All Saints: 8.00am

*Please register for all services by phoning the office on  
4639 1910 or  
emailing us at [stluke.tmba@bigpond.com](mailto:stluke.tmba@bigpond.com)*

# Christmas Concert

After a tumultuous 2020, delight together in the music of Christmas. The 'Toowoombells' handbell choir make their debut performance and local soprano, Calista Walters, sings Holy Night and other favourites. Eduarda van Klinken thrills on the majestic St Luke's pipe organ and community vocal ensemble, After5, present some beautiful choral pieces. The audience participates in the community singing of well-known Christmas Carols. As you arrive, relax as master harpist Sharon Matheson puts you in the Christmas mood! This concert has strict Covid-safe protocols in place.

**Sunday 13 December at 2pm and 5pm.  
Tickets are \$20 adult, \$5 children.**

Tickets are selling very fast, so get yours today!

Tickets MUST be pre-purchased from:

Toowoomba Tickets: <https://toowoombatickets.com.au/event/11924>

## **Mothers Union Christmas Cards**

These are now available for sale at the three centres, \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Please see Roseanne ( St Luke's) Trish Wilson ( St Marks), Sue Smith ( All Saints).

## **Craft Group**

**Monday mornings 9.30am – 11.30am  
St Luke's Parish Centre**

Come and enjoy the care, comfort and company of a relaxed group who come together sharing in craft and friendship. Bring your own craft.

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*Please make contact to share needs*

# prayer

## Please Pray for:

John Warbrick & Sarah McLeod, Sue Warbrick, Greg Rawkins, Desleigh Kane, Kim & Dave Booth, Tessa Tamvakis, Helen Mitchell and Frank Wippell.

*Please take and use these suggestions for prayer (as well as the other plans and events mentioned throughout this bulletin). Let all that we are doing and all our plans inform your offering of prayer.*

## Pray Daily

- Pray for the Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury):  
†Jorge Pina Cabral - Bishop of the Lusitanian Church
- The Parish of Manly: Daniel Hobbs, Dianne Black, Judith Phillipps
- Anglicare SQ The Glebe retirement village (Toowoomba)

*If you are able to stay after the service, we would love to meet with you over a "cuppa" at St. Luke's and St. Marks.*



## Pray for State School Chaplains:

Joelene Lochel-Rangeville  
Kevin Murray- Toowoomba East  
Jason Berry- Centenary Heights

# MISSION

## Parish Pantry

- Sweet biscuits
- Savoury biscuits
- Tinned fruit (M,L)
- Tuna (L)
- Tinned meals
- Toothpaste and toilet paper
- Some Christmas fare would also be welcomed.



This list is updated each week to reflect the immediate needs. Thank you to all who regularly contribute. Please make a habit of putting at least one item in your trolley or bag each time you shop and bring it to the

## St George-Dirranbandi:

Please keep praying for our partners

## ABM stamps

Please drop your used stamps into the Parish Office M-F 9am-1pm.

## Recycle for Parish Pantry

Bring your 10¢ refundable cans & bottles to our parish centre with all proceeds going to purchase necessities for our Parish Pantry.

Many thanks to those who have gotten behind this project and giving much help to those in need.

## Worship with us Live on Facebook

Sundays 8am & Weekdays 9am

[www.facebook.com/StLukesParish](http://www.facebook.com/StLukesParish)

Recorded services and weekly service materials also available on our website  
[www.stlukestoowoomba.org.au](http://www.stlukestoowoomba.org.au)

Register through the parish office by **Thursday** to attend all Services.

**Sunday 8am and Thursday 10.15am Services at St Luke's**

**Sunday 9.30am Service at St Mark's and Sunday 4.30pm Service at All Saints.**

*St Luke's- Corner of Herries and Ruthven Streets, Toowoomba*

*St Mark's- Corner of High and Angle Streets, Rangeville*

*All Saints- 26 Arthur Street, East Toowoomba*

### Parish Clergy:

The Reverend Paul Mitchell 0437 391 910

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Paul takes Tuesdays off

The Reverend Peter Mayen 0410 488 195

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Peter is working in the parish on Sundays,  
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### Honorary Associate Priest:

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The Revd. Terry Leonard 4696 2046

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Judy Bond 0412 010 668

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Steve Rigney 0408 718 173

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### Centre Wardens

#### *St Luke's*

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Alan Rennick 0428 214 649

#### *St Mark's*

Patricia Wilson 0429 351 196

Jeffrey Martin 0408 157 455

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### Readings for next Sunday 6 Dec

- Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11
- Ps 126
- 1Thessalonians 5.12-28
- John 1.6-8, 19-28

*We acknowledge the Jarowair  
and Giabal peoples as the original  
custodians of this land.*