Welcome to

CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



First Sunday of Advent

29 November 2026

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Setting: Dudman

CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA: YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME.

We gather to worship God and explore faith in Jesus, welcoming and celebrating the diverse St Kilda community.

In the next three to five years we aim:
- to grow an energetic and committed worshipping community.
- to provide an open, inclusive and welcoming space for everyone.
- to communicate a vibrant, joyful and loving faith.
- to build connections with the local community.
- to be faithful stewards of Church Square and its buildings.

Christ Church St Kilda Parish acknowledges the Yaluk-ut Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung with deep respect. We give thanks to God for their Elders, both past and present, and their continuing relationship to this land.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 30 November 9.30am Eucharist for feast of St Andrew

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Saturday 19 December	**4pm**	**Service of Lessons and Carols**
Thursday 24 December	**10.30pm**	**Midnight Mass**
Friday 25 December	**9.30am**	**Christmas Day Eucharist**

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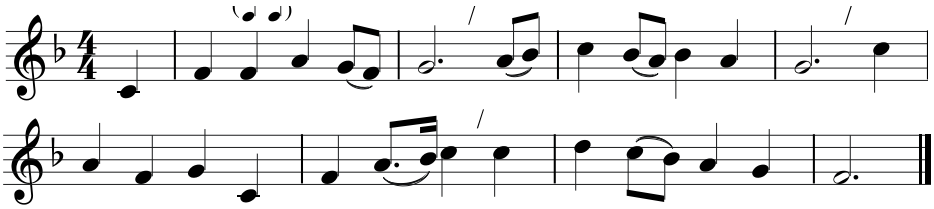
GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

All stand when the entrance bell is rung



The advent of our God
with eager prayers we greet,
and singing hasten on his road
his coming reign to meet.

The everlasting Son
was born to make us free;
and he a servant's form put on
to gain our liberty.

Let Zion now arise
to greet her infant king,
and gladly take with thankful heart
the peace he comes to bring.

As judge, on clouds of light,
he soon will come again,
his scattered people to unite,
with them in heaven to reign.

Then evil flee away
before the rising dawn!
Let our old nature day by day
God's image still put on.

Praise to the incarnate Son
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever one
to all eternity.

Charles Coffin 1676–1749 *tr.* John Chandler 1806–76 and others
Tune: St Thomas. TiS 271

In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Words of welcome
Remain standing for the lighting of the Advent wreath

People of God: awake! The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face. Remember the ways and the works of God. God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming.
You are God's children.
Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ today and for ever. Amen.

As God's children, let us call to mind our sins.

Pour down, O heavens, from above,
and let the skies rain down righteousness.

Turn your fierce anger from us, O Lord, and remember not our sins for ever. Your holy cities have become a desert, Zion a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation; our holy and beautiful house, where our ancestors praised you.

Pour down, O heavens, from above,
and let the skies rain down righteousness.

We have sinned and become like one who is unclean; we have all withered like a leaf, and our iniquities like the wind have swept us away. You have hidden your face from us, and abandoned us to our iniquities.

Pour down, O heavens, from above,
and let the skies rain down righteousness.

You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know me and believe me. I myself am the Lord, and none but I can deliver; what my hand holds, none can snatch away.

Pour down, O heavens, from above,
and let the skies rain down righteousness.

Comfort my people, comfort them; my salvation shall not be delayed. I have swept your offences away like a cloud; fear not, for I will save you. I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your redeemer.

Pour down, O heavens, from above,
and let the skies rain down righteousness.

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The celebrant reads the prayer of the day
Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths: renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love; to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

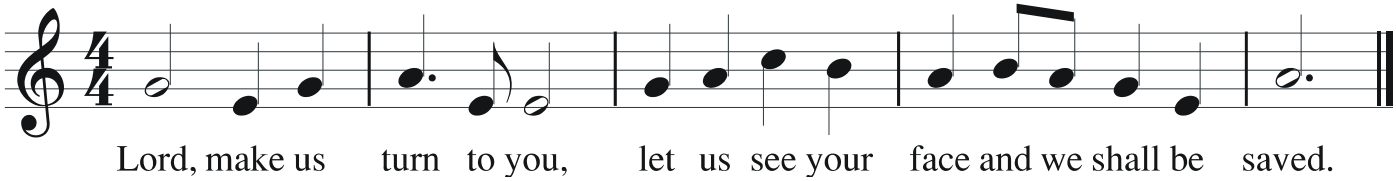
All sit
A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah *64.1-9*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 80

Repeat the response after the cantor and as indicated



O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. ***Response***

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.
Response

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. ***Response***

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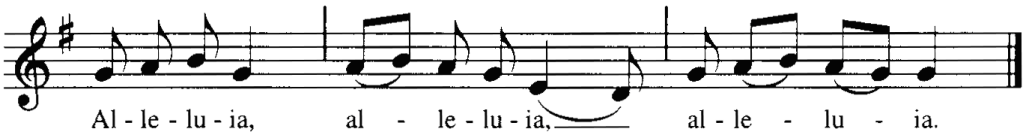
A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians *1.3-9*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

All stand. Repeat the response after the cantor, and then as indicated



Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark *13.24-37*
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit
Sermon – Fr Craig D’Alton

All stand
Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

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.

All kneel or sit
Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

After each prayer
…**hear our prayer**

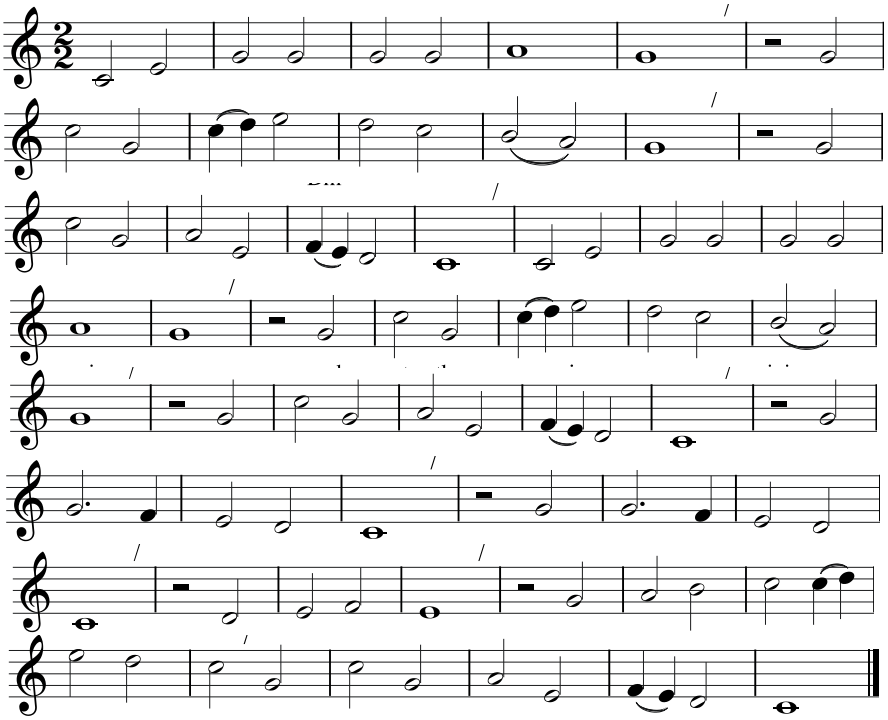
After thanksgiving for those who have died
Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord;
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers. **Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All stand
We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The altar is prepared and a collection is taken as all sing:



‘Wake, awake, for night is flying,’
the watchmen on the heights are crying,
‘Awake, Jerusalem, arise!’
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
and at the rousing cry rejoices:
‘Where are you, all you virgins wise?
The bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lighted lamps then take.
Hallelujah!
With joy prepare to meet him there;
the royal wedding feast is near.’

Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and in her heart new joy is springing;
she wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord now comes all-glorious,
and strong in grace, in truth victorious;
her star has risen, her light has come.
Now come, O precious crown,
Lord Jesus, God’s own Son.
Hail, hosanna!
O lead us all into the hall
where you provide your joyful meal.

Now let all the heavens adore you,
and saints and angels sing before you
with harp and cymbal's joyful tone.
Gates of pearl in heaven are shining;
there, with the angel-choir combining,
we gather round your radiant throne.
No eye has seen that sight,
no ear heard such delight.
What rejoicing!
Yet there will we eternally
with songs acclaim your majesty.

Philipp Nicolai 1556–1608 *tr.* Catherine Winkworth 1827–78 *alt.*
The earlier version of this chorale may be found in *The Lutheran Hymnal,* 1973, at 487.
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The response to the Offertory Prayers is:
Blessed be God for ever.

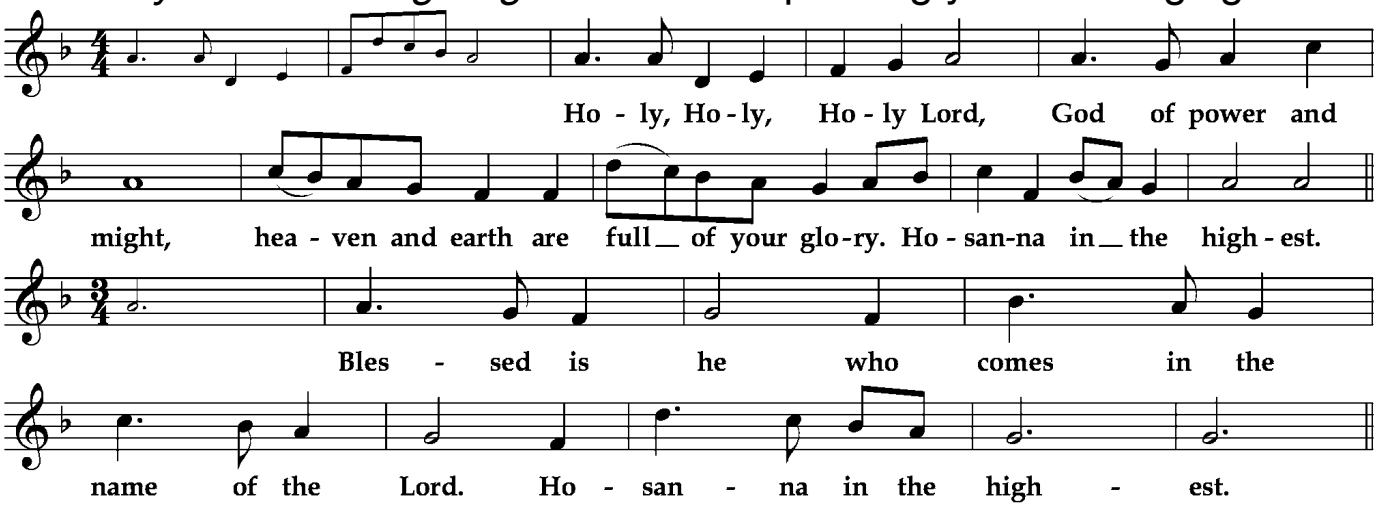
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

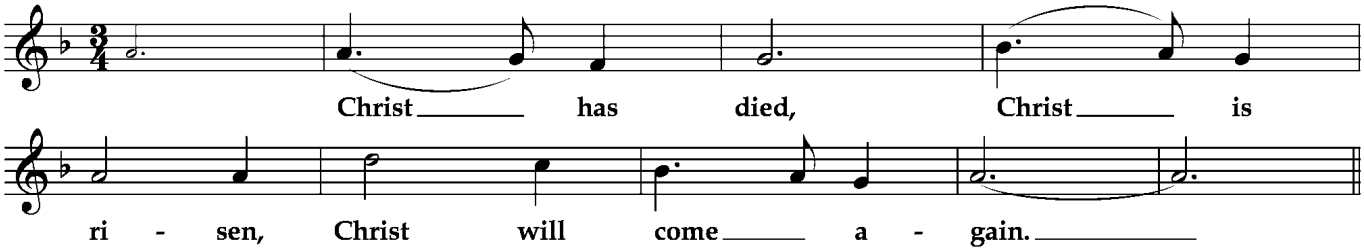
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues…. praising you and singing:

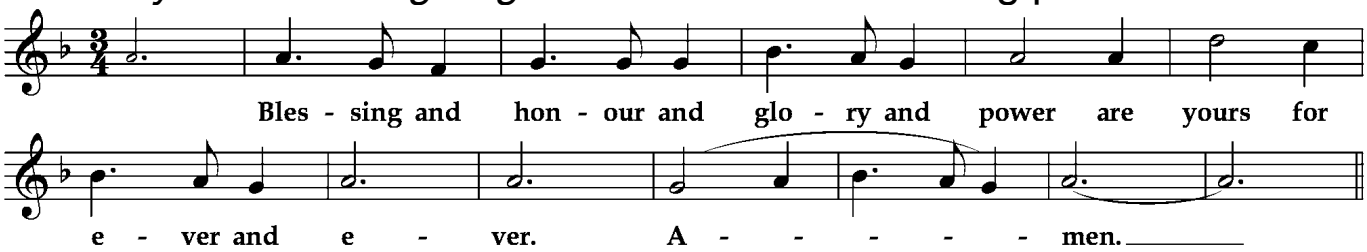


The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues…

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



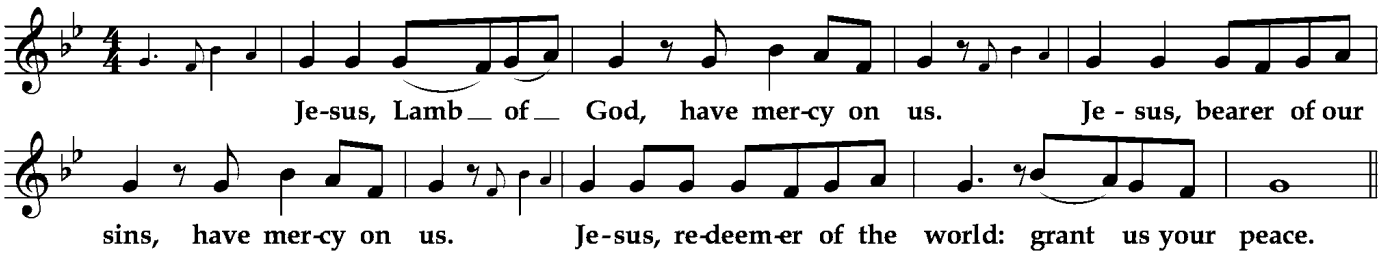
The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues.... never-ending praise:



As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:
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 for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION

We who are many are one body:
For we all share in the one bread.



The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

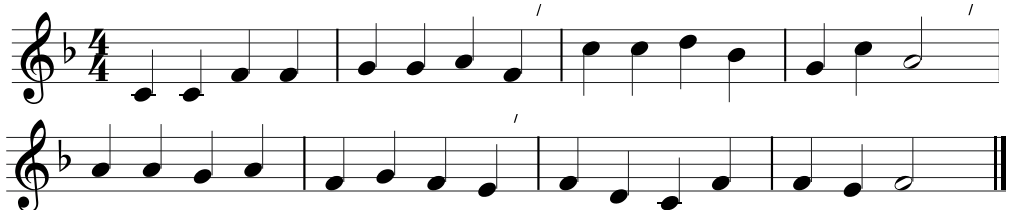
Communicant members of any church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Communion is offered in both kinds. Please queue to receive the host (bread) first, and then the wine if you wish. All are welcome to receive the wine, but none must, as the sacrament is fully present in both species. PLEASE DO NOT INTINCT (DIP) THE HOST IN THE WINE as studies suggest this may be less hygienic than drinking from the common cup.

During communion, the cantor will sing

After communion all stand

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free,
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,

born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley 1707–88
Tune: Stuttgart. TiS 272

Announcements are made

Unveiling of two new artworks for the St Michael Chapel:
"The Everywhere, Everywhen – What Was Here Before" *and*
"The Visitors – Those Who Came and Stayed"
by Canon Uncle Glenn Loughrey.

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.

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.**

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

All are welcome for Morning Tea in the Community Centre following the service.

NOTICES

ROSTER

Date	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
29th Nov	Deba	Helen	Geoffrey	Charles	Helen

ANNUAL MEETING

The Parish Annual Meeting will take place at 11am today, following Morning Tea. Nominations have closed, and the following will be declared elected/appointed at the meeting:

People's Churchwardens:
Robert Breakwell, Gary Israel
Vicar's Churchwarden:
Helen Kelsall
Parish Council members:
Charles Baird, Nicoletta Camilatos, Geoffrey Court, Bob Hall
Parish Nominators:
Geoffrey Court, Robyn Foy

NEW ARTWORKS

A short brochure about the two new artworks for the St Michael Chapel will be available after the unveiling today. The works will not be fixed to the wall until the restoration of the stonework around the transept door is complete.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The details of Christmas Services are below. Please note especially this year the Carols Service, which is on SATURDAY (not Sunday) 19 December at 4pm. We will be greatly blessed to have a choir of singers under the direction of Will Fellows to assist in the worship. It promises to be a great occasion!

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

CHRISTMAS

CHRIST CHURCH – ST KILDA



SATURDAY
19 DEC - 4PM
CAROLS SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE
24 DEC - 10.30PM
MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY
25 DEC - 9.30AM
EUCHARIST

INTERCESSIONS

For the World:
For lasting peace, and a healing of political and religious divisions throughout the Middle East, praying especially for the people of Iran, the Gulf states, Palestine, Lebanon and Israel. For a just end to war between Ukraine and Russia. For the newly elected members of the Victorian Parliament, the Premier-elect and the State Government.

For the Church:
We pray for the church of the Worldwide Anglican Communion, and in Australia for our diocese of Melbourne (Abp Ric Thorpe). In this diocese for nearby parishes, and our ecumenical partners in the St Kilda churches.

For the Community:
For the economically deprived and the homeless.
For the anxious, the isolated, and those overcome by fear.
For Christ Church Mission and the Community Centre staff and volunteers.

For the Sick: Ross, Charles, Josie, Lee, Annette, Jonothan, Margaret, Sean, Fran & for those we name in our hearts.
Also remembering those with long-terms needs for prayer: Gaye, Danny Allan, Patty Dowd, John, Joe, Byron, Aaron, Helen, Fr Andrew, Evan, Ruth, Peter, Greg and Sharyn and family, Francesco.

For the Departed:
those who have died recently, and those whose Year's Mind occurs this week: Glenys McLeod, Joan Baldwin.

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