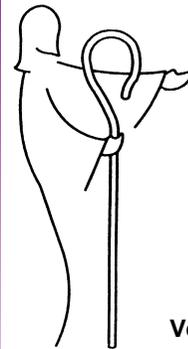


For your hands while you pray



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Regular Service times:

Wednesday: 9am Service

Every Sunday of the month

7am Eucharist

9am Family Eucharist

For Your Prayers!

Our Parish Family Prayer List this week

Max & Gloria Patton; Rodney & Anne, Jarrason & Kirra Purcell; Lurlene Rimmington.

Prayers for Healing: "Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest", Marjorie, Tony, Margaret, Marie, Jan, Catherine, PamMcD, Paul, Ross, BobW, Tamara, CherylW, Janelle, Des, AndrewW; Cherrine, Brian, JackB, GrahamB, PeterS, Josephine, Sharon, Rachael, Jill, Iris, Sherryl, Reg, David, Charlotte, Lorraine, James, Michelle, Fr Robert, BillH, VickiA JanH, Warren & those known only to the Lord.

Special Needs:

Edna, Janetta, Jan, Laura & Jarrod; MatthewF, CoralD, ArthurA, Greg & Joanne, Dr Mike & Jean, Yvonne & Alan and those known only to the Lord.

School Chaplains: Fr Iain, Julie, John, Lynne, Luke, Paula, Kelly, Tanya, Steve P, Steve T, Lynn, Selina, Evan, Kelli & Brenda, May & District Co-ordinator Lisa Hardie.

Missionaries with CMS - Bruce & Libby Hayes & Family and the people of Nepal. Please continue to pray for the people of Nepal

Eagles Wings—COAT: Pray for all involved with Eagles Wings who we support through COAT.

Prayer Chain: If you have a prayer request or would like to be part of the prayer chain please call the prayer chain co-ordinator Pam Edgerton Ph:41527759.

The Epiphany of Our Lord—3rd January, 2021

God has destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1.15-16

| | 3rd January—The Epiphany of Our Lord | 10th January—The Baptism of Our Lord |
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| O.T. | Isaiah 60.1-6 | Genesis 1.1-5 |
| Psalm | 72.1-7, 10-14 | 29 |
| N.T. | Ephesians 3.1-12 | Acts 19.1-7 |
| Gospel | Matthew 2.1-12 | Mark 1.4-11 |



One of the Greek kings of the middle east before the time of Jesus called himself *Seleucius Epiphanes* meaning God manifest or revealed. He was one of the most oppressive and hated of all the kings of the Greek East. Quite a different revelation here! The Epiphany as the Showing of the Christ to the Gentiles (i.e. us). If we deal with the text and not the Christmas postcards, we have an undisclosed number of wisemen, who represent the Gentile world; and 3 gifts - and what symbolic gifts they are! Gold for a king; frankincense for the divinity of Jesus and myrrh suggesting preparing for burial. Like all good Christmas theology, we see the birth of Jesus in the shadow of the cross.



Sending thanks & appreciation for the love you have shown for the children in Eagles Wings/COAT. Thank you for your generosity in giving during these stressful times. All the best for the new year.

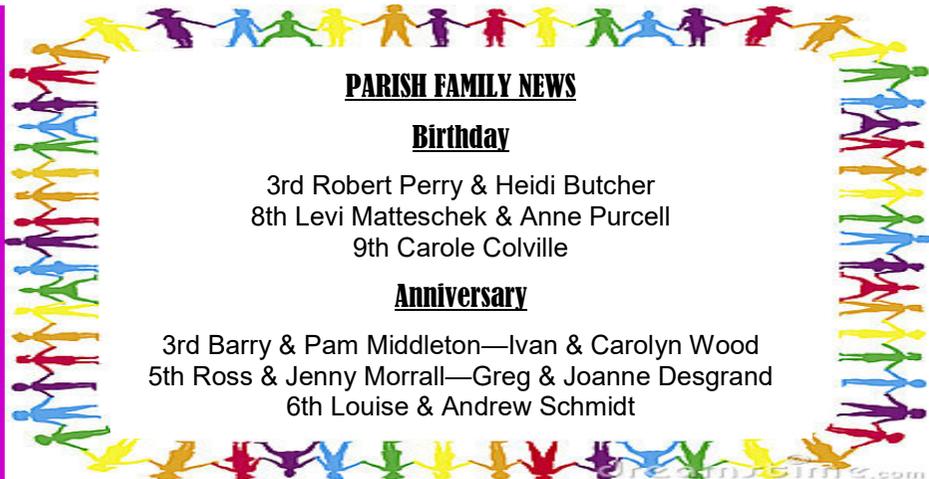
HEALING MINISTRY: If you would like prayers for healing please let us know and we will put them on the Prayer Chain.

A recent article written by Rev'd Andrew Schmidt:

As a white man who came from South Africa in my late teens and have visited a number churches over the years, one particular welcome sticks with me. I was part of a group who was invited to St Albans Anglican Church Yarrabah, to worship with the Anglican church there. After the church service we went for coffee and raisin toast, and as part of the coffee and toast we were welcomed to the community. In a very relaxed, but strangely formal way the local community figured out which of the Aunties was the eldest, and she told us a little of her connection to the Yarrabah region, and welcomed us to her land. After that there was a time of story-telling, making each other coffee and toast, laughter at the children that were running around.

At the time it felt very warming to be invited to a place that was sacred in so many ways. It was a part of the worship that we had shared, which was very similar to the church services that I had grown up with as well as the services that were a part of my regular suburban church life.

Part of what made that day stick in my mind is that it had people from many walks of life, singing together, praying together, sharing bread and wine,



PARISH FAMILY NEWS

Birthday

3rd Robert Perry & Heidi Butcher
8th Levi Matteschek & Anne Purcell
9th Carole Colville

Anniversary

3rd Barry & Pam Middleton—Ivan & Carolyn Wood
5th Ross & Jenny Morrall—Greg & Joanne Desgrand
6th Louise & Andrew Schmidt



sharing coffee and raisin toast telling stories, and in that diversity we shared more fully in the experience of being the body of Christ, something each church community should be seeking.

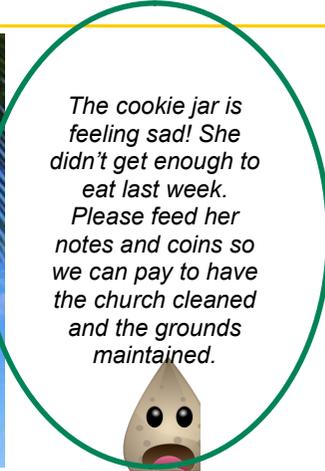
During advent, the time of preparation for Christmas, the time a young family welcomed the Christ child into their arms, I think it is particularly important that we be welcoming to all that we might get a chance to meet, for in that way we might with Mary and Joseph open our arms to Christ.



JANUARY SERVICE TIMES

Combined Service times will commence at 8:30am on Sunday 27th December and continue through including 10th January.

Regular 7:00am and 9:00 am Services will resume from Sunday 17th January, 2021



The cookie jar is feeling sad! She didn't get enough to eat last week. Please feed her notes and coins so we can pay to have the church cleaned and the grounds maintained.