

ANGLICAN PARISH OF SORRENTO AND RYE

St John's Pt Nepean Rd
Sorrento



St Andrew's Lyons St
Rye

December 2019

Vicar:	Fr Nick Wallace	0408 239 678
	sorrento-rye-churches@outlook.com	
Pastoral Visitor:	Daphne Blore	0429 448 448
Warden:	Rod Binns	0407 425 006
Warden:	Angela Raffaele	0400 970 590
Warden:	Mac McPherson	0418 323 007
Additional Spiritual Advice is available from:	Revd. Libby Gilchrist	0409 848 758

PARISH: E-mail: office@srac.org.au Website: www.srac.org.au

Weekly Diary

Sundays:	08:30am - Eucharist at St John's Sorrento 10:30am - Eucharist at St Andrew's Rye
Tuesdays:	09:30am - Ladies Craft Group - St Andrew's
Tuesdays:	09:30am - Bible Study at St John's Fellowship Room
Wednesdays:	08:45am - The Meditation Group - St Andrew's 10:00am - Eucharist - St Andrew's 10:45am - Bible Study at St Andrew Rye
Thursdays:	08:15 - 09:15 Bread Café [Cooked on 1st & 3rd Thursdays]
Fridays:	11:00am - Friday Club - St Andrew's

December Readings

1 December (Advent Sunday)

Isaiah 30:19- 21 PS122 Romans 13.9-14 Matthew 24.36-44

8 December

Isaiah 11.1-10 PS72.1-7,18-21 Romans 15.4-13 Matthew 3.1-12

15 December

Isaiah 35.1-10 Song of Mary (APBA p31) James 5.7-10 Matthew 11.2-11

22 December

Isaiah 7.10-16 PS 80.1-7,17-19 Romans 1.1-7 Matthew 1.18-25

24 December (Midnight Mass)

Isaiah 9.2-7 PS96 Titus 2.11-14 Luke 2.1-20

25 December (Christmas Day)

Isaiah 52.7-10 Hebrews 1.1-4 John 1.1-14

29 December

Isaiah 63.7-9 PS 148 Hebrews 2.10-18 Matthew 2.13-23

5 January 2020 (Epiphany)

Isaiah 60.1-6 PS 72.1-7,10-14 Ephesians 3.1-12 Matthew 2.1-12

Worship - Advent & Christmas

- Sunday 1 December at St John's- Advent Carol Service. Starts at 5pm. Refreshments afterwards.
- Sunday 15 December at St John's. We welcome the Seaside Singers at the 08:30 service.
- Sunday 15 December at St Andrew's. We welcome the Southern Peninsula Singers at the 10:30am service.

Worship – Advent and Christmas continued...

- Sunday 22 December at St John’s – 9 Lessons & Carols. Starts at 5pm. Refreshments afterwards.
- Christmas Eve: Midnight Mass at St John’s Tuesday 24 December, Starts at 11:30pm.
- Christmas Day :
07:30 Communion at St John’s
09:00 Communion at St John’s
10:30 Communion at St John’s
10:30 Communion at St Andrew’s

NB. There is no Holy Communion at St Andrew’s Rye on Wednesday 1 January 2020. There will be Communion on Wednesday 8 January as usual.

Parish News



We are touching many lives over breakfast at St Andrew Rye. On average we cook for over 120 people (mostly school children) on the first and third Thursday of each month at 08:15am. Please come along and reach out your friendly hand.

We hold close in prayer: Kate and Florence. Annette Croad. Joyce Phillingham. June Williamson.

Parish News continued...

More widely we pray for: The homeless and victims of abuse in the home. Those for whom Christmas will not be a happy time. Those who miss their families who live far away. Victims of flood or fire and have lost homes and livestock.

Getting married: We pray for Hugh McDonald and Jacqueline McKendrick who will marry on Saturday 21 December at home in Portsea.

“God of mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our parish to grow in number, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”.



Saturday 14 December in Rye - Open air Carol Singing at 11am.

Everyone is very welcome. We will meet on the corner of Hunt Avenue and Point Nepean Road, just near the Rye Beach Op Shop. The Carols will be well known ones and we will also distribute flyers about our Christmas services. Please come along to support us in putting the **Christ** into Christmas to a busy Saturday morning crowd.

Parish News continued...

Nexus: Tuesday 17 December at 1pm for a light lunch of tasty sandwiches, sweet treats and passion fruit sponge as well as tea or coffee. Venue = The Clubhouse **Café, Village Glen**. Cost is \$15 pp. This lunch will also include the Nexus AGM. Bookings by 10 December are necessary. Contact - Elaine on 0429 966 697.

The New Parish Council is: Mac McPherson (Warden); Rod Binns (Warden); Angela Raffaele (Warden); Val Smith; Bev Baltissen; Cheralyn O'Sullivan; Shirley Bird; Carol Barelli; Pauline Powell, Aileen Newell; Lynn Heyes;

No Parish Council in December, but it will meet on Tuesday 21 January 2020 at 7pm.

Trading table at St Andrew's Rye: Next one is the first Sunday of December.



Can we Pray for You?

At both of our Op-Shops and at both of our churches there are prayer cards. If you need prayer, or know someone who does, then please fill in a card and follow the easy instructions. Better still; give one to a friend or family member or an Op-Shop customer. Fr Nick.

Parish News continued...

Parishioner, Elizabeth Bradshaw has graduated from the Spiritual Direction Formation 4 year Part-time Course run by the Living Well Centre at the Sisters of the Holy Name, Cheltenham. She is now a qualified to companion with anyone seeking spiritual companionship along with other Spiritual Directors on the Peninsula. Well done Elizabeth and congratulations!



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL, AGAIN IN RYE

Following the wonderful display last year letters have gone out to local businesses in the town. Replies are starting to come in with Lynn and Pauline hoping to have an attractive display from Advent to Epiphany (6 January). The plan is to have the church open each day for a few hours, with Parishioners available to help visitors inspect the Church and trees.

Collects for December

1 December: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

8 December: Merciful God, who 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.***

15 December: Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

22 December: Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

24 December: O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

25 December: O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Collects continued...

29 December: Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A message from the Vicar

Not only is Christmas a time of joy, it is a time of hope. God sent His Son Jesus to be for us a living hope. Children have sent their letters off to Santa *hoping* for some nice presents. Those who buy presents will *hope* the recipient will not be disappointed. Buying presents has risks associated with it. “What if the present I’ve bought is not liked?” “What if it’s the wrong colour or size?”

When God sent His Son to be born in the backyard of a busy and very noisy pub, try to weigh up the risks involved. For God in Jesus traded the safety and comfort and peace of heaven for the dangers of our loud and hyperactive World. God in Jesus was exposed to much danger; and as we learn through the unfolding story – he was hated and despised by His enemies. He caused His Mother and His best friends’ heartache; all that to give us hope!

So what will you hope for this Christmas? Will it be World peace? Will it be the end of domestic violence against women? Will it be the creation of some affordable housing for those priced out of the housing market? Will you hope for the rebirth of your faith in Jesus?

I suspect that God hopes much, and by hoping hopes that we will hope for the right things and not only the things that give us a brief Christmas fix until the same time next year.

Pew Sheet deadline: The cut-off date for the January edition is 15 December