

The Anglican Parish of Semaphore

## **Saint Bede's**

### ***'Nurturing the Soul of Semaphore'***

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands of the Kurna people and respect their elders past, present & emerging

## ***Welcome to worship***

8.00 am and 9.30 am Holy Communion

Advent 1 Year C

1 December, 2024



Hymns:

I TIS 265 O come O come Emmanuel  
G TIS 273 Lo, he comes  
O TIS 429 Break now the bread of life  
R TIS 275 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

**St Bede's welcomes all, gathering in faith, serving in love,  
and proclaiming the abundant life with hope through  
Jesus Christ.**

**We are a church that values:  
Reverent sacramental worship  
Gracious hospitality  
Generous outreach  
Comprehensive Christian formation**

## **Our Parish Prayer**

Gracious Father,  
your loving providence  
has brought us into the sacred fellowship of this parish.  
Help us to praise you with such holy worship;  
serve you with unselfish love;  
and to give so generously for the spread of your kingdom  
that we may be worthy members  
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
faithfully fulfilling our mission  
to make known your truth,  
help the needy  
and proclaim the abundant life in your name,  
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Sentence**

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near. **Luke 21.28**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may go out joyfully to greet him; and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A reading from the prophet Jeremiah Jer. 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 25: 1-10**

- 1 In you O Lord my God have I put my hope:  
**in you have I trusted let me not be ashamed nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 Let none who wait for you be put to shame:  
**but let those that break faith be confounded and gain nothing.**
- 3 Show me your ways O Lord:  
**and teach me your paths.**
- 4 Lead me in the ways of your truth and teach me:  
**for you are the God of my salvation.**
- 5 In you have I hoped all the day long:  
**because of your goodness O Lord.**
- 6 Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness: f  
**for they are from of old.**
- 7 Remember not the sins of my youth nor my transgressions:  
**but according to your mercy think on me.**
- 8 Good and upright is the Lord:  
**therefore will he direct sinners in the way.**
- 9 The meek he will guide in the paths of justice:  
**and teach the humble his ways.**
- 10 All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true:  
**for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.**
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

## **A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 21:25-38 a  
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

The Gospel of the Lord      **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Fr. Stephen is celebrating the Eucharist in the St. Francis Chapel with members of the SA chapter of The Third Order of the Society of St. Francis on December 7, at 10am - please come.**

Tertiary Franciscans are Anglican lay and ordained people who have professed to follow the personal, ecological and social justice principles of St. Francis. The close-knit community, which is based on a common acceptance of the same values, is open to anyone and is part of a worldwide movement which shares a daily liturgy, campaigns for reform, and supports the monastic First and Second Orders among other activities.

## **CYCLE OF PRAYER**

### ***Our World:***

### ***The Church:1***

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan Primate ++Justin Bada Arami

[N] The Primate: ++Geoffrey Smith (Lynn); General Synod: Anne Hywood (Peter); Assistant to the Primate: Sam Goodes (Kate)

[A] Diocesan Secretary of Synod and Registrar: Joe Thorp (Trish)

[W] Bishop: +Jeremy James (Kathy); Chancellor: Ben Renfrey (Sarah); Administrator: vacant; Bishop's Chaplain: Anne Ford; Dean of the Cathedral Church of SS Peter and Paul: Mark Hawkes (Fiona); Cathedral Chapter; Archdeacons: Eyre - Susan Johnson, Wakefield - Andrew Lang (Louise); Diocesan Council

[TM] Bishop: +Keith Dalby; Administrator: Simon Waters (Susie)

St. Bede's Mission and Ministry: Fr. Stephen and Julie

### ***Prayer Requests from ... for***

**Myrine & Max Wilson**

**Gloria Datson**

**Fr. Donald Grey-Smith**

**Bishop Garry Weatherill**

**Ila and Ian Neighbour**

**Fr. John Thompson**

**Luise Humby**

Ann for her sister-in-law **Michelle**.

Gloria for **Margaret Workman**

Terry and Joyce for **Phillip Rooke**

Sigrid for her nephew **Darrian Fuss**

Dorothy for **Jan and Jeff**

Gwen for **Kelly Tunbridge**

**Faithful Departed:** **Elizabeth** (Sue Henry-Edwards' sister)

**Years Mind:** Joyce Tomlins, David Grund, Lilian Dietman, Vera Baker, Beatrice Fagan, Joan Davies, Heather Gore, Marj Toseland, Brian Wilson, Victor Brown

## Prayer of the week

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

Next week's readings: Advent 2 Year C.:  
Malachi 3:1-4, Philippians 1:3-11 Song of Zechariah, Luke 3:1-6

### ABM Pew Reflection

As Advent begins, the words of the ancient prophets ring clear for us today as they did when first heard thousands of years ago. God's purposes will be worked out and God will make known the righteousness and justice and mercy which is at the heart of God's love and desire for all people.

- We pray that we may hear God's call to righteousness and justice, and so live by this way that we are agents too of God's good news of peace and love for all people.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, remembering especially today the Bishop-Designate of Port Moresby, the Very Rev'd Wilfred Kekea, as well as the recently-appointed new Principal for the Bishop Newton School of Theology, the Rev'd Dr Ishaya Anthony, as well as the other staff and students

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## Re-imagining Christmas:

The first session was a very enjoyable evening starting with a shared meal. Fr Stephen had prepared a fascinating presentation and we all joined in interpreting the paintings of the Middle Ages discovering the particular meaning of gestures and expressions.

The second session will be in the church beginning at 6.00pm on 3 December with a meal before a wonderful evening of discussion around the artistic portrayal of the nativity. Each session stands alone so don't worry if you missed the first one. All are welcome.



**“The Really Good News of Christmas”** is the title of our all -age Nativity Play this year at 4.00pm on Sunday 22 December. Please take a few brochures from the welcoming table to give to people of any age in your neighbourhood. Plan to come yourself to join in the joy of the nativity play and the carols.

**Some of St Bede's parishioners** are giving a hand to Rotary at their Christmas family event at West Lakes this afternoon. Judith Manning has done a great deal in preparation by cutting out hundreds of cardboard angels, stars and trees for the wishing tree to help with activities while the children wait for Santa's arrival.



## ABM study guide

Do you want to order a copy of **Caravan** as advertised in The Morning Star? **4 books have been requested already.** **Postage** for many copies is the same for one copy. Please let Dorothy or Karen know today so we can place an order with ABM as soon as possible. \$12.00 a copy plus a share of \$12.00 postage.



## Diary Dates

**3, 10, 17 December**

Reimagining Christmas

**17 December:**

Breakfast@StBede's Christmas party

## Next Week's Roster

**Welcome:** Anne Muir Kathleen Wilson

**MTea:** Diana Geier Dorothy Thorpe

**Intercessions:** Karen Fagan

**Lay Assist/Reader:** Jessica Rose

**PP/zoom:** Greg Manning/ Judy Nelson

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### Bede's Bazaar

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11.00 am - 3.00 pm

### Bede's Breakfast

Tuesday 8.30-10.00 am.

### Community Garden

garden@stbedessemaphore.org.au

### Planned Giving

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