

# Toowoomba West

## Anglican Parish

### **St Alban's**

Corner Anzac Ave & Hill St Newtown  
Sunday: 10:00am

### **St Augustine's**

232 Tor St Rockville  
Sunday : 8:00am & 5:30pm

27TH NOVEMBER 2022

### **1st Sunday in Advent**

#### **Sentence**

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

#### **Prayer of the day**

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

#### **Loyola Press**

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory. The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be. The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

#### **Today:**

**1st Reading** - Isaiah 2.1-5

**Psalm** - 122

**2nd Reading** - Romans 13.9-14

**Gospel Reading** - Matthew 24.36-44

#### **Next Sunday's Bible Readings:**

**1st Reading** - Isaiah 11.1-10

**Psalm** - 72.1-7, 18-21

**2nd Reading** - Romans 15.4-13

**Gospel Reading** - Matthew 3.1-12

## Church Events

- **1st Sunday of month:** Food Collection for St Luke's pantry
- **2nd & 4th Sunday** St Alban's Kids Church
- **2nd Sunday of month:** Offering for Bishop Jacob Deng - in marked plate
- **2nd Tuesday of month:** Guild 1.30pm in St Alban's hall. Next year February 14
- **1st Wednesday of month:** 10.30am Glenvale Villas Service. December 7 last for year
- **2nd Wednesday of month:** 10.30am Bupa Next December 14 last for year
- **3rd Wednesday of month:** 10.30am Palm Lake Service. Next December 21
- **Wednesdays:** 7pm Indoor Bowls St Alban's hall
- **Thursdays:** 9.30am Ladies Bible Study 2pm Calm Colouring 10 Risson Street.
- **1st Friday & Saturday of Month:** Garage Sale St Alban's hall Next 2nd & 3rd December.
- **Advent DAILY Morning Prayer** Starts Monday 28th November St Alban's 8.00am
- **Advent DAILY Evening Prayer** Starts Monday 28th November St Augustine's 5.00pm
- **Singing Practice for Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning:** Wednesdays 6pm to 7pm in St Alban's Foyer. Starting November 30th, then December 7th, 14th and 21st.

**Our Mission Statement:** To make & mature disciples of Jesus, for God's glory.

**Our Goals:** Growing as Christians, as a Church & in the Community

# Please Pray For

**The World:** Nippon Sei Ko Ka

**The Church:** Diocese of Willochra, The Parish of Wishart, Anglicare SQ Children & Families, Morayfield Residential & Foster Kinship Care.

**Our Church Family:**

**Those in Need:** Valma L, Alan M, Jim, Bishop Jacob & Family, Kaitlyn, Barry, Sharon, Neville, Rosemary, Ian, Dawn, & others who need our prayers at this time.

**Birthdays:** Vern Isles, Arthur Millis and Rosemary Quinnell

**Anniversaries:** Nil

**The Faithful Departed:** Percy Gaydon, Beth Seville Albert Gray, Olive Kettle & Lyn Hillcoat

**Rev Pauline on Holidays** 21st Nov to 2nd Dec please call Alan & Sharyn 0425 288 985

**St Luke's Pantry:** Please bring non-perishable items to church on the 1st Sunday of the month.

**Support for Bishop Jacob Deng** travelling around South Sudan conducting his ministry with no finances. We support Bishop with a collection on the 2nd Sunday of the month. November \$418 donated

**Tony's Kitchen** is in desperate need of people willing to cook meals for those in need. If you are able to assist, please see Rev Pauline, Rev Terry & Karen.

**BMF** supports our Western Region if you would like to support BMF. Boxes are now available, ask Janelle or Sharyn

## Upcoming Events

**Garage Sale** Next sale is on December 2nd & 3rd, please bring in your plants and cooking on Thursday 1st December and add your name to the volunteer list.

**Rev Pauline's holidays** November 21 to December 2nd. Please contact Alan & Sharyn 0425 288 985 if you have any problems.

**Christmas Set up for Advent** Saturday 26th

**For Advent this year** There will be Morning & Evening Prayer every day focusing on different Anglican Communities around the World. Please try to attend. Sundays will be included in the Sunday worship. Morning Prayer will be held in St Alban's daily at 8.00am and Evening Prayer will be held at St Augustine's daily at 5.00pm. Please join us.

**Needed for Christmas Eve** actors, and readers. See Sharyn

**Singing Groups practices for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day**

Wednesdays 6.00pm - 7.00 pm St Alban's foyer.

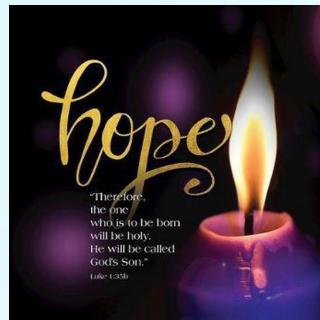
Dates are: 30th Nov and 7th, 14th and 21st Dec.

Any queries phone Gail 4634 3985.

**Christmas Eve Carols and Nativity** St Alban's 6.00pm

**Christmas Day Combined Service** St Alban's 9.00am

**Date for your Diary** Rep Theatre Night will be on Thursday 23rd February. A comedy "Mother and Son".



"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."

## New To Our Parish Welcome!


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**Rector:** Rev'd Pauline Harley: M: 0407 676 917 E: [Pauline.Harley@anglicanchurchsq.org.au](mailto:Pauline.Harley@anglicanchurchsq.org.au) (day off is Thursday)

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