Toowoomba West Anglican Parish

Where? St. Albans: - Cnr Anzac Ave & Hill St, Newtown – Sunday 10:00am
St. Augustine's – 232 Tor St, Rockville – Sunday 8:00am

29th November 2026 – First Sunday of Advent

Sentence: 'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away'.

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**

From Pauline's Sermon 2023

Well here is Advent in three movements, all packed into today's readings. *Dare to long*. Pray Isaiah's honest, desperate prayer, and don't tidy it up. God can handle a lament, and it's often the beginning of hope. *Stand on God's faithfulness*. Not on your faith, which wobbles, or the church's record, which is mixed, but on the one who called you and "will strengthen you to the end."
Keep awake. Do your work, watch for him, and expect him. The curtain of the sky did get torn open, not in thunder but in a stable and, years later, over a cross, where the veil was torn from top to bottom. The God Isaiah begged to come down did come down, and he will come again. Between those two comings is where we live, waiting, working and watching. Let our first lit Advent candle this morning be a small act of boldness against the dark. As we continue to pray the oldest prayer of the church: *Come, Lord Jesus*. Amen.

Bible Readings:

This Week: Isaiah 59.1-9 Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1.1-9 Mark 13.24-46

Next Week: Isaiah 40.1-11 Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3.8-15a Mark 1.1-8

Isaiah's Lament Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins. Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

Mission Statement:
To make and mature disciples of Jesus, for God's glory.
Our Vision: Growing as Christians, as a church and in the Community.

Church Events

1st Sunday of month: **Food collection for St Luke's pantry**

2nd Sunday of month: **Collection for School Chaplaincy program**

3rd Sunday of month**: Collection for Building Fund for St Alban's toilets**

Mondays: **Indoor Bowls** 7pm St Albans

1st Wednesday: **Glenvale Villas Service** 10:30am December 2nd

2nd Wednesday: **Bupa Service** 10.30am December 9th

3rd Wednesday: **Palm Lake Service** 10:30am December 16th

4th Wednesday: **OzCare Service** 10:30am December 23rd

Thursdays: **Ladies Bible Study** 9:30am 10 Risson Street.

4th Friday: **Community Morning Tea** 10.30am 27th November (Christmas)

Saturday **Cursillo B'fast** 8am at St Augustine's 23rd December

2nd Sunday **Healing Service** February 14th @ **St Alban's** 5pm

Fourth Sunday: **Taizé Service** 5.00pm St Augustine's February 28th

Trivia Night Feb 13th 7pm St Aug's

Garage Sale St Alban's Friday 4th & Saturday 5th December 8am – 3pm

Advent Morning Prayer daily 8am at St Alban's and 5pm St Augustine's. Please join us for the study "A Season of Peace" 29th Nov – 24th Dec

Due to privacy rules, if you wish to speak with the Priest, please make a request. Pauline's day/days off are Thurs and/or Fri

We are a pet friendly Parish, but please ensure your animal is restrained for the safety of all Parishioners.

would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we gather, the Giabal and Jarowair people. Further, we acknowledge the cultural diversity of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and pay respect to elders' past, present and emerging.

WE PRAY FOR:

The World: Hong Kong Shen Kung Hui
The Church: Parish of Dirranbandi, Anglicare SQ Killara Place Respite Centre Cleveland.

Our Church Family: Rod P, Natasha & Grace, Jocelyn & Vanessa, Peter P, Bill S, Ros C, Shirley A, Ikey, Rosalie B, Sharon P, Dawn, Barbara S, & others who need our prayers at this time.

Birthdays: Bob Elliott and Arthur Millis, Rosemary Quinnell, & Joe Lawrence

Anniversaries: Berard & Penny McGowan

Faithful Departed: Nil

Prayers for TAS: Families

Prayers for RI Teachers for Schools

OTHER MESSAGES:

Bring your bottles & cans to St Alban's hall or go to **Tomra** & use the code 10478658 for the money to go to our Parish

BMF Please collect a box to put in your small change. Also used stamps are welcome. The money goes to helping our Western Region.

Building fund for the toilets at St Alban's Hall. Collection for this every 3rd Sunday. Direct Debit any time. Please see the details for the account below. Raised so far $59,045.

There are 2 blankets missing from Winter Shelter

What's Coming Up

Garage Sale: Next Garage Sale is **4th & 5th December**. Donations are accepted on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to **2pm except for the week of the Garage sale**. Please ensure all items are in good order and clean. For more information contact Maria 0408 738 637 Thank you to all those volunteering. **No large furniture please. NO GARAGE SALE IN JANUARY**

Bishop Daniel's fund raiser for South Sudan. Please put your donation into a marked envelope in the plate. Thank you to those who have donated so far.

Donations for the Christmas Raffle We need to fill a wheelbarrow with Christmas Goodies. There will be a wheelbarrow in each foyer. For more information call Deb on 0403 702 467 Thank you Ros & Deb for all your hard work.

Follow the Star will be on again this year. We are looking for people to participate once again. It is a live Nativity experience. To volunteer please fill out the form online **https://christianeventstoowoomba.com.au/volunteer-form**

Please pray for Anglicare and the building of their specialist dementia care home.

Christmas Eve at St Alban's starting with a BBQ at 6pm. 9 Readings and Carols. We need volunteers to read please. If possible we need male and female voices. Add your name to the list in the foyer. We also need singers to make a joyful noise unto the Lord

Christmas Day at St Augustine's at 9am. Come & Rejoice with us.





Welcome to our Parish,
Please Check out our website for information on being new in the parish and what to expect during a service. Information on giving is also available on our website: **www.toowoombawest.org**

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Creating Safe Churches: Office of Professional Standards is available on the Diocesan Website:
www.anglicanchurchsq.org.au/

Parish Finances: Thank you for your ongoing support. The best way in which you can help your church is to continue to give. This may mean switching to online banking.

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