



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA
PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYS

The Third Sunday of Advent
17th December 2023

December 17 marks the second part of Advent, the beginning of the [O Antiphons](#). The *O Antiphons* are seven precious jewels of the Liturgy, counting down the last seven days before Christmas with building anticipation. Because each antiphon begins with an “O” this group of antiphons are called *O Antiphons*.

Dating back to at least the sixth century, these antiphons address Christ with seven magnificent Messianic titles that are based on the Old Testament prophecies and types of Christ.

There are several versions of English translations since they were originally in Latin, and the hymn **O Come, Emmanuel** contains all the O Antiphons but not in the order they appear in the Divine Office Liturgy.

December 17: O Wisdom (O Sapientia)

O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.

December 18: O Lord and Ruler (O Adonai)

O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.

December 19: O Root of Jesse (O Radix Jesse)

O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

December 20: O Key of David (O Clavis David)

O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.

December 21: O Radiant Dawn (O Oriens)

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

December 22: O King of the Nations (O Rex Gentium)

O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

December 23: O Emmanuel

O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Saviour of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.

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Advent and Christmas Appeal 2023



This Advent and Christmas, Anglicans In Development (AID) seeks your support for Nungalinya and Wontulp-Bi-Buya colleges, so that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people may receive the training they need to lead their churches and communities.

Envelopes will be available from next Sunday or donations can be made online at <https://www.abmission.org/appeals/appeals-major/advent-christmas-appeal-2023/>

AUSOME GIFTS!

Warren and Denise Gould are selling off some remaining stock from their shop in Yackandandah—**at 6 Ford Street Wangaratta.**

Profits from the sales are going to the parish.

Please go and have a look before you finish your Christmas shopping.

Some quite beautiful and unusual items for sale;
jewellery, children's night lights, wrought iron items, happy socks,
pictures and posters—all at greatly reduced prices.

Christmas Stocking Raffle - A very warm thank you to all who supplied goodies, bought and sold raffle tickets - the raffle raised about \$520 - a fantastic effort. Special thanks to Suzie DL who co-ordinated the raffle and put the stockings together. Good luck today for the big draw!!!

WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY, 18th Dec.

Jeremiah 23. 5-8. Psalm 72. 15-21. Matthew 1. 18-24.

TUESDAY, 19th

Judges 13. 2-7, 24-end. Psalm 71. 17-22. Luke 1. 5-25.

WEDNESDAY, 20th *School Holidays begin*

Isaiah 7. 10-14. Psalm 24. 1-6. Luke 1. 26-38.

9.30am Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.

11.00am, Eucharist—St John's Respect, Aged Care.

12.00pm Craft Group Luncheon—St Michael's Hall.

THURSDAY, 21st **THOMAS, Apostle and Martyr**

Ephesians 2. 19-22; Psalm 117; John 20. 24-29.

9.30am, Eucharist — St. Michael's Hall.

10.15am, morning tea and Bible Study—St Michael's Hall.

FRIDAY, 22nd

1 Samuel 1. 24-end. Psalm 113. Luke 1. 46-56.

SATURDAY, 23rd

Malachi 3. 1-4 + 4.5-end. Psalm 25. 3-9. Luke 1. 57-66.

Sunday 24th December, **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9.30am, Eucharist @St. Michael's, Wangaratta.

2 Samuel 7. 1-11, 16. Magnificat. Romans 16. 25-27. Luke 1. 26-38.

**OUR PARISH'S VISION IS
TO STRENGTHEN AND GROW A COMMUNITY
OF FAITH IN CHRIST**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve

St Paul's, 7.00pm

Christmas Day

St George's, 8.00am

St Michael's 9.30am



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- ◆ **The World:** Peoples Republic of China, Hong Kong, Macau.
- ◆ **Australia:** Employers and their organisations. Employees Professional Associations. Employees Trade Unions. Industrial chaplaincies.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Syrian Orthodox Church.
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:** Diocese of North Queensland: Bishop Keith Joseph. Clergy and People. The Melanesian Brotherhood.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).
The Parish of Rutherglen/Chiltern: Priest-In-Charge: Scott Jessup.
(*Ruby, Maggie, Clare*). the Parish leaders and communities at: Rutherglen Chiltern, Barnawartha, Wahgunyah and Browns Plains Chapel.
- ◆ **Our Parish.** St Paul's ConTACT Drop-In outreach.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Robert P. Nina Colson. Mark H. Vivienne S. Melanie. Warren G. Wayne. Vi Bussell. Kaye McKenzie. Michael Tomlinson. Josef.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 17th—23rd December:**
[18/12] Denis Williams, 2011. Phyllis Smith, 2009.
[19/12] Walter Maddern, 2015. Dorrie Elliott, 2014. May Dunstan, 1994.
Arthur Lucas, 1992. Mary Morgan, 1989.
[20/12] Russell Kneebone, 2005. Ethel Matthews, 1987.
[21/12] Leila Williams, 1995.
[23/12] Belle Heffernan, 1983.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.
And may light perpetual shine upon them.

Prayer of the week (*pray daily*)

Almighty God,
you have made us and all things to serve you:
come quickly to save us,
so that wars and violence shall end
and your children may live in peace,
honouring one another with justice and love;
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,
who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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