



# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*For the week of Sunday 22 December 2024*

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# **C**HRISTMAS

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Tuesday, 24 December**

*10:30 a.m. Gallery Carols*

*11 p.m. Procession & Solemn First Mass of Christmas*

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Wednesday, 25 December**

*8:30 a.m. Low Mass (at Dawn)*

*11 a.m. Sung Mass (in the Day)*

The Advent Wreath has been given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Marlene McCaskill  
The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the repose of the soul of Susan Johnson.  
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

**FATHER HANNAM** *requests that all cases of sorrow or suffering be reported to him.*

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR** following the 11 o'clock service! We meet in the Parish Hall, down the front stairs and to the right.

**THE ALTAR GUILD** is currently collecting flower donations for the Christmas Altars. Please use the white Altar Guild envelopes provided to direct your donation and indicate in whose memory you wish flowers to be placed.

**LOW MASS DURING THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE** will be celebrated on weekdays and Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. (*Please note that the Trent Masses will be on hiatus from 26 December until 2 January inclusive, to resume on 3 January*).

**THE BREAKFAST PROGRAMME** is open each Thursday. Doors open at 5:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m., and hot food is served beginning at 6:00 a.m. *The Breakfast Programme will be closed for the holiday on Thursday, 26 December, 2024, but will be open as usual on Thursday, 2 January, 2025.*

**THE S. BART'S FOOD BANK** is open Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. *The Food Bank will be open as usual on Monday, 23 December, 2024, Monday, 30 December, 2024, and Thursday, 2 January, 2025. However, it will be closed for the holiday on Thursday, 26 December, 2024.*

# ✠ INTERCESSIONS ✠

## ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

- **TODAY: Sunday, 22 December:** *The Church of the Province of Uganda*
- **Monday, 23 December:** *The Diocese of Kubwa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*
- **Tuesday, 24 December:** *The Diocese of Kuching – Church of the Province of South East Asia*
- **Wednesday, 25 December:** *The Diocese of Kumasi – The Church of the Province of West Africa*
- **Thursday, 26 December:** *The Diocese of Kumi – The Church of the Province of Uganda*
- **Friday, 27 December:** *The Diocese of Kurunegala – The Church of Ceylon (Extra Provincial)*
- **Saturday, 28 December:** *The Diocese of Kushtia – The Church of Bangladesh*

**INDIGENOUS CHURCH:** For +Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop: for our shared Indigenous ministries and leadership. Particularly, for retiring Indigenous Clergy and Bishops: for rest and rebuilding of life and relationships; for Reconciliation, that it be a shared verb and not just a noun; for open ears and hearts, and for the willingness to humble ourselves enough truly to hear the lament of the other voice before us, and to acknowledge that pain and brokenness can be deeper than ever delved or perceived; and +Adam, Bishop of Missinippi: for a fair and equitable financial remuneration for the Bishop of Missinippi and his clergy, and for financial resources to support the ministry of the Church in Northern Saskatchewan.

## DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

- **TODAY: Sunday, 22 December:** *The Anglican Church Women (ACW) – Janice Hodgson, Diocesan President*

- **Monday, 23 December:** *S. Stephen, Chandos*
- **Tuesday, 24 December:** *Children's Ministry in the Diocese*
- **Wednesday, 25 December:** *Christmas Day*
- **Thursday, 26 December:** *The Community of Deacons (Archdeacon Kyn Barker)*
- **Friday, 27 December:** *S. John the Evangelist, Peterborough*
- **Saturday, 28 December:** *The Children's Ministry Network*

**THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED: WED:** Alison, Amanda, Andy, Angela, Antonio, George Barkhouse, Ronald Bentley, Beth; | **FRI:** The Carlén Family, Kimberley Curtis, Demetra, Robert Hegele, Scott Hunter, Isabel, James; | **SAT:** Jenni, Catherine LaFond, Laura, Marlyn, Patrick, Patricia Ritacca, Tina, Todd

**DAILY INTERCESSIONS:** Clifton Aaron, Alan, Andrea, Andrea, Marjorie Austin, Sr Barbara SLSM, Trevon Beckford, Ben, Judy Brake, Bruce, Carl, Ralph Carter, Sr Christine SLG, Christopher, David Conatser, David, Keastner Dawkins, Douglas, Georgia, Grace, Guillaume, Debbie Hartley, Sydney Hegele, Lorna Heron, Lisa Hufana, Jakob, Jane, John, Katherine, Pat Kennedy, Paul Kent, Audrey Kern, Samantha Lanz, Larry, Margaret McQuillan, Michael, Norma Miller, Harold Nahabedian (*priest*), Nickson; Peter; Rebecca; Heekyung Song, John & Donna Starkey, Stephen, Stuart, Tegan, Katherine Walmsley, Mark Weymouth, Jun Wu

**DEPARTED:** Waveney Job; Gerald Robinson, Agnethe Christensen

**THOSE WHO MOURN:** Gary MacLean, Soren Floderus, Linnea

## ✠ POETRY CORNER ✠

*Today's poem is the last of seven Advent Sonnets by the English priest-poet, Malcolm Guite. The sonnets are based on the Great 'O' Antiphons that are sung before and after the Magnificat from 16 to 23 December, and which inspired the well-known Advent hymn, 'O come, O come, Emmanuel.'*

### O EMMANUEL

*by Malcolm Guite (1957- )*

O come, O come, and be our God-with-us  
O long-sought With-ness for a world without,  
O secret seed, O hidden spring of light.  
Come to us Wisdom, come unspoken Name  
Come Root, and Key, and King, and holy Flame,  
O quickened little wick so tightly curled,  
Be folded with us into time and place,  
Unfold for us the mystery of grace  
And make a womb of all this wounded world.  
O heart of heaven beating in the earth,  
O tiny hope within our hopelessness  
Come to be born, to bear us to our birth,  
To touch a dying world with new-made hands  
And make these rags of time our swaddling bands.

## S. BART'S END OF YEAR DRIVE 2024

# Help Close the Budget Gap

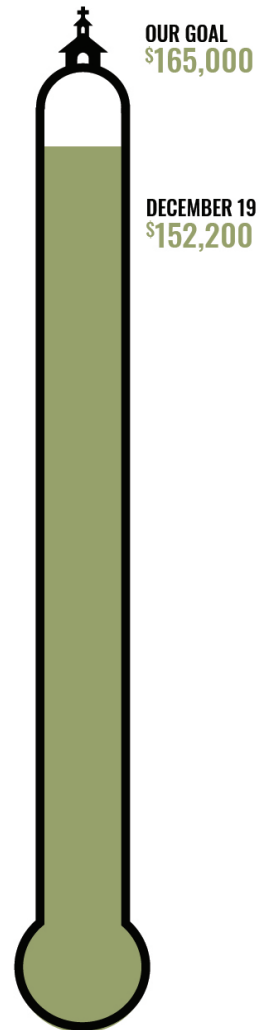
**OUR ANNUAL VESTRY IN 2024** approved a budget in which we anticipated \$165,000 in congregational givings. As of 19 December we've reached \$152,200. *That means we need to raise an additional \$12,800 by the end of the month if we are to make our year-end goal.*

The good news is this:

- 1) Most parishes find themselves in this situation at year's end, so this is not a problem in which we are alone.
- 2) It is still possible to close this gap before we close the books on 2024. For most of the past decade we have had similar shortfalls at this point in the year and almost every year we have come in slightly over budget by year's end.

Please consider the following in the coming weeks:

- 1) If you have fallen behind in your intended givings, please try to catch up between now and the end of December.
- 2) Please prayerfully discern if you can make one extra offering this Christmas season to help to close this gap. The latter will almost certainly be an act of sacrifice for most of us. But please remember that sacrifice – the Sacrifice of Calvary, represented on the Altar at each Mass – is at the heart of our religion. It is primarily through sacrifice that



our lives are conformed to that of our Crucified Eucharistic Lord, whereby we come to share more and more fully in His Divine Life.

The Christmas Feast teaches us that our Salvation begins with a generous gift — the Gift of God who was willing to become Man so that we might become god. Our Lady gave over her whole life to that purpose at the Annunciation. We give of our substance to the Church so that their gifts might continue in this place for our neighbours and for ourselves.

‘And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord’s offering’ (BCP, p. 72, quoting Exodus 35:21).



# ✠ THROUGH THE WEEK ✠

*Please check the website and subscribe to our enews list  
to stay informed of scheduling changes.*

<b>Sunday, 22 December</b>	<i>THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT</i>
	9:00 a.m. Low Mass   11:00 a.m. Sung Mass
<b>Monday, 23 December</b>	<i>Advent Feria</i>
	10:00 a.m. Food Bank (until 11:30 a.m.) 11:00 a.m. Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †
<b>Tuesday, 24 December</b>	<i>The Vigil of Christmas (Christmas Eve)</i>
	11:00 a.m. Low Mass (Rite of Trent) † 10:30 p.m. Gallery Carols before Mass 11:00 p.m. Procession & Solemn First Mass of Christmas (Midnight Mass)
<b>Wednesday, 25 December</b>	<i>THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</i>
	8:30 a.m. Low Mass (at Dawn) 11:00 a.m. Sung Mass (in the Day)
<b>Thursday, 26 December</b>	<i>S. STEPHEN THE PROTOMARTYR (com. the Octave of Christmas)</i>
	<i>Please note that both the Food Bank and the Breakfast Programme are closed for the holiday, today only.</i> 11:00 a.m. Low Mass
<b>Friday, 27 December</b>	<i>S. JOHN, APOSTLE &amp; EVANGELIST (com. the Octave of Christmas)</i>
	11:00 a.m. Low Mass
<b>Saturday, 28 December</b>	<i>THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS (com. the Octave of Christmas)</i>
	11:00 a.m. Low Mass
<b>Sunday, 29 December</b>	<i>THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY (com. S. Thomas Becket, Bishop &amp; Martyr &amp; Christmas Octave)</i>
	9:00 a.m. Low Mass   11:00 a.m. Sung Mass

*† indicates Eucharistic celebrations of the Anglocatholic Church,  
a worldwide church within the Old Catholic succession.*