



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



SUNDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 2025

PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME



*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 Parish Mass! 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.

FESTIVE DECORATING PARTY: On Saturday, 20 December, all are warmly invited to volunteer from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., when we will be cleaning and decorating the church. Those who intend to attend the Rorate Mass at 7:30 a.m. plan to have breakfast out together beforehand, and a pizza lunch will be ordered in for participants around noon.

S. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHILDREN'S CENTRE: As our church family concluded this year's Joyful Giving Campaign, we're reminded of the many

ways God calls us to give, with thankful hearts and joyful spirits. In that same spirit, we invite you also to keep our Children's Centre in mind as you consider other charitable giving this season. Our Children's Centre continues to be a place where children are cared for, loved, and nurtured in good faith each day. Your generosity helps us continue providing this vital care to families in our community. Thank you for your kindness, your prayers, and your continued support of all the ways our church shares God's love.

THE BREAKFAST PROGRAMME continues each Thursday. The doors open at 5:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m., and hot food is served beginning at 6:00 a.m. *Please note that we will be closed on the following holidays: Thursday, 25 December, 2025; Thursday, 1 January, 2026.*

THE FOOD BANK: The Food Bank is open every Monday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. *Please note that we will be closed on the following holidays: Thursday, 25 December, 2025; Thursday, 1 January, 2026.*

✠ INTERCESSIONS ✠

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.

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

- **TODAY: Sunday, 14 December:** *Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil*
- **Monday, 15 December:** *The Diocese of Saint Helena – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*
- **Tuesday, 16 December:** *The Diocese of Saint Mark the Evangelist – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

- **Wednesday, 17 December:** *The Diocese of Saldanha Bay – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*
- **Thursday, 18 December:** *The Diocese of Salisbury – The Church of England*
- **Friday, 19 December:** *The Diocese of El Salvador – Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America*
- **Saturday 20 December:** *The Diocese of Sambalpur – The Church of North India (United)*

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, 14 December:** *Tecumseth Deanery*
- **Monday, 15 December:** *S. Nicholas, Birch Cliff*
- **Tuesday, 16 December:** *S. Saviour, Toronto*
- **Wednesday, 17 December:** *Evangelists, New Tecumseth*
- **Thursday, 18 December:** *Parish of Churchill and Cookstown*
- **Friday, 19 December:** *Parish of Mulmur*
- **Saturday 20 December:** *S. Andrew, Alliston*

THE SICK & THOSE IN NEED: WED: Theresa Adderly, Andrew, Luther & Xavier; George Barkhouse, Ronald Bentley, Catherine, Sr Christine SLG; | **THURS:** David Conaster, Kimberley Curtis, Demetra, Derek, Dragan, Esther, Alexis Gray, Joanna, Joshua; | **FRI:** Maria K., Paul Kent, Audrey Kern, Laura, The Mackey family, Marlyn, Nigel; | **SAT:** Patrick, Paul, Randy, The Smith family, Tegan, Hazel Thornhill, Trish, Wendy

DAILY INTERCESSIONS: Clifton Aaron, Beverly Bodnar, Chantal Fowler Brown, Ranfurly Brown (*priest*), Christopher (*priest*), Dierdre, Donna, Grace, Jamie, Kyla, Laura, Leotha, Lucas, Margaret McQuillan, Norma Miller, David Mulholland (*priest*), Marguerite Pigott, Vidhu, Mark Weymouth

DEPARTED: Giles Bryant, Lisa Hufana, Francis Kelly SDB (*priest*), Angela Bliss Campbell, Todd Wissler

THOSE WHO MOURN: Jonathan, The Wissler Family

✠ POETRY CORNER ✠

O SAPIENTIA

by Malcolm Guite (1957-)

I cannot think unless I have been thought,
Nor can I speak unless I have been spoken.
I cannot teach except as I am taught,
Or break the bread except as I am broken.
O Mind behind the mind through which I seek,
O Light within the light by which I see,
O Word beneath the words with which I speak,
O founding, unfound Wisdom, finding me,
O sounding Song whose depth is sounding me,
O Memory of time, reminding me,
My Ground of Being, always grounding me,
My Maker's Bounding Line, defining me,
Come, hidden Wisdom, come with all you bring,
Come to me now, disguised as everything.

✠ THROUGH THE WEEK ✠

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

Sunday, 14 December	<i>THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Gaudete)</i> <i>(com. Octave of the Immaculate Conception)</i>
	9:00 a.m. Low Mass 10:00 a.m. Catechesis (Mystagogy) 11:00 a.m. Sung Mass
Monday, 15 December	<i>The Octave Day of the Immaculate Conception (com. Feria)</i>
	10:00 a.m. Food Bank (until 12 noon) 10:30 a.m. Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †
Tuesday, 16 December	<i>Advent Feria (O Sapientia)</i>
	10:30 a.m. Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †
Wednesday, 17 December	<i>Ember Wednesday of Advent</i>
	7:30 a.m. Low Mass 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m. Low Mass (Rite of Trent) † 7:00 p.m. Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament: Vespers & Benediction
Thursday, 18 December	<i>Advent Feria</i>
	6:00 a.m. Breakfast Ministry (Doors open at 5:30 a.m., till 8:00 a.m.) 7:30 a.m. Low Mass 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. Food Bank (until 12 noon) 10:30 a.m. Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †
Friday, 19 December	<i>Ember Friday of Advent</i>
	7:30 a.m. Low Mass 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m. Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †

Saturday, 20 December	<i>Ember Saturday of Advent (com. Vigil of S. Thomas at Mattins & Mass)</i>
	7:30 a.m. Rorate Mass of our Lady
	10:30 a.m. Festive Decorating Party
Sunday, 21 December	<i>THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT</i>
	9:00 a.m. Low Mass
	10:00 a.m. Catechesis (Mystagogy)
	11:00 a.m. Sung Mass

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



OUR ANNUAL VESTRY IN 2025 approved a budget in which we anticipated \$185,000 in congregational givings. As of 7 December we've reached \$151,317. That means we need to raise an additional \$33,683 by the end of the month if we are to make our year-end goal.

The good news is this:

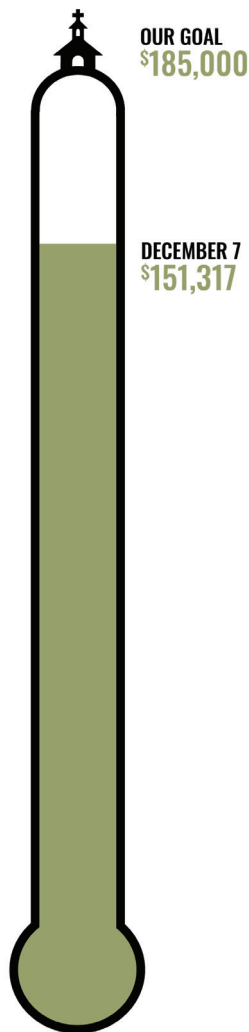
- 1) Most parishes find themselves in this situation at year's end, so this is not a problem in which we are alone.
- 2) It is still possible to close this gap before we close the books on 2025. For most of the past decade we have had similar shortfalls at this point in the year and almost every year 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).





RORATE MASS OF OUR LADY

Saturday, 20 December at 7:30 a.m.

*Greet the dawn in contemplation by candlelight
Featuring Gregorian chant & Medieval polyphony*

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, 24 December

10:30 p.m. Gallery Carols before Mass

11:00 p.m. Procession & Solemn First Mass of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, 25 December

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

11:00 a.m. Sung Mass (in the Day)