

Dates for the Diary

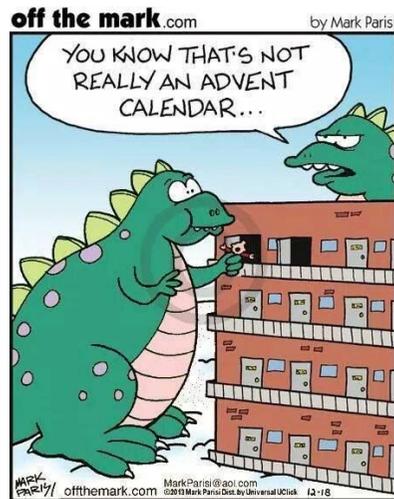
Wednesday—Bible Study “Little Town—Big Story”
10:30 am St Aidan’s

Christmas Services

Forrest—13th December 4pm—bring a picnic chair!
Beech Forest—19th December 12 noon— at Art Reach!
bring a picnic lunch and Chair!
Carlisle River—20th December 1pm
Apollo Bay—Christmas Eve—5pm Family Service
11pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day—10am Christmas Mass
Sunday 27th— 10am Eucharist



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Anglican Parish of the Otways

29th November, 2020

Advent 1



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Welcome to worship today.

Thankyou for adhering to our COVID restrictions:

- Use of Hand sanitiser
 - Keeping 1.5 m apart
 - Wearing a mask
 - Not mingling in porch
- Your co-operation is appreciated

Regular Services

St Aidan's Apollo Bay:

10am Sunday

10am Wednesday

Christ Church Carlisle River

1pm-1st & 3rd Sundays

St Anselm Beech Forest

1pm-2nd Sundays

St James Forrest

4pm-2nd & 4th Sundays

Please notify Jenny prior to attending any service as numbers are limited.

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Greetings in the name of Jesus.

Happy New Year! Yes this Sunday we begin another liturgical year and our preparations for Christmas. I do hope you will use this season of Advent to take a deep breath and prepare for a joyous and meaningful Christmas. This time of year can be so hectic, so Richard and I make a point of being well prepared early so we can have a reflective Advent and be in a calm and God centred frame of mind for the Christmas Celebration. I trust the Bible Study will help you prepare your hearts for Christmas.

Today you will also be receiving our December edition of the Otway Oracle. I hope you enjoy it. Thanks to our editor June who puts a lot of work into getting it published each quarter. Today also marks the day we can sing in church again provided we wear a mask and do not sing too lustily!

Please remember to let me know which Christmas service you wish to attend. With the lifting of restrictions we can have up to 30 people in St Aidan's, far less than we normally host, but over the four services that will total 120 people, so hopefully everyone will be accommodated.

Do you know of anyone who is in need of a helping hand this Christmas? Anglicare will be offering hampers for struggling families but I need to know by next weekend. Please let me know of anyone who could use an extra hand this Christmas.

May the Lord bless you with peace and joy.
Jenny



Prayer of the Week

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.

Readings. Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80; ! Corinthians 1:1-9
Mark 13:24-37

ABM Reflection

It seems that the Roman Emperor Vespasian needed a striking victory to establish his rule, and so what had begun as the quelling of a revolt in Palestine, became an utter destruction.

If you are taken to the base of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem today, you will see huge stones from the second temple, some as large as houses, tossed from the top of the Mount. It would have taken enormous effort, even as it would today, to accomplish this. Advent calls us again to consider the coming of Christ and Mark chapter 13 plunges us into his vision of the future. It reminds us that most of what we regard as permanent in our own lives is in fact temporary. Ultimately what we can rely on is Christ. *Come Lord Jesus!*

Text: *The Very Rev Phillip Saunders,
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Prayer Points

Thanksgiving

- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Lusitanian Church .
- For the diocesan Advocate and Chancellor.
- For the parish of Tsungup
- For the life of Annie Taliana and Alan Sone, recently departed.

Petitions

- That God will help us prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas.
- Peter, Summer, Lorna, Chris, Julia & Tom, Bernie, Max, Jean and their families.
- For those preparing for marriage.