

Sunday, 22nd December 2019 – Advent 4

8 am Holy Communion, at **St Mary's** – Hazel O'Sullivan
10.45 am Holy Communion – Brian Griffiths, Preacher - Hazel O'Sullivan
6 pm Carol Service – Rowena Griffiths, Preacher – Richard Ford

Before the start of the service it's good to prepare in quiet. Please talk to God in prayer at this time rather than to others, or perhaps look at the day's readings and hymns. After the service is the time for conversations with each other and we hope that you will stay then for a cup of tea or coffee.

Collect: Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

| Hymns | Readings | Bible | Large Print |
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| 631: Tell out, my soul | Isaiah 7: 10 - 16 | 554 | 1072 |
| 633: The advent of our King | | | |
| 480: O come, O come, Emmanuel | Romans 1: 1 - 7 | 913 | 1758 |
| 277: Here is bread | | | |
| 634: The angel Gabriel | Matthew 1: 18 - 25 | 783 | 1506 |

Kim and Michelle would like to extend an invitation to everyone to the wedding of Michelle Teare and Howard Derham at 1.30 pm on Saturday, 28th December.

Joint services: There are take home sheets of dates and venues for 2020 at the back of St Francis' Church and in the vestibule at St Mary's Church.

Help a Hospice and save a tree: send Christmas greetings to all your friends in the congregation by putting a card on the Christmas Greetings board at the back of church. The money you save from not sending cards can be donated to Demelza House, our local Children's Hospice. Please complete a Gift Aid envelope if you are a taxpayer. Cheques should be made payable to Demelza House.

Reading: If you would like to read one of the lessons on a Sunday in January, February or March, please print your name on the list at the back of Church. Thank you, Joan"

Used stamps: There is a box at the back of church for used stamps. I am collecting them to take to Ben Curtis as they collect them for the Leprosy Mission. Thank you. Barbara Goodchild

Prayer Ministry. If you come with any concerns about your health or have any other needs for which you would like prayer, do speak to one of the ministry team after the service and they would be pleased to pray with you. (Hazel, Richard, John, Rowena, Brian and Lesley).

Donations of non-perishable foods and items of clothing for the Croydon Refugee Day Centre can be left in the box at the back of the church.

Church Flowers: We are a small group who put together the flowers in the church each week as well as the displays for Christmas, Easter and St Francis Patronal Festival and Harvest. We would welcome others who would like to join or help occasionally and if you are interested please talk to Nicky Nightingale.

Pew sheet: Items for the pew sheet by Wednesday morning please: elizabeth_bligh@hotmail.com

Hazel's day off is Monday

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| Tuesday, 24 th December | 8 am: Morning Prayer at St Mary's 6 pm: Lighting the Lamps 11.15 pm: Midnight Communion |
| Wednesday 25 th December | 8 am: Holy Communion at St Mary's 10 am: Joint Service at St Francis' |
| Thursday, 26 th December | ----- |
| Friday: 27 th December | 9 am Morning Prayer at St Mary's 10 am – 12 noon – Place of Welcome |
| Saturday: 28 th December | 9 am Quiet Hour 10.30 – 11.30 Action Aid Coffee Morning 1.30 pm Wedding of Kim Teare and Howard Derham |

Sunday, 29th December 2019

8 am Holy Communion
10 am Joint Service at **St Mary's** – Hazel O'Sullivan

Please note: There will be no Holy Communion Service on Wednesday, 1st January.

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| Tuesday, 31 st January | 8 am: Morning Prayer at St Mary's |
| Wednesday, 1 st January | ----- |
| Thursday, 2 nd January | ----- |
| Friday, 3 rd January | 9 am Morning Prayer at St Mary's 10 am – 12 noon – Place of Welcome |
| Saturday: 4 th January | 9 am Quiet Hour 10.30 – 11.30 Action Aid Coffee Morning |

Sunday, 5th January 2020 Epiphany

8 am Holy Communion, at **St Mary's** – Richard Ford
10.45 am Holy Communion – Richard Ford, Preacher – Brian Griffiths