

# Parish Life

DECEMBER 2018

## Celebrate Christmas at St Luke's

**"Familiarity breeds contempt" – so the saying goes. An extensive awareness or knowledge of someone or something can lead to a loss of respect or reverence. This can be the situation when we encounter some of the best known and familiar stories in the bible and our Christian tradition. The story of Christmas is a prime example.**

Each year, we take the journey with the young faithful woman Mary and her fiancé Joseph to Bethlehem. We meet again the shepherds in the fields and witness their dramatic encounter with the angels. Again, there is no room at the inn, so the baby boy is born in the stable with the animals. Finally, wise men from the East eventually arrive to pay homage to the

baby, offering their symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

No matter how familiar this story is to us, we must never allow this to detract from our appreciation of its significance. The baby born in the stable is none other than the promised Emmanuel – "God with us". Through this child, God shares our human

nature, so that we may share in God's divine glory. There is a cosmic altering event taking place through this familiar story and we should never lose sight of the wonder of it all, but joyfully worship Christ the newborn king. God be with you – Merry Christmas!

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## Celebrate Christmas at St Luke's Anglican Church Mosman

### FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

7pm Sunday  
 16 December

*Followed by light refreshments*

### CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

5pm Monday  
 24 December

*Children are encouraged to bring a gift to put under the Christmas tree*

### CHRISTMAS DAY SUNG EUCHARIST

9am Tuesday  
 25 December

Cnr. Ourimbah Rd. & Heydon St. Mosman [www.stlukesmosman.org](http://www.stlukesmosman.org)



*Above: Nine Lessons and Carols 2017*



*Left: Charlotte, Chloe and Matilda, angel narrators at our Christmas Eve Family Service 2017*

# Come and Join in!

## Social Activities

### Patronal Lunch

This year, we celebrated our Patronal Lunch on Sunday 21st October. A *Family Affair Catering* cooked a delicious spit roast for us again and Charlotte Turner and Matilda Chesterfield made great waitresses. It was lovely to see the younger members of our parish helping the not so young! The lunch was attended well, approximately 70 parishioners, and our guest preacher, the Reverend Stephen Williams, former Dean of Newcastle and his wife, Sue, also joined us for lunch. Paula Turner would like to thank everyone who helped her set up and decorate the Seddon Hall as well as those parishioners who helped with the clearing up. This year's set up was done in record time because there were so many helpers!



*Patronal Lunch in the Seddon Hall*



*Patronal Festival of St Luke*



### Wine Drive

The St. Luke's Christmas Wine Drive is the last opportunity of the year to raise money for the General Parish Missions we support. Phil Manser from Wine Direct, one of Australia's leading wine merchants, has put together a collection of red and white wines for us to choose from. Freight is free if you order 12 bottles or more and pre-Christmas delivery is guaranteed if you order before 14th December. For every 12 bottles ordered, \$30 goes directly to the General Parish Missions we are supporting this year: Anglicare Sydney Aged Care and Dementia Respite Care Services; Bush Church Aid Indigenous Ministry Officer, The Revd Neville Naden

and his wife, Kathryn; Anglican Board of Mission Language and Training Centre at St Peter's Bible School in Myanmar. Order forms are available on the Welcome Desk at the back of the Church. Please hand your completed forms to Paula Turner, who will process your order.

**St Luke's Mosman is a socially active parish, providing plenty of opportunities for people to connect with one another and enjoy each other's company, apart from on Sundays and at major parish events.**

On the last Saturday of the month, from February to December, **St Luke's Film Group** meets in the Lower Hall of the Parish Centre (or sometimes at the Hayden Orpheum) to watch a movie and share in a light meal together. This year, movies as diverse as Russell Crowe's *The Water Diviner*, Alfred Hitchcock's *Vertigo*, the family movie *Paddington 2* and *The American President*, starring Michael Douglas and Annette Bening, were enjoyed by those who attended. The final session of Film Group for this year was held on Saturday 8 December when *Nativity 2: Danger in the Manger* was shown. This was the sequel to the British comedy *Nativity!* that the Film Group saw last year.

**Thank God It's Thursday** is held each Thursday in the Lower Hall during school terms. It begins at 10.30am with coffee, tea and slices, progressing to offering assorted sandwiches from 11.30am until 12.30pm. Anyone who wishes to pop in is very welcome to do so and enjoy fellowship over light refreshments. Some folk like to have a coffee, then attend the **11am Eucharist and Healing Service**, before finishing with a sandwich and cup of tea prior to heading off or joining the **12.30pm Study Group**. There is also a **Friday Study Group** held weekly at **2pm** in the Lower Hall. The Study Groups, led by the Rector, are held during school terms.

**Blokes' Night** takes place on the first Wednesday of the month, providing the men of the parish with an opportunity to get together socially over a meal and a drink, often at the

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# St Luke's Mosman Music Association Inc



The wonderfully talented pianist Chris Cartner presented another scintillating performance on Saturday 10 November at St. Luke's. In his latest production entitled ***Persecution and Hope***, he told of the oppression suffered by composers such as Rachmaninoff, Shostakovich, Prokofiev, Bartok, Stravinsky, Zemlinsky and Korngold, who escaped their home countries and the Nazi regime for new lives in the USA. Cartner's expressive playing encapsulated the pain and passion of the composers – a polished and ardent performance, which held the audience enthralled.



*'Come and Join in!' continued ...*

Upper Duck, Hotel Mosman from 6pm. **Girls' Night** is usually held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6.30pm, when the women of the parish are also able to enjoy a social time over a meal, meeting sometimes at the Lower Duck, Hotel Mosman and sometimes at alternate venues. Clive Taylor Mb: 0419 243 114 coordinates Blokes' Night and Girls' Night is coordinated by Paula Turner Mb: 0421 151 290.

The St Luke's Mosman Music Association Inc. will be releasing its 2019 Concert Schedule very soon, which will include information on the inaugural ***SLMMA Inc. Youth Concert*** due to take place in February 2019. Check the pew sheets and the St Luke's website in the coming weeks: [www.stlukesmosman.org](http://www.stlukesmosman.org)

*Jeannette Lawrence  
Committee Member*

**Pub Lunch** takes place on the second Sunday of the month and is an opportunity for everyone to enjoy an old-fashioned Sunday lunch together and a time of convivial fellowship. John Leaver Hm: 9960 4157 would be happy to hear from you, if you'd like to know more.

So, come and join in! We'd love to spend time getting to know you better in 2019. Every blessing!



I am excited to announce, in association with the St Luke's Mosman Music Association, the launch of the **2019 Director's Series** – a collection of five Saturday afternoon concerts across the year that will showcase collaborations between myself, as Director of Music, and colleagues with whom I have performed many times.

The season will start on 23 March with a performance of works for organ, piano, violin and cello, from composers such as Cesar Franck, Josef Rheinberger and Antonin Dvorak.

We will welcome the Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle, under the direction of Peter Guy on 18 May, in a performance entitled *This Joyful Eastertide*. Following the concert, there will be an opportunity for all to participate in Choral Evensong, ending the afternoon with reflective prayer and music.

On 27 July and 10 August, we will be joined by Sopranos Kathryn Dries and Eloise Rowland, respectively. Both highly regarded and fine musicians, these will be wonderful vocal performances of works ranging from Schubert and Strauss through to Samuel Barber and Benjamin Britten.

Returning to a choral theme - and rounding out this year's series - will be a performance by the Choir of St Luke's on 19 October, featuring a selection of music from across the ages.

I am looking forward to welcoming you to these exhilarating concerts!

*Callum Close  
Director of Music*

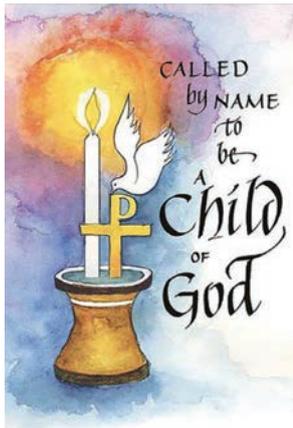
# Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals at St Luke's in 2018

Every year in a community of faith, such as St Luke's, there are many emotional occasions we share together: some joyous, and some a mixture of joy and sadness. This year has been no different. Let us continue to keep in our prayers all those in our parish whose lives have been touched by change in 2018.

## DIARY NOTES

DECEMBER 2018

- 16 7pm Nine Lessons and Carols
- 24 5pm Christmas Eve Family Service
- 25 9am Christmas Day Sung Eucharist



## Baptisms

11 February	Cruden Ian Mark Watt	11 August	Sienna Lydia Fox
8 April	Xavier Thomas Stuart	13 October	Layla Rose Woodhead
14 April	Mason Albert Jayasinghe	28 October	Willow Mabel Read
12 May	Evelyn Grace Neville	16 December	John Faix Hill
29 July	Tobias Sheon Seen Hadianto	22 December	William Daniel Barnard

## Marriages



12 January	Jeanne Ivy Hu and Shaun John Phipps	21 March	Elizabeth Pamela Roberts
20 January	Stephanie Caroline Johnson Cornforth and Damian Peter Gardner French	13 April	Elsie Violet Bell
26 August	Yin Ling Marcella Choy and Matthew Daniel Berger	13 June	Brian Ian Woolley
		22 June	Janet Margaret Keane
		22 June	Mavis Constance (Peach) Willson
		6 August	Mavis Edna Tate
		3 October	Alexandra (Alya) Henry

## Funerals



Remember you can follow St Luke's



St Luke's is a place of rich and diverse liturgy, where life and faith connect.

We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of gender, age, race, sexual orientation or religion.

We support the full and equal role of women in society and in the ministry of the church.

The Parish is in association with the Mosman/Neutral Bay Inter-church Council and the NSW Ecumenical Council.

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