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Mission Statement:

To love God and to love our neighbours and become an increasingly relevant presence in our community.

Covid-19 Requirements: please sign in with Service NSW check-in app, & wear a face mask. We can now SING our PRAISES!

Our Eucharist comes in individual serves.

"This is the Lord's table – all who seek God's mercy are welcome"

We invite all visitors to sign our Visitors' Book.

SUNDAY DEC 19 & 26, 2021 – *"Gracious God, You have visited Your people and redeemed us in Your Son: as we prepare to celebrate His birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of Your word, & move us by Your Spirit to bless Your wonderful works. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives & reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever & ever. Amen.*

RECTOR: Rev'd TIM NARRAWAY – (DAY OFF: MONDAY)

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ST PAUL'S, NAROOMA: Sundays: 9am – Eucharist.

Wednesdays, 10am – Eucharist (1st Wed – Eucharist & Prayer for Healing)

Musicians: Mary, Denise, David, Steve, Mick,

ALL SAINTS, BODALLA: Sundays: 11.15am – Eucharist

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 4pm – Evening Prayer

Musician: Alma Stearn

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Financial Support: Cheques to Bodalla Parochial Council. PO Box 535 Narooma 2546;
Direct Deposits: Bodalla Parochial Council, BSB 082-744 a/c: 509821522 - Ref: Reg. Giving

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19 – FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT:

SENTENCE: *"Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."* Luke 1.45

Micah 5: 2-5a Song of Mary (Ps 80: 1-7) Heb 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-45

Readers: *Naraway Family Carol McC*

Counters: *George & Frank Carol & Peter*

ABM Pew Sheet Reflections 2021: *"Today's readings highlight what for me is the essence of Christianity: That Jesus came to save us, particularly the lowly, downtrodden and insignificant – that is, you and me. Sometimes I think we (and the powers that be in all aspects of life) place too much emphasis on who we are, where we fit in society and how important someone (us included) might be. Jesus and Mary both epitomise the humblest of origins, insignificant in the wider world. We should remember this – we have been chosen by God to represent his values on this earth and live our lives to be an example of his love."*

- **Pray that** we may always act to reflect God's love, and work to empower those who have little power or position to lift themselves up.
- **Pray for our Youth Group**, as they gear up for the Christmas Pageant.
- **Pray Healing for:** Pam & Chris; Bob B; Marion; Karly; Wendy B; Sylvia; Stephen L; Lindy C; Kerrie Anne; Greg; Stephen G; **Pray Comfort, & especially at this season, for all who grieve.**
- **Pray for** our Link Missionaries, the Tingle Family in Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- **Please continue to pray for revival, & "pray the Lord of the harvest for workers for our field."**
- **"Let all peoples use His name in blessing; all nations call Him blessed."** Ps 72:19 (APBA)



- Selva & Juliat, Lawrence & Marya: Please donate towards their next funding aim of \$40,000 – \$5,290 donated thus far, thank you! -: <https://gofund.me/6985da47>

Jer 29:11: *"I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. Plans to help you, not to harm you; plans to bring you a hope & a future.* – please continue in prayer that they realize God's plan.

Some PARISH COUNCIL (DEC) SNIPPETS:

- Being worship centres, we wear masks till advised otherwise. (We sing despite them!)
- Next Year's AGM is tentatively booked for Sunday, FEB 20.
- AGM REPORTS must be forwarded to Peter Tough, toughp8@gmail.com, by Jan 30.
- Nomination Forms to be available mid-January, please be prayerful as to your role next year.
- Tim & Garry attended the launch of the monthly Bodalla Men's Table
- Court Support ministry to resume in February.
- Our Ven Jane is now also a "Golden Angel", in an IRT trial programme to help her 3 specific residents emotionally, & with their activities & etc. She'll be on leave from Dec 21 to mid-January.

FRI DEC 24, St Paul's, 5pm – Christmas Pageant, with our Youth Group



SAT DEC 25, 9am at St Paul's – We welcome all to our annual Christmas Day Service.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16:

“God sent Jesus to Earth to live amongst us, not as a deity but as a man, knowing that He would suffer the indignities & frailties of being human. The life of Jesus wasn't easy; He wasn't treated as a king but lived & worked amongst outcasts, the poor and suffering. He challenged injustice, questioning the rich & powerful, enduring mockery & insults for His efforts.

***It is as a man that Jesus becomes relatable;** through His time on Earth we can get to know Him, follow His teachings, learn from His wisdom, find strength in His acceptance of His trials and tribulations. We can trust in Him and the love He shows us. What a blessing to know that our belief in Him brings us both peace of mind and the gift of eternal life.*

***Jesus is who we need in our lives when we find our world in tumult** - He understands suffering, He knows that in difficult times we may question our faith yet He still believes in us & loves us regardless of our frailties & failures.”* – J Cronshaw, Christian F/ship Travel

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26 – FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS:

2 Chron 24: 17-22 Psalm 31: 1-8 Acts 6: 8-10; 7.54-60 Matthew 10: 17-22

Readers: Denise R Jen M

Counters: Denise & Frank Jen & Dale

ABM Pew Sheet Reflections 2021: *“St Stephen speaks of God's glory, but the people refuse to listen. They lash out & kill him in the most violent way & yet, with his final words, he asks God to forgive them. It is sometimes difficult for us to speak the truth when it is not popular, but that must not stop us from standing up for what is right and proudly walking in the footsteps of Jesus.”*

A PRAYER as we complete 2021, and welcome in 2022:

“Looking forward, looking back, so much to think about.

But thank you Lord for being here, through all the pain and doubt.

*Like children, we have had to learn new ways to love and care,
to count our blessings every day, and find other ways to share.*

Now help us Lord to look ahead, let all our hopes renew.

And as we go forward to next year, please keep us close to You.”

Iris Hesselden, The People's Friend, Dec 19, 2020