



Sunday Bulletin

OUR MISSION: To know Christ and to make Him known

27TH NOVEMBER 2016 - First Sunday of Advent

WELCOME! A warm welcome to all of you as we worship together today. May God bless and strengthen you in every way.

VISITORS! A special welcome to you. We hope that you feel at home with us. Please join in a cuppa and fellowship after the service.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord, and come.
Protect us,
so that we may be rescued
from the threatening dangers of our sins,
and saved by your deliverance.
For you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

*Happy
Birthday!*

Sunday	Malcolm Hartwig
Friday	Mathias Hahl Sonia Norton

*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY*

Friday	Mathias & Kathy Hahl
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NEXT SUNDAY: 4TH NOVEMBER – 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Grace Lutheran Church, Clontarf

8:30am Worship

Grace Lutheran College Chapel, Rothwell

5:30pm Worship

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In the joyful expectation of the coming of our Lord Jesus to help us, let us pray for the world, the church, and our local needs.

We pray, saying: *LORD, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.*

In our prayers:

- * for peace in troubled places; help to all affected by any disaster, and wisdom among leaders that laws would honour God's will for the protection of life, home, marriage and family;
- * all completing studies that they find rest and purpose;
- * any who experience anxiety or depression especially as they focus on the future, for blessing and wisdom among health care professionals, and that the hope of the Gospel would bring comfort into people's lives;
- * all who trapped in a lifestyle of wild parties, drunkenness, sexual immorality, promiscuity, quarrelling, or jealousy that they may know the light of Jesus in their lives;
- * the church that we follow Christ in His Word, are prepared for His coming at any time, and joyfully gather in worship every week;
- * all who are persecuted, imprisoned or tortured for their beliefs that they receive strength from God;
- * all who seek to serve including the young people of LYQ who serve in various ways, including preparations for Summer Camps;
- * local Christian Congregations (including Lighthouse Centre, Lord of the Breakthrough) and local ministries including Bible Society groups
- * our 'Community of Grace': for Year 6 Graduation 28th Nov; Kindy Graduation 1st Dec; our preparations for Christmas Worship Services; for the Spirit's guiding and blessing on all our Ministry Teams as we work to identify goals for 2017 and develop ways to achieve those goals;
- * all preparing for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, or Marriage;
- * the sick, and all recovering from surgery or illness;
- * the housebound that they may know God's gracious presence;
- * all who mourn the death of loved ones;

True contentment does not depend on
anything in the world.

CHAPEL WORSHIP Please be aware that there will be no evening service at Grace Lutheran Chapel, Rothwell on the 1st and 8th January 2017.

TRADITION OF ADVENT Grace Congregation will hold its annual Advent Dinner at 6.30pm on Saturday 3rd December in the Church Hall. Please place your names on the clipboard in the foyer if you will be attending. As space is at a premium, accurate numbers are desirable.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD We made 380 gift-filled boxes. Thank you so much to everyone for helping to make this possible. Our boxes will soon be on their way to Cambodia and Vietnam. Please continue to pray for the children receiving boxes this year especially when these gifts will be treasured by a child who may never have received a gift before.

BCC It's that time of the year again when we ask the congregation for a small donation of Christmas treats. These are placed into the free food parcels issued by Bayside Community Care during the last two Fridays prior to Christmas. Any such Christmas donations can be left in the basket upon entering the church. Thank you for your wonderful support.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH The setting up of the Christmas tree and any other interior decorating will take place Sunday 18th Dec at 2pm. Any help is gratefully received.

2016 NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY 4th December is the date Grace Church has set aside to participate in this survey. All members in attendance at worship on 4th December will be asked to participate. The hope and prayer is that, with God's blessing, the survey will reflect the life and health of our congregation so that we can respond with well-informed decisions to move forward.

CAN YOU SING, DANCE, ACT OR ENTERTAIN? We need you for our Advent Dinner on Saturday, 3rd December!! See Donna after church today or email me your secret talent fenwickfamily@bigpond.com

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP The final session for 2016 will be held in the church hall on Tuesday 6th December (9:00 - 11:00am). Sessions will resume on Wednesday, 18th January (1:30 - 3:30pm). This new time slot (first and third Wednesdays of the month) will be trialled for the opening months of the new year.

NEW GIFTS OF GRACE Bring love to life this Christmas with the all new ALWS "Gifts of Grace"! 24 life-changing gifts, starting at just \$6. Feed a child, build a house or raise a pig. New interactive pop-up cards come along with each gift. Visit www.alws.org.au/grace to find out more or take home a flyer, located in the narthex. See what you can grow and share the abundance you've got with someone who doesn't have so much.

VIDEO PRODUCTION VOLUNTEER The services are recorded each week and the videos uploaded to Youtube and connected to our website. If anyone is interested in helping either record the service or convert the sermon into a Youtube video and upload. Please let Shane Kuhl know.

CARE TEAM Know someone who needs a little extra tender loving care? The Grace Care Team would like to help members when they have a special need. So, if you or someone you know needs some care, just let the Care Team Coordinator, Kay Jaunais, know about it. Ph. 3283 6475, email: danesmom@bigpond.com.

HALL USE AND HALL HIRE Please direct all Hall use request to Church Office to ensure availability. You may also check calendar in Narthex on Maine Rd, or on table at worship at College Chapel. If Hall is booked, please allow reasonable transition time between activities. Thank you.

PARKING NEXT TO CHURCH A reminder to all that car parks adjacent to the church building itself must be reversed into, in order to cut down on the glare reflected inside. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

DATE CLAIMER

Wed	30	Nov	9.30am	Women's Fellowship
Thu	1	Dec	9:30am	Kindy Chapel - final for 2016
			6.00pm	Grace Kindy Graduation
Sat	3	Dec	6.00pm	Advent Dinner Church Hall
Wed	7	Dec	5:00pm	Ministry Team Meeting
Fri	9	Dec	6:30pm	Men's Shed Night at Alex Robinson's place
Sat	24	Dec	7:00pm	Christmas Eve, Grace College Chapel
			11:00pm	Worship at Maine Road
Sun	25	Dec	8:30am	Christmas Day Service

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To report a complaint, freecall 1800 644 628 number, or email:
report.abuse@safeplace.lca.org.au or mail LCA Safe Place PO Box 519 Marden SA 5070.