

The Church is open for quiet thought or prayer

from 8am – 5.30pm,

Monday –Friday,

11am – 4pm on Saturday.

Monday – Friday there is a daily Mass at 12.15pm – 12.40pm.

Monday 1.05pm – 1.30pm Mediation group.

On Sunday there is a Sung Eucharist at 11am.

Readings next Sunday, Advent 4, Year A

Isa 7: 10-16, Romans 1: 1-7, Matthew 1: 18-24

Notices

After the Service on Sunday 22nd December you are invited to join Fr Paul in the rectory for Christmas drinks.

St Vedast's traditional **Midnight Sung Eucharist** will be celebrated on Tuesday 24th December at 11.45pm. All are very welcome. There will also be a Eucharist on Sunday, 29th December at 11am as usual.

Apart from opening for the services on 24th, 29th December, 5th January the church will be closed from 5.30pm on Christmas Eve until 8am on 6th January 2019.

Diary

21 Dec	12non	Wedding Blessing Lingyu & Yuyuan
22 Dec	11am	Communion & Carol Service
24 Dec	12.15pm	Lunchtime Eucharist Service
	11.45pm	Midnight Mass – First Eucharist of Christmas

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15 December, Third Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Fr Paul Kennedy

Setting: Parish Mass - Allcoat

Hymn: 5 Hark a herald voice is calling

Isaiah 35

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people;

no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Canticle: Magnificat

R My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name. **R**

He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit, **R**

Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty. **R**

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,
The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever. **R**

James 5.7-10

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 11.2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

For your prayers:

Those who are ill: Clive Broad, Marie Simmons, Mary Cosh, David McClure, Lois Paine, Hannah Rae, Richard Shepherd, Jean Kennedy, Tracey Llewellyn,

Offertory hymn: 295 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Anthem: O thou that tellest glad tidings to Zion -Handel

Thanksgiving hymn: 12 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry