



GATHERING LETTER

For the Bethany Community
“A sharing between friends”

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BETHANY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MASS



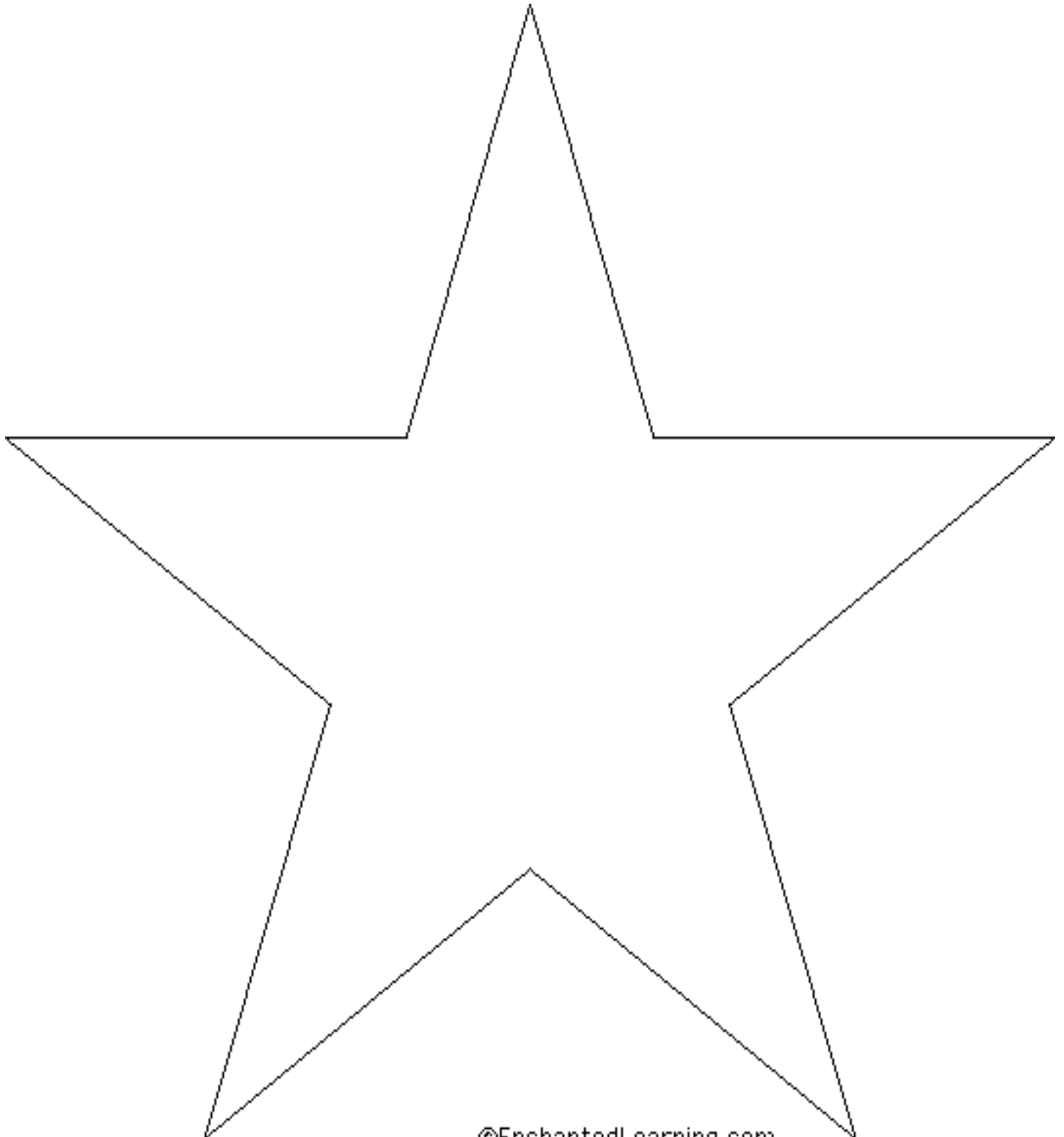
Christmas is the celebration of God's greatest gift to us – the birth of Jesus Christ. As one Community let us gather and give thanks for God's marvellous gift to humanity.

We invite you to our Christmas Community Mass on Sunday 17th of December at 10.00am in the Bethany School Hall, Cnr. Heaths Rd. & Thames Blvd. Please bring a plate to share with one another with a cuppa after Mass.

Christ born in a stable

Christ born in a stable is born in me
Christ accepted by shepherds accepts me
Christ receiving the wise men receives me
Christ revealed to the nations be revealed in me
Christ dwelling in Nazareth You dwell in me
Christ, grant that people may look at me
and see Your Presence. Amen

At the birth of Jesus the star was a sign of hope for the “wise men” in the East. We encourage you to bring a star (template below), decorated and with your family name on it as a sign of hope for your family and the whole world. It will be brought up with the Gifts and each family will be prayed for during the Mass.



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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH WERRIBEE ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CALENDAR 2017

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“COME LORD JESUS AND BE BORN IN OUR HEARTS”

Dear Friends, you are welcome to journey with our Parish of St. Andrew's and the Communities at Wyndham Vale, Werribee North, Tarneit West, Werribee South and Central, Upper Point Cook and Little River during this spirit-filled Season of Advent/Christmas 2017.

- **Sunday, 3rd December 2017 – First Sunday of Advent**
- **Monday, 4th December 2017**
7pm Memorial Mass to remember anyone who passed away since December 2016, all welcome.
- **Friday, 8th December 2017 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
7pm Mass
- **Sunday, 10th December 2017 – Second Sunday of Advent**

CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT NOVENA MASSES

The liturgical focus is on the Christmas Story – Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Shepherds. Various Choirs will sing Christmas Carols during evening masses.

First Day – Sunday, 17th December 2017 – Third Sunday of Advent

4.30pm Novena Prayers

5.00pm Mass

Second Day – Monday, 18th December 2017

7.30pm Evening Prayers, followed by Novena Mass

Third Day – Tuesday, 19th December 2017

7.00pm Novena Mass, followed by

7.30pm Penitential Service, followed by individual Confessions

Fourth Day – Wednesday, 20th December 2017

7.30pm Evening Prayers, followed by Novena Mass

Fifth Day – Thursday, 21st December 2017

7.30pm Evening Prayers, followed by Novena Mass

Sixth Day – Friday, 22nd December 2017

7.30pm Evening Prayers, followed by Novena Mass

Seventh Day – Saturday, 23rd December 2017



5.30pm Novena Prayers

6.00pm Mass

Eighth Day – Sunday, 24th December 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

See Christmas Eve Timetable for Mass times.

Ninth Day – Monday, 25th December 2017

See Christmas Day Timetable for Mass times.



CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

• **Sunday, 24th December 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve**

8.00am Mass in St. Andrew's Church

10.30am Mass in St. Andrew's Church

4.00pm Children's Mass in St. Andrew's Church

5.00pm Carols in St. Andrew's Church, followed by

5.30pm Family Mass in St. Andrew's Church with St. Andrew's Amateur Theatre Company

7.30pm Carols in St. Andrew's Church, followed by

8.00pm Mass in St. Andrew's Church with Sariling Tinig Choir

9.30pm Carols in St. Andrew's Church, followed by

10.00pm Mass in St. Andrew's Church with St. Andrew's Parish Choir

11.30pm Carols in St. Andrew's Church, followed by

12.00am Mass in St. Andrew's Church with Ensemble of Faith, supported by the Young Adults Group

• **Monday, 25th December 2017 – Christmas Day**

8.00am Mass in St. Andrew's Church

9.30am Mass in St. Andrew's Church

10.00am Mass in St. Michael's Church, Little River

11.00am Mass in St. Andrew's Church

(NO 5pm Mass)



• **Sunday, 31st December 2017 – New Year's Eve**

8.00am Mass

9.30am Mass

11.00am Mass

5.00pm Mass with Te Deum "Prayer of Thanks"

• **Monday, 1st January 2018 – New Year's Day**

10.00am Mass, followed by a cuppa in the Church Meeting Room

*Merry Christmas 2017 and Happy New Year 2018 from
Fr. Frank, Fr. Darien, Fr. Anil, Deacon George,
Parish Core Team, Pastoral and Admin Teams*





"PRAY" GROUP

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It introduces children to prayer and scripture in a dynamic way that will engage your child and foster a love of God. Children get to know God's love and parents get to spend time with their children doing fun activities. Come along and join in the fun.

It is held every **FOURTH FRIDAY** of the month at **12.30pm – 2.30pm** at Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. Next Session: **15th December 2017**

If you are interested in attending or if you have any questions, please contact **Susanne Sweeny** % the Parish Office on 9741 4144.
All welcome!

**We, the Parish of St. Andrews's
Werribee
Are big enough to SERVE
And small enough to CARE**

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Sunday – 8am, 9.30am, 11am & 5pm

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