

**INTERCESSIONS for the week beginning 17 December 2017,
Third Sunday of Advent**

ANNUAL CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD
Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Togo

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

For the Russian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Kirill

PRAYER CONCERNS

For those in authority, for the right use of power

CHRIST CHURCH VIENNA

Lay assistants and servers; Organist, Choir Director and Choir

**FOR THOSE WHO IN THIS TRANSITORY LIFE ARE IN TROUBLE,
SORROW, NEED, SICKNESS OR ANY OTHER ADVERSITY**

NAME	REQUESTED BY
Laura	
Klaus-Dieter Sauer	Frank Sauer
Dirk Hoerder	Claudia Rapp
Robert Metcalf	Robert Kinney
Fritz	Robert Kinney

Departed

Marjorie Metcalf	Robert Kinney
William Blankenship	

Sunday Readings: 24 December, Fourth Sunday of Advent:

2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16; Psalm 89.1-4, 19-27; Romans 16.25-end; Luke
1.26-38

*'A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes...and is completely dependent
on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside,
is not a bad picture of Advent.'* Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1943

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Anglican/Episcopal

The Revd Canon Patrick Curran, Chaplain
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Prayer for the lighting of the Advent wreath

People of God: awake!
The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face.
Remember the ways and the works of God.
God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming.
You are God's children.

Lord, make us one
As we walk with Christ today and for ever. Amen.

Sunday, 17 December 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

*Please take this wrap home with you and keep the church
and its ministry in your prayers.*

A warm welcome to all newcomers and visitors. Please make yourself known to the clergy. Light refreshments are served after the Sunday 10am service in the Church Centre, Salesianergasse 24

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols tonight at 6pm

Swedish Gloegg and finger food will follow the service of Nine Lessons and Carols this evening.

Services at Christ Church

Tuesdays	Morning Prayer	830am
Wednesdays	Holy Communion	930am
Thursdays	Evening Prayer	615pm

Sunday 24 December, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion	8am
Sung Eucharist	10am
Midnight Mass with Carols	1045pm

Sunday 25 December, Christmas Day

Said Eucharist	8am
Sung Eucharist with Carols	10am

Sunday morning Bible Study meets in the crypt at 9am. philiphughmilton@gmail.com

Confirmation 2018 on March 31: Teenagers interested in being baptised or confirmed should contact the Chaplain after the services today and no later than Sunday Jan 7. Adult classes have already started.

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Dates for your Diary

- Dec 17 6pm Nine Lessons and Carols
Dec 20 Charity concert in cooperation with the Australian Embassy, 7pm, details below
Dec 23 4pm Christingle service for young children
Dec 23 6pm Organ concert, Carolyn Craig, details below
Dec 24 1045pm Midnight Mass
Dec 31 430pm New Year's Eve service
Jan 5 430pm Last chance carols at the Stevens'
Jan 6 10am Said Eucharist
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The Chaplain would like to thank everyone who helped with the **Bazaar**. **THANK YOU** for your dedication and untiring efforts, and for making the Bazaar a memorable event.

Christ Church Shop will close for Christmas on Dec 21, reopening Jan 9. We would appreciate it if you would postpone donating until the New Year as we are very busy around this time. Thank you

Pilgrimage to Jordan 2018, Dates 14-21 April. For further information and an itinerary contact the Chaplain via email, office@christchurchvienna.org. We will be visiting the site of Jesus' baptism, Mt Nebo where Moses looked over the Promised Land, the Decapolis, Wadi Rum, Petra etc.

Carolyn Craig will be giving an **organ concert** at Christ Church at 6pm on Dec 23. The repertoire will include the "St. Anne" Prelude and Fugue in E-flat Major by J.S. Bach; Mendelssohn's Sonata No. 3; works of Johann Jakob Froberger and Georg Muffat, and Christmas music by Michael Praetorius and Petr Eben.

At 7pm on 20 December musicians Sonia Aniloff and Kate Rafferty (sopranos), Warwick Stengards (violin) and Anne Ewin (piano) will be performing some **Christmas favourites at Christ Church**. Entry is by donation to VinziRast and Caritas.

Lynn Finnegan is returning to the US at the end of next week. She will be giving the reflection at the Wednesday Eucharist on Dec 20. If you would like to join us for the service and for a cup of coffee afterwards, please do. The Chaplain

The **Toddler and Baby Group**, which meets on Thursdays at 10am in the church centre, is taking a break for Christmas. Meetings will resume on Jan 11. Contact Revi Nagel: havleoni.r@gmail.com

Last chance carol singing / bring and share is on Jan 5 at 430pm hosted by Christina and Mike Stevens. Please sign up on the list in the porch.

It is now possible to **donate to Christ Church via our website using PayPal**. Visit the page entitled **GIVE** on our website, www.christchurchvienna.org.

The **Christingle service**, at 4pm on Dec 23, is a pre-Christmas celebration for families with young children. All donations go to Die Moewe, which provides child protection centres in Vienna and Lower Austria. A tea party in the church centre will follow. If you can bring a cake, please let Erica Schenk know: erica.schenk@aon.at - thank you!

After the service today, Dec 17, Jennie Ratcliffe will be selling **jams, chutneys, marmalades and mincepies** in the church centre. Betty Gruber will be selling **Christmas cards**.