

# Bulletin



**WELCOME** We love to welcome visitors and newcomers to St John's! If you are visiting today or here for the first time, please fill in a visitors' card and place it in the offertory or Staff Message Box, and stay to say hello after the service.

**December 12, 2010**



**TEAR USEFUL  
GIFT SHOP  
Today and  
next Sunday  
at all services**

## PROJECTIONIST TRAINING

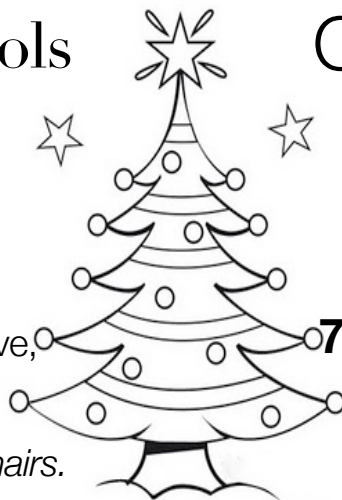
This Tuesday  
December 14  
7:30pm  
or  
Next Sunday,  
December 19  
2pm

### Christmas Eve Carols in Loftus Park

Time: 6.30pm  
6pm for face painting and  
sausage sizzle

Where: Cnr Loftus Ave & Tenth Ave,  
Loftus

*Bring along a rug or folding chairs.*



### Christmas Services:

**Christmas Eve**  
**11pm** - Reflections Service

**Christmas Day**  
**7.30am** - Communion Service  
**9.30am** - Family Service

# PRAYER POINTS

**Prayer for our World** WikiLeaks has caused considerable consternation around the world in the last week, with repercussions for Australia's politics and political leaders. Pray for wisdom and integrity, as further disclosures are made, and that honesty and openness will characterise the responses of world leaders and our own politicians.

**Prayer for Missions** Pray for Sylvia Jeanes in Sabah, Malaysia. A Malaysian MP recently invited her to speak on the needs of immigrant children – pray that her efforts to influence government policy on this matter will be successful. Pray also that she is able to give herself sufficient periods of rest.

**Prayer for our Church** The Property Development issues remain at a critical stage, as we await responses from the main players involved. Pray that through all this uncertainty, a good and appropriate solution may arise, and that we will continue to enjoy positive relationships within our local community.

## SUNDAY

**8AM & DRV SERVICES** Today, Ian Forest-Jones will preach at the 8am and DRV services on the topic 'The Love to Come', looking forward to the approach of Christmas.

**PROMISELAND FAMILY SERVICE** At 9.45am, we share together in a special "Family Service" presented by the kids and leaders of Promiseland. Be prepared for the usual festivities, as we celebrate the approach of Christmas together ... and a special welcome to the families of the Promiseland and Playtime kids. All are invited to stay and share in morning tea after this service.

**7PM SERVICE** Rod Harding will be preaching tonight at the evening service, on the topic "The Joy to Come".

## THIS WEEK

**Congratulations to those celebrating!**

**Wednesday 15** Ron Hawley  
Jennifer Pochleitner  
**Thursday 16** Margaret Jennings

**TEAR USEFUL GIFT SHOP.** Today and next Sunday at all services, we will be running a TEAR Useful Gift shop. This gives us the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts that make a difference - school supplies, goats, toilets, and organic vegie gardens along with a host of other items which will help those in developing countries. For more information please contact Sandra Volk (0406 067 031).

**PLAYTIME** In the Church Hall from 10am - midday each Monday & Thursday. For details call Nicole Wyatt on 9542 6243.

**CHURCH PROJECTIONISTS/COMPUTER OPERATORS AND SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS.** The requirements of these jobs have increased in recent years, so training sessions are being planned to teach new and existing operators the new skills needed for the jobs. Projectionists can choose between two sessions; Tuesday December 14 at 7:30pm and Sunday December 19 at 2pm both in the church. Dates for Sound System training will be advised in January. New and existing operators are welcome.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**MORNING & DRV SERVICES** Next Sunday, Rod Harding will be preaching on the topic "The Joy to Come".

**7PM SERVICE** Next Sunday Ian Forest-Jones will be speaking at the evening service, on the topic "The Love to Come".

## COMING EVENTS

**THE JOHN FRANKLIN CHRISTMAS LUNCH** is a joint initiative of St John's and St Patrick's. It is a free lunch that is held each Christmas Day in the Sutherland Entertainment Centre, organised by volunteers using donations to provide a great Christmas for those who have nowhere else to go. St John's has raised funds for the event, but we also need some assistance:

- on Christmas Eve at any time to set up the tables, organise the presents and prepare some of the food.
- on Christmas Day to provide entertainment. If you want to perform, please let Elizabeth or Graham know (contact details on back cover).

Everyone is welcome to attend on Christmas Day, anytime from 11.00am.

**OPEN DAY AT MARY ANDREWS COLLEGE** – come along for morning tea and find out about studying at MAC next year. You'll have the opportunity to learn more about their courses, FEE-HELP, and how studying at the college can benefit both you and St John's. Thursday January 20, 10am – 1pm. Grab a flyer or visit their website [www.mac.edu.au](http://www.mac.edu.au)

**THE 2011 CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY** is scheduled for April 29-May 1 at Rathane in the Royal National Park. Make it a priority and write it into your 2011 calendar now.

## NOTICES

**SUN FUN DAY.** The option for the school holidays is that Sun Fun Day runs as it normally does, with parents helping to watch the children during the 9am service. The other option is that Benita can provide activity sheets for the children and they can stay in the service with their parents doing these sheets while the service is on. The choice is yours, but if you want Sun Fun Day to happen, please see Benita this week or next to put your name on the roster to help out!

**CRECHE CO-ORDINATOR** In 2011 we will have need for someone to co-ordinate the team of volunteers who help run creche. This is mostly an admin position. If you are interested or have questions, please see Benita or contact the office.

**JOIN A LIFE GROUP IN 2011** – make new friends, grow your relationship with God, and share life together! Life groups are at the heart of St John's, as we share in community with one another and with Christ. Contact Faye Hillier if you would like to join a group next year (various days and times available).

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped move all the furniture and equipment out of, and back into, the church building, to allow the new carpet to be laid.

**PROMISELAND CAKE STALL** Thank you from the Promiseland leaders to all those who made cakes, slice etc for the cake stall last Sunday. And thanks also to everyone who bought cakes. We raised \$370 towards the John Franklin lunch – a mighty effort.

**MAG** sends thanks for all we have collected this year! The results from this years projects: Exercise Books - 290, Nail Brushes - 48, Soap - 39, Toothbrushes - 34 pkts, Scissors - 46, disposable gloves 42 pkts, safety pins - 43 pkts, teatowels - 138, handtowels - 47, washers - 107, wool - 38 balls, elastic - 21, notebooks - 23 & biros - 6 pkts. Well done!

**THANKS** from Dot Coves - "thank you to everyone for your prayers and concern while I've been unwell. It has been a great encouragement and I am feeling a lot better now."

### **CHRISTMAS @ ST JOHN'S – "ARE WE THERE YET?"**

**CHRISTMAS EVE – FRIDAY DEC 24**

6:30pm Open Air Carols behind Loftus Community Hall  
(6pm for face painting and sausage sizzle)

11pm Christmas Reflections at St John's

**CHRISTMAS DAY – SAT DEC 25**

7:30am Traditional Christmas Communion Service at St John's

9:30am Family Service at St John's (with shortened communion)

A roster for the 9:30am Christmas Day service has been placed in the church entrance. If you can help, please add your name.

# Today's Services

8am Holy Communion: First Order p114  
 'The Love to Come'  
 Preacher: Ian Forest-Jones

**Bible Readings:**

8am & 5pm  
 Romans 1:1-7 p.1112  
 Matthew 1:18-25 p.955

9.45am Family Service  
 Featuring: Promiseland

5pm DRV Service  
 'The Love to Come'  
 Preacher: Ian Forest-Jones

7pm Evening Service  
 'The Joy to Come'  
 Preacher: Rod Harding

Isaiah 35:1-10 p.709  
 Philippians 3:17-4:1 p.1163

**Prayer of the Day** Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love on our journey to meet the One who is coming: strengthen our weak hands, make firm our feeble knees, and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom, so that our hearts may rejoice as we behold the majesty of our God. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

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