

Anglican Parish of Charlestown

St Alban's Charlestown, St Martin's Kahibah

A place for everyone, serving the Kingdom of God, following Jesus Christ.

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Facing the past
Shaping a healthy future

We acknowledge the Awabakal people who are the traditional custodians
of this land we worship on today.

Sunday 7th January, 2018

Baptism of our Lord

Welcome to all those who are visiting us today. Please join us for refreshments after the service.

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing god and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. Acts 10.38

Readings; Genesis 1.1-5 Psalm 29
Acts 19.1-7 Mark 1.4-11

Prayer of the week

Almighty God,
who anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit
and revealed him as your beloved Son:
inspire us, your children,
who are born again of the water and the Spirit,
to surrender our lives to your service,
that we may rejoice to be called your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



New Prayer list –for January, February. Please fill in your prayer requests.

This week at St Alban's

Sunday 8.30am Eucharist
Wednesday 8.30am Short Morning Prayer – everyone welcome

Read the Bible & Pray during the week;

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| <i>(Monday)</i> | Psalm 20; 21.1-7 (8-13) | Colossians 1.1-8 |
| <i>(Tuesday)</i> | Psalm 22.1-22 | Colossians 1.20-2.3 |
| <i>(Wednesday)</i> | Psalm 25 | Colossians 1.21-29 |
| <i>(Thursday)</i> | Psalm 28;29 | Colossians 2.1-7 |
| <i>(Friday)</i> | Psalm 33 | Colossians 2.8-15 |

(Saturday)

Psalm 35.1-17

Colossians 2.16-23

Intercessions:

In our Newcastle Diocese, we pray for:

Bishop Peter Stuart and Nicki,

In the national church we pray for:

Diocese of Wangaratta (Bp John Parkes)

In the wider Church, we pray for:

Mission to Seafarers, Garry Dodd and Paula (Port Chaplain) Peter Middleton and Jill. The Diocese of Guadalcanal (Bp Nathan Tome & Selena), The Revd. David and Priya Morgan, Paraburdoo, Sue Prosser (Paid SRE teacher)

In the wider community we pray for:

The families of the many road fatalities occurring over the holiday season.

The First Peoples of the Diocese especially the Awabakal, Biripi, Darkinjung, Geawegal, Kamilaroi, Worimi and Wonnarua peoples.

In Our Church we pray for:

We pray for Wendy and Vlad, Ruth and Bob, Terry Frewin and Karen, David Hesketh and Kim, Greg Colby and the parish council.

We give thanks and pray for the faithful departed: (connected to our parish) *Maisie Goodwin, Iris Waterson, Betty and Max Farrell, Lila Youman*

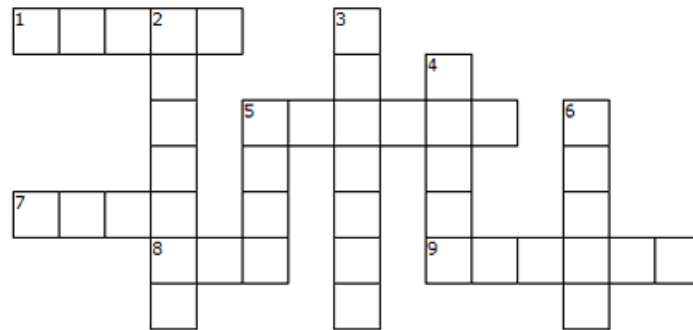
We pray for those in our parish who need support or have experienced loss recently:

We pray for Strength, peace and healing: *Helen Firken and family, Keith Watson and family, Wal Broadbent and family, Greg Thompson and Kerry, Louie Impiazzi, Carrie Neale, Ruth Boundy, Pryer family, Max and Anne Youman, Rebecca Ferguson, Claire Tamlin, Lindy Reed, Annabelle Morrow, Ed Chenery*

The Baptism of Jesus

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10-11

Based on Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. What was heard when Jesus was baptized.
5. The river where Jesus was baptized.
7. The Spirit came down from heaven like a _____.
8. To break one of God's commandments.
9. To turn away from sin.

DOWN

2. To admit that you have done wrong.
3. To pardon for sins.
4. The liquid used to baptize someone.
5. Name of the man who baptized Jesus.
6. A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.

KIDS HOPE PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

We pray for children

who sneak popsicles before supper, who erase holes in math workbooks, who can never find their shoes, who can't bound down the street in a new pair of trainers,

And we pray for those

who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire, who have never "counted potatoes," who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead, who never go to the circus, who live in an X-rated world, whose monsters are real.

We pray for children

who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions, who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money

And we pray for those

who never get dessert, who have no safe blanket to drag behind them, who watch their parents watch them die, who can't find any bread to steal, who don't have any rooms to clean up, whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser,

We pray for children

who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food, who like ghost stories, who shove dirty clothes under the bed, and never rinse out the tub, who get visits from the tooth fairy, who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool, who squirm in church or temple and scream in the phone, whose tears we sometimes laugh at and whose smile makes us cry.

And we pray for those

whose nightmares come in the daytime, who will eat anything, who have never seen a dentist, who aren't spoiled by anybody, who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep, who live and move, but have no being.

We pray for children who want to be carried

And for those who must, for those we never give up on and for those who don't get a second chance. for those we smother...

and for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer it.

Next Sunday 14th January, 2018 –Second Sunday after Epiphany

Readings: 1 Samuel 3.1-10 (11-20) Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18
1 Corinthians 6.12-20 John 1.43-51

St Albans - 8.30 am Eucharist
Prayers: T. Davis
Reading: W. Cross
Sacristan: B. Rigby
Sanctuary: K. Kear, R. Menhenick
L.L. Ass: L Adams
Music: Elaine Davis
Sound: E. Gibson
Welcomers: B. Rigby, J. Campbell
Morning Tea: K. Watson, B. Roundsley
Counting: Vaughn, Anthony

St Martins – 10.00 am

Parish Ministry Team:

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| Terry Frewin | | Acting Supervising Priest |
| Sharon Butler: | | <i>Building a new Faith Community</i> |
| Neville Thomas: | | <i>Working for a Better Community</i> |
| The Rev. Ruth Brand & Brian Taylor: | | <i>Christian Formation and Discipleship</i> |
| The Rev. Robert Peattie: | | <i>Community Chaplain for Carers</i> |
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