



St John's Cathedral 聖公會聖約翰座堂

Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong Island
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

*'St John's Cathedral is a place of God's grace, welcoming all,
following Christ and changing lives in the heart of Hong Kong.'*

19TH DECEMBER 2021 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader: Faye Yee

9.00am Worship for All with Sunday School Nativity Play

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Deacon: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Communion Setting: St Anne's Mass (James MacMillan)
Hymns: Longing for light, we wait in darkness, 186
Anthems: Ave Maria (Marcel Dupré)
Issan menbegew ay babassang (Dutch trad.)
Voluntary: Ave Maris Stella I & II, Op. 18 (Marcel Dupré)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Dean

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Koon-G Chiu
Intercessor: Simon Fong

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Officiant: The Revd Will Newman
Readers: Alan Tsang, James Yim, John Li, Oliver Shu,
Marques Ng, Dolores Dayao, Ernest Ma,
Andrew Ashley, The Revd Sharon Langbis

Welcome to all who worship here today. Please refrain from using your mobile phones during the Services. No unauthorized photography, video filming or sound recording in the Cathedral. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 20th December	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 21st	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (ZOOM)</i>
WED 22nd	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	2.30pm	<i>Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship (Chinese) (ZOOM/in person)</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 23rd	9.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
FRI 24th Christmas Eve	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	Nativity Service (ticketed)
	4.30pm	Nativity Service (ticketed)
	11.00pm	Midnight Mass of the Nativity (ticketed)
SAT 25th Christmas Day	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist with Carols
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino)
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 26th December <i>Acts 7.51-end</i> <i>Psalms 119.161-168</i> <i>Galatians 2.16b-20</i> <i>Matthew 10.17-22</i>	St Stephen	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in Taizé style Officiant: The Revd Will Newman Preacher: The Revd Mark Rogers

On Tuesday 21st December, the day of Winter Solstice in the Chinese lunar calendar, the Cathedral and admin office will be closed at 4.00pm



THEFT PREVENTION

As with any big city centre, please keep your valuables with you. If you feel unsafe at any time, please let a staff member or sidesman know.

COLLECT AND READINGS

COLLECT

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Micah 5.2-5a

A reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Hebrews 10.5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He

abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God..

GOSPEL READING Luke 1.39-55

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYERS AND NOTICE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of the province of Central Africa.

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican Province of Hong Kong & Macau); for The Most Revd Andrew Chan, our archbishop and primate; for our Diocesan Bishop, The Rt Revd Matthias Der, and for all bishops, priests and deacons within our diocese and province.

We pray for Holy Nativity Church, the Revd Edith Sin and all staff workers; pray for the evangelism in the local community, may the Lord graciously grant resources and give power from above so that they can bear witness for Christ in the world; for SKH Li Fook Hing Secondary School, St Mark's School, SKH Chai Wan St Michael's Primary School, SKH Holy Nativity Church Kindergarten/Nursery, SKH Holy Nativity Church Neighbourhood Elderly Centre, SKH Holy Nativity Church Ming Wah Centre and Scenic Resort (Nursing House).

Within the Cathedral Parish we pray for the Cathedral Church and its various congregations, for the Dean Church, Pokfulam; and their Priests in Charge. We also remember in our

prayers our Council members, Cathedral Staff, Cathedral Servers, Cathedral Sidesmen, Poverty Alleviation Group, our Prison Ministry, Music Ministry, and Lunchtime Recitals.

We also pray for our link Diocese of Toungoo, Myanmar; for The Rt Revd Dr Saw Shee Sho, his priests, people and ministry. We pray for all who work for justice and peace—especially, those unjustly deprived of their freedom.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Yvonne Fong, Val Rice, Dennis Chan, Daniel Colson, Goh Phiak Swan, Ng Wat Choy Ying, Peggy Yu, Joyce Chan, Tsui Man Fong, Laurie Rooke, Marin Leong Kum Chee, JoAnne Sharlach, Priscilla Chen, Jane Pang Tong, Alice Wright, Yee (Zoe) Szeto-Law, Christina Leong, Eva Sorrel, Tommy Hui, Tiew Siew Lee, Christina Poon, Lo Yuk Wah, Raymond Yuen, Fr Tommy Murphy, George Fong, Averil Ashley, Wong Lai King, John Cavid, Catherine Chan, Sanson Lau, Evelena Mathias, Lene Bille Hoegh, Rebecca Crawford, Toungh Ming, Kasper Buist, Donna Gail Willis, Helen Chan Sui Lung, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Michael Chang, and Wanda Clay.

We also pray for those who are suffering from COVID-19.

Please pray for the recently departed: Cheng Mei Hing, Elena Hutchinson, Lau Ying Wai

Prayers will be offered for those named above during the weekday Eucharist. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Elisa, **Tel.: 2523 4157.**

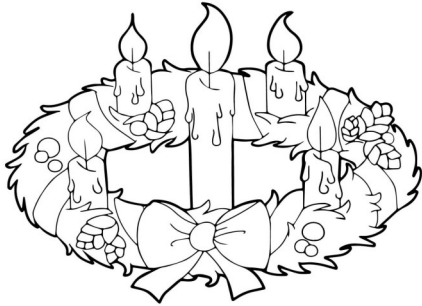
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**St John's Cathedral
& Daughter Churches**

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES
2021**



19th December (TODAY)

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)*

5.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons
and Carols

24th December (Fri)

Christmas Eve

3.00pm Nativity Service (*ticketed*)

4.30pm Nativity Service (*ticketed*)

11.00pm Midnight Mass of the
Nativity and Blessing of
the Crib (*ticketed*)

25th December (Sat)

Christmas Day

8.00am Said Eucharist

9.00am Sung Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist
with Carols

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Filipino)

(No English evening service)

6.00pm Sung Eucharist (Cantonese)

**Due to the current situation in Hong Kong,
the service schedule is subject to change.*

Discovery Bay Church

24th December (Fri)

Christmas Eve

6.00pm Nativity Play

25th December (Sat)

Christmas Day

10.00am Christmas Day Family
Eucharist



Emmanuel Church

*(Registration required for these services,
please see the Emmanuel website.)*

24th December (Fri)

Christmas Eve

10.30pm Midnight Mass of the
Nativity and Blessing of
the Crib

25th December (Sat)

Christmas Day

9.30am Sung Eucharist with Carols

11.00am Sung Eucharist with Carols

26th December (Sun)

The First Sunday of Christmas

10.15am Family Eucharist with Carols



St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley

24th December (Fri)

Christmas Eve

5.00pm Christmas Crib Service for
young families, with carols

11.00pm Christmas Midnight Mass

25th December (Sat)

Christmas Day

10.00am Christmas Eucharist with
Carols

NOTICE

TICKET ARRANGEMENT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 24th December 2021 (Fri)

Thanks be to God! This year, we will come together to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ at St John's Cathedral for our services on Christmas Eve again. However, due to the social distancing requirements, only 50% of the Cathedral's seating capacity can be filled at our services.

Please note that ALL tickets for the Midnight Mass and Nativity Services have already been reserved for distribution.

As usual, admission to the services is by ticket only. However, no walk-in tickets would be available this year. **Midnight Mass ticket holders are reminded of the following:**

1. On the night of 24th December, ticket holders will be admitted from 10.15pm from the West Door of the Cathedral; entrance of Li Hall and the entry point of Garden seating area.
2. All ticket holders are requested to be seated by 10.30pm when the Devotion before Midnight Mass begins.
3. At 10.45pm any unoccupied seats will be released to non-ticket holders at the discretion of the sidesmen.
4. Body temperature will be taken, and hands will be sanitised before entering the seating areas.
5. Please complete and return the Access Record Form.
6. Please wear a mask throughout the service.

You are very welcome to worship with us online in case you are unable to attend the Midnight Mass in person at the Cathedral. Please join us from the URL or QR code below.

<https://youtu.be/CEJehEAoHfI>



You are also welcome to join the Midnight Mass at our daughter churches.

10.30pm Emmanuel Church, Béthanie, 139 Pokfulam Road, *Pokfulam*
(Please visit the Emmanuel Church website to register:
www.emmanuel.org.hk)

11.00pm St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley, 22 Tung Tau Wan Rd, Stanley
(No registration required.)

Parking available at Béthanie and St Stephen's College.



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE OF THE DIOCESAN BISHOP

Bishop Matthias Der will share his Christmas greetings and message to the faithful in the Diocese of Hong Kong Island with a video which will be uploaded in the Diocesan website in the early morning of 25th December.



NEW YEAR'S THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION SERVICE

In the beginning of 2022, let us gather and offer our thanksgiving and dedication to our Lord. The Rt Revd Matthias Der, Bishop of the Diocese Hong Kong Island cordially invites you to join the New Year's Thanksgiving and Dedication Service to be held on the first Sunday in 2022.

Bishop Matthias Der shall preside and preach at the Service. A reception will be held before the Service, in which Bishop Matthias Der shall meet and share with all participants. All are welcome. Details are as follows:

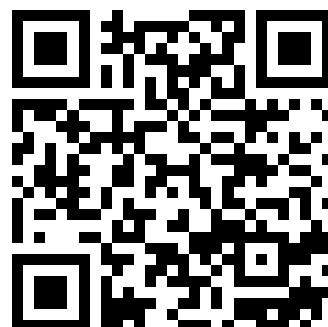
Date: Sunday, 2nd January 2022
Time: 4.00pm – Reception *
5.00pm – Thanksgiving and Dedication Service
Venue: St John's Cathedral

**Remarks: Due to the pandemic, no food or drinks will be provided at the reception.*

On-line broadcast will be available on Diocesan website.

For enquiries, please contact Ms Yeung of the Diocesan Office (Tel: 2526 5366).

Please browse the Diocesan Website:
<http://dhk.hkskh.org>.



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan

Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

Chinese Ministry —

The Revd Canon Peter Koon

The Revd Amos Poon

Christian Education — The Revd Will Newman
(*Priest-In-Charge of St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley*)

Filipino Ministry —

The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

The Revd Sharon Langbis

Liturgy and Spirituality — The Revd Robert Martin
(*Priest-In-Charge of Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam*)

Mission and Ministry — The Revd Amos Poon

Outreach — The Revd Mark Rogers
(*Priest-In-Charge of Discovery Bay Church*)

Youth Ministry — The Revd Amos Poon

Honorary Chaplain:

The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri

Executive Administrator:

Mr Thomas Li

Serving the wider community:

SJC Counselling Service

HELP for Domestic Workers

Mission for Migrant Workers

SJC Life Enrichment Centre

Cathedral Bookstore

CLARES/Castaways

Prison Ministry



Information about St John's Cathedral and its ministries can be found on the notice boards and on the website: www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk.

Clergy are here to listen and help. Please feel free to speak to one of them after the services, or make contact during the week: St John's Cathedral, 4-8 Garden Road, Central Tel: 2523 4157

Welcome to St John's Cathedral!

Please complete this form and hand it to one of the Clergy, a Sidesman or the Welcome Table.

Surname: _____

First Name: _____

Name of spouse (if applicable) _____

Names and ages of children (if applicable) _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Please circle as appropriate:

I attend the 8.00am/9.00am/10.30am/11.45am/1.30pm/5.00pm service.

I am interested in finding out about: Sunday School / Cathedral Choir / CLARES / Baptism & Confirmation / Flower Guild / Sidesman / Servers Guild / Fellowship Group / Stewardship Scheme / Uniformed Group.

Other questions / information: _____

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