

Barossa North Lutheran Parish

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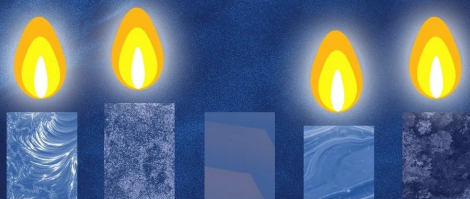
SUNDAY BULLETIN

Fourth Sunday of Advent / Christmas

21st December, 2025 - 4th January 2026

**Strait Gate, Light Pass; Holy Trinity, Nuriootpa; Pilgrim, Neukirch;
St John's, Ebenezer; St John's, Dutton; Immanuel, Truro;
St Thomas, Stockwell; Immanuel, Light Pass.**

Christ's Church of Living Stones.



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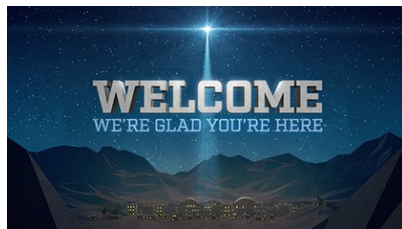


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Welcome to all those who are worshipping this week either at home or face to face. The following documents will be emailed or delivered to help you with your worship time;

- * A service order including bible readings and a sermon
- * The weekly Bulletin



This Week's Bible Readings

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

Next Week's Bible Readings

Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23

In Your Prayers Remember

Those who have been hospitalised or are recuperating at home;
Keith Riebke, Trevor Boyce

Our aged members at home and in places of care:

Val Graetz, Colin Gerhardy, Val Handke, Lorna Holmes
(Lutheran Homes Hope Valley), Royce Kleinig, Eileen Laubsch,
Phyllis Linke, Una Paech, Dorothy Rohrlach, Helga Sabel,
Audrey Schmidt, Mavis Schrapel, Barry Steinborner,
Margaret Whelan



Additional Prayer Points

- For those who are travelling
- For those who are lonely this Christmas and for those who find Christmas difficult for whatever the reason
- For those who serve us this festive season - police, medical personnel, emergency services, retail assistants & any other people and professions
- For those affected by the shooting at Bondi Beach - for those who are injured, grieving, confused or traumatised
- For a New Year that is full of peace, love and understanding
- For those who suffer from discrimination, addiction or abuse
- For those who have recently lost a loved one or are sick or injured

SAFE CHURCH - Safe People, Safe Programs, Safe Places

Any activity or event that our Parish runs needs a risk assessment to be completed.
Have you submitted a risk assessment for your event?
Pastor Damien or Sarah can assist you with this.

Find out more: www.childsafe.org.au

For any Child Safe or Safe Place concerns, please contact the
Parish Office on 0491 764 651 or Dave Biar on 8267 5211.

Parish



This morning, **Annika Martin and Joel Todd** will make their confession of faith at the service at St John's Lutheran Church, Ebenezer. We look forward to receiving Annika and Joel into communicant membership and pray God's blessings on them for their special day and always.

Also, this morning, **Holly Gripton and Reuben Martin** will take their First Communion at the service at St John's Lutheran Church, Ebenezer. We look forward to Holly and Reuben joining us in receiving the Sacraments and pray God's blessings on them today and always.



Christmas Closure of the Parish Office: The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday the 23rd of December and will reopen on Tuesday the 6th of January 2026. This means that the current bulletin will cover the next three weeks. The first bulletin for 2026 will be produced for Sunday the 11th of January. From all of us at the Parish Office we would like to wish you and your families a very blessed and happy Christmas and a New Year that is full of love, laughter, peace, good health and understanding.



Pastor Damien's Annual Leave: Pastor Damien will be taking two weeks of annual leave from Monday the 29th of December until Monday the 12th of January 2026. Pastor Damien will be back in the office on Tuesday the 13th of January 2026.

January Bulletins: Please note that the bulletin produced for Sunday the 11th of January 2026 will also cover the following Sunday (18th January) due to staff being on annual leave. Any bulletin notices required for these 2 weeks will need to be sent to the Parish Office by **Thursday the 8th of January**. There will be a bulletin produced for Sunday the 25th of January.

Charlie and Lyn, together with the Parish Exec would like to wish each and everyone of you a safe, happy and blessed Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year full of love and compassion.

With Christmas Greetings,
Charlie Braunack – Parish Chairperson
Janet Grosser – Secretary
Roger Frahn – Vice Chairperson
Andrew Kleinig – Treasurer



Parish

Strait Gate Congregation: Could all those doing reports for the Strait Gate Book of Reports for the AGM, please have them to Judy Schmidt by Tuesday the 20th of January 2026.

Confirmation Class 2026: If there is anyone in year 7 or above who is interested in attending Confirmation Classes in 2026 please let the Parish Office know by Monday the 19th of January 2026.

Light Pass Immanuel Congregation: In readiness for the AGM planned for Sunday the 22nd of February 2026, please notify Wes John, Alan John, Kelly Mattner or Pastor Damien if you wish to volunteer for any committee position or resign from your current position. Can all reports please be forwarded to Jill Boehm by Sunday the 1st of February 2026.

Annual Leave: Sarah will be taking a week of annual leave commencing on Tuesday the 13th of January and will be back in the office the following week.

Parish Service

BEFORE the 10:00am Parish Service on Sunday the 28th of December at Stockwell, there will be an opportunity for some fellowship over a cuppa in the Stockwell Sunday School Rooms from 9:30am. All are welcome!



Also, the offering from this service will be given to Pastor Greg Schiller for his missionary work at the Lutheran Highlands Seminary - Ogelbeng in Papua New Guinea.



As another year draws to a close, the Parish Office and the Barossa North Lutheran Parish wants to thank all volunteers across the Parish for their time and commitment to the Parish or their own individual congregations. Organisations and communities don't exist without volunteers and we want you to know that each and everyone of you is valued and appreciated.

Wishing you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and wonderful New Year.

Parish

Christmas Eve

**Community Outdoor Children's Nativity Service
at Stockwell Recreation Park at 6:30pm**



Presented by the members of the Stockwell, Dutton and Truro congregations and Pastor Damien Martin of the Barossa North Lutheran Parish.

BYO chairs, picnic rugs, water, sun hat.

Offering to Children's Ministry.



The St. John's Dutton Congregation invite you to come and celebrate with us on Christmas morning at 9:00am with Pastor Paul Lohe. Sing carols from around the world, hear readings and enjoy our children's presentation.

All are welcome!

Save the Date

Sunday the 13th of September 2026.

180th Anniversary of the Light Pass Immanuel Congregation.

More details will follow as they arise.



General

MOCULTA LIVE NATIVITY

Monday the 22nd of December

8:00pm for 8:30pm start

At 798 Moculta Road, Moculta

Please BYO chairs and torches

A port & kuchen supper will be provided

This event is organised by the
Gnadenberg & Gruenberg Lutheran
Congregations

All are welcome



Get into the spirit of the season ...

... with LLL's Christmas Giving!

Grow your wealth ***and*** help children
in need this Christmas with LLL's
Christmas Giving and Australian
Lutheran World Service (ALWS).

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between 1 December 2025 and 30
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with zero fees and charges, but
you'll also help provide a life-
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some of the world's most
impoverished regions.

**For every 3 or 6 month Term
Investment established during
this promotional period, LLL will
buy a School Start Set through
the ALWS Gifts of Grace
program on your behalf.**

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lll@lll.org.au to find out more.



Thought For The Week

Dance like Frosty
Shine like Rudolph
Give like Santa &
Love like Jesus.

Unknown

General

Trading Hours

OPEN Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd (9:30am to 5:00pm)
OPEN Wednesday 24th (Christmas Eve) with EARLY CLOSE
at 3:00pm

CLOSED over the Christmas and New Year Period

Barossa Ark ... a beacon of hope and light

Your many and varied prayers, words of encouragement and purchases support this missional presence in an anxious, uncertain and confused world. Thank you for your interest and support throughout 2025.

Do you have plans for Christmas Day Lunch?

If not, don't be alone this Christmas Day Lunch. Join us for a picnic in the Ark Courtyard after the 10:30am Christmas Day service. Bring a plate to share and a chair. Contact Maxine at the Ark for more details.

Mission Moments continues to inspire and encourage

Pastor Richard and Ruth will take the principles and practical approaches they have used in sharing the gospel in Central Asia and transfer these into the setting of sharing the gospel into our Aussie culture. During several Mission Moments next year, they will help us see more of what it means to bring Jesus to individuals and groups who are unfamiliar with the grace of God.

Barossa Ark reopens on Tuesday 6th January 2026

We look forward to many ongoing opportunities of reflecting some of God's grace to all who step into this retail space.

Would you like to be a part of this missional activity to our visitors from the wider Barossa region, Adelaide, regional South Australia and interstate?

May you enjoy a blessed and peaceful Christmas!

 47 Murray Street Nuriootpa Barossa Ark CLOSED Mondays	Open Hours TUE-FRI 9.30 AM - 5 PM SATURDAY 9.30 AM - 12 NOON PH: 8562 4631 barossaark@gmail.com
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What's on this week?

Mark your
Calendar

Sunday 21st December:

10:30am **Confirmation Service** at St John's Lutheran Church,
Ebenezer

Monday 22nd December:

Pastor Damien's Day of Rest

Tuesday 23rd December:

Parish Office Closed



Wednesday 24th December:

Parish Office Closed

6:30pm **Combined Community Service** with Pastor Damien at the
Stockwell Oval

6:30pm **Children's Program** with Pastor Greg Schiller at Strait Gate

7:00pm **Children's Program** with Pastor David Freckelton at Ebenezer

7:30pm **Christmas Eve Service** with Pastor Greg Schiller at Neukirch

Thursday 25th December:

Parish Office Closed

9:00am **Christmas Day Service** with Pastor Damien at Holy Trinity

9:00am **Christmas Day Service** with Pastor Paul Lohe at Dutton

9:00am **Christmas Day Service** with Pastor Greg Schiller (HC) at Immanuel LP

Friday 26th December:

Parish Office Closed

Saturday 27th December:



What's on next week?



Sunday 28th December:

First Sunday after Christmas - service times are on the third last page of the bulletin

10:00am **Parish Service** at Stockwell

Monday 29th December:

Pastor Damien on Annual Leave
Parish Office Closed



Tuesday 30th December:

Pastor Damien on Annual Leave
Parish Office Closed

Wednesday 31st December:

Pastor Damien on Annual Leave
Parish Office Closed

Thursday 1st January 2026:

Pastor Damien on Annual Leave
Parish Office Closed

Friday 2nd December:

Pastor Damien on Annual Leave
Parish Office Closed

Saturday 3rd December:



What's on the next week?



Sunday 4th January:

Second Sunday after Christmas - service times are on the second last page of the bulletin

Monday 5th January:

Pastor Damien on Annual Leave

Tuesday 6th January:

Pastor Damien on Annual Leave
Parish Office Reopens

Wednesday 7th January:

Pastor Damien on Annual Leave

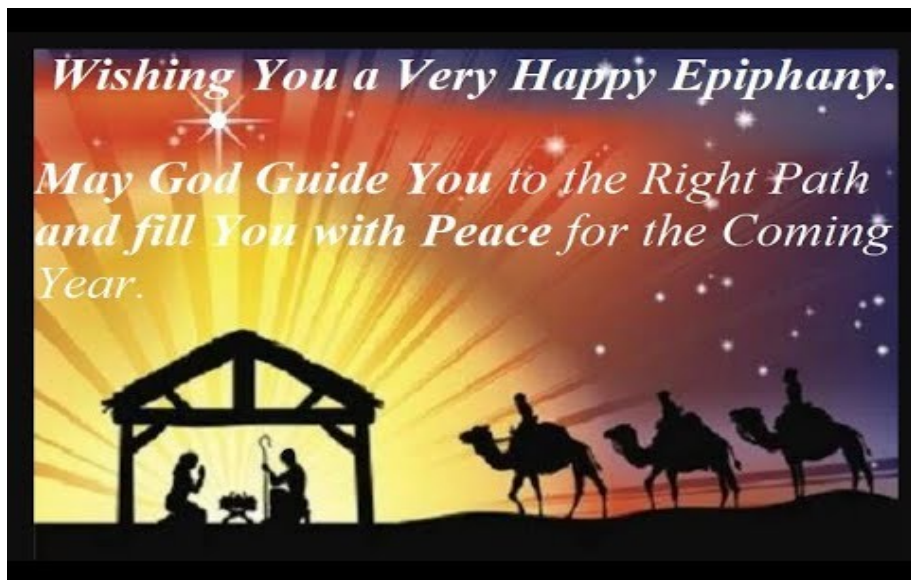
Thursday 8th January:

Pastor Damien on Annual Leave

Friday 9th January:

Pastor Damien on Annual Leave

Saturday 10th January:



What's on the next week?



Sunday 11th January:

First Sunday after Epiphany - service times are on the back page of the bulletin

Monday 12th January:

Pastor Damien's Day of Rest

7:30pm **Immanuel LP Church Council Meeting** in the Meeting Room,
Immanuel LP

Tuesday 13th January:

Pastor Damien Back in the Office
Sarah on Annual Leave

Wednesday 14th January:

Sarah on Annual Leave

Thursday 15th January:

Sarah on Annual Leave

Friday 16th January:

Saturday 17th January:



Name: _____

Date: _____

A Christmas Story

Word Search



The story of Christmas is filled with hope, joy, and promise. Hidden in this puzzle are words from the biblical account—can you find them all? Search carefully in every direction, and let each word remind you of the true meaning of the season!

Y H D G V T Y K S H E P H E R D S M
 M M T B L R N N R Y J Z F P X M M Z
 G Y N L A F H E A V E N L Y H O S T
 W N R M S I N M R L S H Z L F B L R
 M V I R D T N Y O E U H K R N V R K
 E R Y K H M A N I G S Q A E C A E P
 J M E R D M C R V N N N T R R L J V
 R D M S O X K Y A A K T T S B O Z M
 P L X A I L M J S I N R W A S R E F
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 C E N S U S E P B D L H I L M A I J
 C T K E F N R L O T N G H K N T L T
 M V G M S L E O Q K H T Y O J I D F
 W L C E T K G G G T E L R M W V D L
 D X R N F Z N Z R B N Z D W P I A O
 T F I G C L A M E S S I A H L T W C
 Y P N T M M M Z J L Z M D Z B Y S K

ANGEL

BETHLEHEM

CENSUS

EMMANUEL

FLOCK

FRANKINCENSE

GIFT

GLORY

GOLD

GOOD NEWS

HEAVENLY HOST

INN

JESUS

JOSEPH

JOY

KING

MANGER

MARY

MESSIAH

MYRRH

NATIVITY

NIGHT

STABLE

STAR

SWADDLING

WISE MEN

PEACE

PRAISE

SAVIOR

SHEPHERDS





Wednesday 24th December 2025

Christmas Eve (White)

LIGHT PASS - SG

Musician:

Warden:

Welcoming:

Grounds:

6:30pm

Children's Program

TBA

Sam Schmidt

Seelander/Bishop/Rathjen Families

Barry Jantke, Matthew Jantke & Allen Schmidt

Pastor Greg Schiller



HOLY TRINITY

Visiting

NEUKIRCH

Readings:

Warden:

7:30pm

Marion Golder Family

Ralph Schrapel

Pastor Greg Schiller

EBENEZER

Musician:

Wardens:

7:00pm

Children's Program

Tim Hage

Charlie Braunack, Michael & Jasmine Braunack,

Naomi Todd and Sarah, Zachary & Aimee Gripton

Pastor David Freckelton

DUTTON

At Stockwell Oval

TRURO

At Stockwell Oval



STOCKWELL

Church Grounds:

6:30pm

Community Service @ Stockwell Oval

K Jaeger & Family

Pastor Damien Martin

LIGHT PASS - IM

Grounds:

Visiting

Chris, Zac, Jake & Cooper Dahms

*Come
and Worship*



Thursday 25th December 2025

Christmas Day (White)



LIGHT PASS - SG
Grounds:

Visiting
Barry Jantke, Matthew Jantke & Allen Schmidt

HOLY TRINITY
Readings:
Ushers:
Welcoming:
Grounds:

9:00am
Cindy Harris
Bill & Leanne Carter
Ruth Verrall
Trevor Crossing

Pastor Damien Martin



NEUKIRCH

Visiting

EBENEZER

Visiting

DUTTON

9:00am

Pastor Paul Lohe

TRURO

Visiting



STOCKWELL
Church Grounds:

Visiting
K Jaeger & Family

LIGHT PASS - IM
Musician:
Readings:
Stewards:
Grounds:

9:00am HC
Tim Hage
Judy John
Jason Boehm, Kelly Mattner, Ross Colbey & Bev Graetz
Chris, Zac, Jake & Cooper Dahms

Pastor Greg Schiller

Sunday 28th December 2025

First Sunday after Christmas (White)

Parish Service

10:00am

St Thomas Church, Stockwell

Pastor Damien Martin

Tea and coffee BEFORE the service

*Come
and
Worship*





Sunday 4th January 2026

Second Sunday after Christmas (White)

LIGHT PASS - SG

Grounds:

At Immanuel LP

Stuart Schutz & Family and Thomas Ludi-Schutz

HOLY TRINITY

Readings:

Ushers:

Welcoming:

Grounds:

10:00am LR

Margaret Steinborner

Elaine Bartlett & Elaine Mattschoss

Georgia & Sabien Angus

Graeme Mattschoss

George Radley



NEUKIRCH

Readings:

Warden:

10:00am LR

Adrian & April Hoffmann Family

Allan Norton

EBENEZER

Readings:

Musician:

Wardens:

9:00am LR

Ian Craig

David Freckelton

Jon, Mandy & Carl Hampel and Cathryn Hampel

Jonathon Hampel

DUTTON

10:30am

TRURO

Visiting



STOCKWELL

Church Grounds:

At Dutton

I Mattner & Family

LIGHT PASS - IM

Musician:

Readings:

Stewards:

Grounds:

9:00am

TBA

Rebecca & Nicholas Hage

Merv, Justin, Rachel John & Isabel, Nicholas Hage

Merv John, Justin John, Tim Hage, Nicholas Hage & Grant Camilleri

Bible Readings for the 4th of January

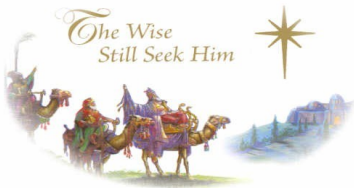
Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:1-18





Sunday 11th January 2026

First Sunday after Epiphany (White)

LIGHT PASS - SG

Grounds:

At Ebenezer

Stuart Schutz & Family and Thomas Ludi-Schutz

HOLY TRINITY

Readings:

Ushers:

Welcoming:

Grounds:

9:00am

Ros Woidt

Glen Hammerling & Maria Rothe

Heather Klose

Bill Carter



EPIPHANY

NEUKIRCH

At Ebenezer

EBENEZER

Readings:

Musician:

Wardens:

10:30am

Fiona Hampel

Liz Loffler

Jon, Mandy & Carl Hampel and Cathryn Hampel

DUTTON

Visiting

TRURO

Visiting



STOCKWELL

Cleaning:

Stewards:

Church Grounds:

10:30am LR

Cathy Laubsch

Kym Burgemeister, Joshua Burgemeister & Robert Leigh

I Mattner & Family

LIGHT PASS - IM

Musician:

Readings:

Stewards:

Grounds:

9:00am LR

TBA

Margo John

Alan, Margo, Craig John & Kevin Rohrlach

Merv John, Justin John, Tim Hage, Nicholas Hage & Grant Camilleri

Russell Johnson

Bible Readings for the 11th of January

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17



Deadline for inclusion of notices is **Thursdays at 9:00am** to the Parish email barossanorthlutheran@gmail.com or by hand to the office.