

**19th – 24th December**      **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."      Luke 1.38a

Action

- Be a peacemaker in your family
  - Give extra financial support to an Anglican charity
  - Can you help with the Samaritans Christmas luncheons
- Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**25th December**      **Christmas Day**

Study

And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.      Luke 1.45

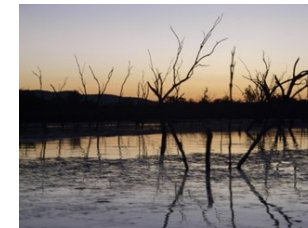
Action

- Attend a service if possible if not find one on line  
Spend time with family and friends  
Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

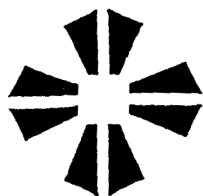
**Christ is counting on you**



**Newcastle  
Anglican  
Cursillo**



**Apostolic  
Action Diary  
2021**



Christ has no body now on earth  
but yours,  
no hands  
but yours,  
no feet  
but yours;  
yours are the eyes  
with which he is to look  
with compassion on the world:  
yours are the feet  
with which he is  
to go about doing good;  
and yours the hands  
with which he is to bless us now.  
Saint Teresa of Avila

The 'action' suggestions in the diary are to encourage and inspire you to plan your Christian Action. Don't forget to check with your Priest before undertaking any parish based activities

Make a friend

Be a friend

Bring that friend to Jesus

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

- Diocesan Secretariat 1st

5th – 11th December

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Study

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is the best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced a harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1.9-11

Action

- Remembering the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8th) pray for all pregnant mothers, midwives and medical support staff.
- Prepare a Christmas crib in your house
- Give a child a book of the Christmas story

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

12th – 18th December

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Study

Surely God is my salvation:

I will trust and will not be afraid,

For the Lord God is my strength and my might;

he has become my salvation.

Isaiah 12.2

Action

- Ensure you have contacted all you need to
- Offer to assist others to attend church if church available or organize alternatives for them

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**14th – 20th November      Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Study

“For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”      Mark 12.44

Action

- Universal children’s Day (20th) prepare special celebrations for children in your parish
- Give your children/ grandchildren, children of friends an extra special surprise on 20th
- Support the United Nations children's programs

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**21st – 27th November      Christ The King**

Study

The Lord is king, and has put on robes of glory:  
the Lord has put on his glory,  
he has girded himself with strength.  
Psalm 93.1

Action

- Remembering James Noble, pioneer Aboriginal Deacon d.1941 (25th) pray for ministry to our indigenous people, is there a way to support this ministry
- Continue to contribute to the Samaritans Christmas appeal especially for the Christmas pantry
- Can you assist with parish Christmas preparations?

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**8th November – 4th December      First Sunday in Advent**

Study

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.”      Luke 21.34-35a

Action

- International Day of Persons with Disabilities (4th) - check all your facilities are disability friendly
- Check for people within the parish who may need assistance to attend church
- Offer support to a disability carer or an organization that supports carers

**3rd – 9th January**

**Second Sunday After Christmas**

Study

Simeon took him in his arms and praised God saying, “ Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”      Luke 2.28-32

Action

- In this year of different circumstances consider how you can best grow your Christian ministry this year
- Can you support the new ways of ministry with your community?
- Contact elderly people who may have been in isolation over Christmas
- Is there some way to support a family in crisis?

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

- Secretariat meeting on the 7th

**10th – 16th January**

**Baptism of our Lord**

Study

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.      Mark 1.4

Action

- Can you reassess your Baptismal vows and plan to incorporate new actions in your life?
- Contact families who may have delayed baptism last year
- Make contact with any Godchildren

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**17th – 23rd January**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

Study

O Lord, you have searched me out and know me:

you know where I sit and where I stand,

you comprehend my thoughts long before.      Psalm 139.1

Action

- Can you make a contribution to the *Encourager*—Deadline 4th February?

- Assess new online resources to distribute to the isolated

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**24th -January – 30th January      Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Study

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent and believe in the good news." Mark 1.14

Action

- Is there a way to support our multicultural community?
- Research on line for Christian education resources for your young ones
- Offer help to get children to and from school

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**31st January – 6th February      Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

Study

They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority. Mark 1.22

Action

- Is there some way to assist someone you know with cancer or their carer?
- Support a Cancer research organization
- Remembering the first Anglican Service at Sydney Cove (3rd) pray for unity in the Australian Anglican community

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**7th–13th February      Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

Study

"I do all this for the sake of the Gospel, so that I may share its blessings. 1 Corinthians 9.23

Action

- Ensure you have your Lenten study material—
- See if there are still isolated people in your community who could be part of the Lenten Bible study by zoom
- Lobby your local politicians on homelessness issues and the issue of affordable housing

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**4th – 30th October –      Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

Study

'But it is not so among you; whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and give his life a ransom for many. Mark 10.43-45

Action

- Can you contribute to the *Encourager* deadline 1st?
- Contribute to the Samaritans Christmas appeal

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**31st October – 6th November      Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

Study

Then Jesus said to him "what do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go, your faith has made you well." Mark 10.51-52a

Action

- Attend Diocesan Ultreya at Christ Church Cathedral 7th
- Remembering All Souls Day (2nd), pray for those you know who have died in the last year and contact someone who has lost a loved one in the last year
- On the 4th we are asked especially to pray for Roman Catholics
- Attend diocesan Ultreya Cathedral 6th

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**7th- 13th November      All Saints**

Study

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. Revelation 21.1

Action

- International Day of Tolerance (16th) meet with someone from a different ethnic background or invite them for a meal
- Discuss with members of your family 'racial discrimination'

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

### 3rd – 9th October      **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose their reward.                      Mark 9.41

#### Action

- Remembering St Francis, friar and preacher (4th), pray for all Franciscan orders especially for the Franciscans at Stroud and the Third Order Franciscans in our diocese. How can you continue to reduce your environmental footprint?
- Can you assess the attitudes of your local politicians on environmental issues?
- Can you improve your recycling?

#### Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

- Diocesan secretariat meeting (5th)

### 10th – 16th October      **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

#### Study

But when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”                      Mark 10.14

#### Action

- Remembering Elizabeth Fry prison reformer d.1845 (12th), is there some way to support the church’s ministry in prisons ministries?
- Research group assessing the needs of young people

#### Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

- Diocesan Secretariat Meeting 5th

### 17th – 23rd October      **Twenty- first Sunday after Pentecost**

#### Study

Indeed the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from the spirit, joints from the marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.                      Hebrews 4.12

#### Action

- Remembering The united Nations inaugurated in 1945 is there a way to support the ongoing work throughout the world especially its humanitarian work
- Remembering Henry Martyn, missionary and Bible translator in Persia and India d.1812 (19th) pray for all who translate the Bible into local languages. Can you give a Bible to someone as a gift?

#### Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

### 14th – 20th February

### **Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

#### Study

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Mark 9.7

#### Action

- 17th Is ash Wednesday if possible attend a service of the imposition of Ashes
- Investigate new social issues that may have arisen due to the corona virus and assess how you can respond
- World Day of Social Justice (20th), is there one of these issues you can write to a member of Parliament about?
- Remembering William Grant Broughton first Bishop of Australia d.1853 (20th), review the plans for our diocese

#### Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

### 21st – 27th February

### **Transfiguration/ First Sunday in Lent**

#### Study

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the Spirit                      1 Peter 3.18

#### Action

- Can you contribute to the *Encourager*—deadline 1st March?
- Research the Lantern appeal projects of your parish

#### Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

### 28th February – 6th March

### **Second Sunday in Lent**

#### Study

He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me.” Mark 8.34

#### Action

- Is there someone in hospital you can contact?
- Investigate and read a new book for spiritual insights
- Write a review of the book to share

#### Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

- Secretariat Meeting on 2nd

**7th–13th March      Third Sunday in Lent**

Study

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.      John 1.12

Action

- International Women's Day (8th) send a message of thanks to the women in your parish who do the 'unnoticed' work
- Seek a way to support women who have suffered emotionally during the pandemic

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**14th–20th March      Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Study

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, the whoever believes in him may have eternal life.      John 3.14

Action

- Investigate those who may be isolated for Mothering Sunday and prepare to reach out to them
- Remembering St Patrick (17th), wear something green and pray for Ireland
- Can you contact your local council on better use of council water resources?
- World Water Day (22nd) review your own water use

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**21st–27th March      Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Study

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.      Hebrews 5.

Action

- Take some cake to the isolated if they can't attend a Mothering Sunday Service especially remembering those home care
- 25th is the international day of remembrance of the victim of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade. Research slavery in Australia and the exploitation of the poor

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**2th–18th September      Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Study

They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."      Mark 7.37

Action

- Can you support organizations helping the disabled?
- Can you support a family with a disabled member?
- Lobby local members for an adequate response to disability issues

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**19th –25th September      Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Study

He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Mark 8.34

Action

- International Day of Peace (21st) - plan special prayers or a special service for peace
- How can you contribute to harmony in your local community?
- Research how our government is supporting peace issues throughout the world

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**26th September – 2nd October      Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Study

Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms he said to the, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not me but the one who sent me."      Mark 9.36-37

Action

- Give a child you know a special treat
- Send a message of thanks to those conducting ministry with children

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**22nd – 28th August****Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost****Study**

So Jesus said to them, “very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.” John 6.53

**Action**

- Is there someone you can support to attend services?
- Attend an extra Eucharist this week
- Send a message of thanks to those who take communion to home visits
- Attend Mananita or closure M49 26th-29th Catalina

**Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern**

- M49 26th-29th Catalina

**29th August – 4th September****Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost****Study**

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

John 6.51

**Action**

- Remembering ‘Martyrs of New Guinea’ d.1942 (2nd) pray for all who have given their lives in the cause of the Gospel and attend a New Guinea Martyrs service if one available
- Support the work of ABM as they work with the church in PNG
- Research Christians in countries where they are persecuted for their faith

**Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern**

- Diocesan Secretariat Meeting (3rd)

**5th – 11th September****Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost****Study**

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me all of you and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out that defile.” Mark 7.14-15

**Action**

- World Suicide Prevention Day (10th) - research the signs of mental disorder and be prepared to ask ‘Are you OK?’ to family members and close friends
- Lobby local politicians to increase support for suicide prevention
- Attend W/M49 Welcome Day Raymond Terrace

**Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern****28th March – 3rd April** **Sixth Sunday in Lent Passion/ Palm Sunday****Study**

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourself. Philippians 2.3

**Action**

- Attend Lady Day service at the Cathedral Monday 25th if you are able
- Attend Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services if you can or watch on line services
- Assist in the setting up of the church

**Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern****4th April****Easter Day****Study**

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. 1 Corinthians 15.1-2

**Action**

- Make worship a priority either in church or on line
- Annual review your use of resources and recycling
- See what programs exist within your community for developing renewable resources

**Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern**

- Secretariat meeting

**11th- 17th April****Second Sunday of Easter****Study**

Jesus said to them again, “peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit”.

John 20.21-22

**Action**

- Support Samaritans’ Winter Appeal
- Light a candle for all in the peacekeeping forces

**Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern**

**18th April – 24th April      Third Sunday of Easter**

Study

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world, for all that is in the world – the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches – comes not from the Father but from the world.

1 John 2.15-16

Action

- Is there a way of supporting our farmers facing natural and medical disasters?
- Can you contact local political members re making the country self sufficient in medical equipment?
- Plan to attend 'Women Celebrating our Faith' 15th May

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**25th April – 1st May      Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Study

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10.11

Action

- Review your support for the mission agencies of the church as they support the developing countries of our region
- Can you make a child aware of where our food comes from?

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**2nd – 8th May      Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Study

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.      John 15.1

Action

- Buy Australian made goods—good for the planet
- Research organizations supporting the unemployed
- Attend Commissioning of W49, M49 Raymond Terrace

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

- Secretariat meeting 4th
- W49, M49 Training Day

**1st – 7th August      Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Study

I pray that according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

Ephesians 3.16-17

Action

- Take time to develop your spiritual gifts
- Contact someone who has recently lost a loved one

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

- Diocesan Secretariat Meeting (3rd)

**8th – 14th August      Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Study

Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.      John 6.27

Action

- Write a letter to visit someone living in a nursing home or aged care facility or is a shut in at home
- Can you support a new mother?
- Remembering Mary Sumner founder of Mother's Union d.1921 (9th) pray for the work of Mother's Union members throughout the world

- Attend Mananita or closure for

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

- Pray for W49 12th—15th at Catalina

**15th – 21st August      Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Study

No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.      John 6.44

Action

- Research the governments moves to 'closing the gap'
- Are there any actions you can support?
- Give a child a book of indigenous stories

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern



**11th –17th July**      **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Study

Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12.10

Action

- Contact someone suffering from recurring illness
- Write a letter of thanks to someone who has supported you
- Sea Sunday 11th pray for all seafarers and their families Is there a way to support the Mission to Seafarers
- Remembering Sydney James Kirkby' Bishop and pioneer of outback ministry and the Bush Church Aid Society d.1935 (13th), Support BCA and those working in rural areas

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**18th July –24th July**      **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Study

He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us through the Beloved.

Ephesians 1.5-6

Action

- Can I contribute to Mothers Union support of the NICU unit at John Hunter Hospital?
- Can I contribute to Mothers Union 'baby bundles' distributed by social workers at local hospitals?
- Contact family members who have not been contacted or some time

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

- W49, M49 Training Day

**25th –31st July**      **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Study

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God.

Ephesians 2.19

Action

- Write letters of support to your clergy and ministry workers
- Reach out to neighbors offering support especially new people moving into the neighborhood

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**9th –15th May**      **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Study

As the Father has loved me, so I love you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

John 15.9-10

Action

- Send a message of encouragement to our bishops
- Give encouragement to your local group leaders—can you help in any way?
- Remembering Julian of Norwich holy woman and mystic d.1417 (8th) give extra time to prayer this week

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

- 'Women Celebrating our Faith' 15th

**16th - 22nd May**      **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Study

Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

John 17.11b

Action

- Make contact with friends of a different denomination
- Are there projects supporting our Indigenous peoples in your area?
- Give a book about indigenous culture to a child

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

**23rd –29th May**      **Day of Pentecost**

Study

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever.

John 14.15-16

Action

- Wear red on Pentecost Sunday and explain to someone why you are wearing red
- Week of prayer for Christian Unity 23rd—39th check on the Australian Council of Churches website for daily prayers
- Week of prayer for reconciliation (26th May—2nd June) - pray for our indigenous brothers and sisters

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

- W49, M49 Training Day

**30th May – 5th June****Trinity Sunday**Study

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.

Romans 8.15

Action

- Is there a way to support someone who is ill?
- Contact family members who are feeling isolated or suffering mental distress
- Are there people you to talk to your clergy about attending W or M 49

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

- Secretariat meeting (1st)

**6th – 12th June****Second Sunday after Pentecost**Study

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 4.16

Action

- World Refugee Day (20th) - Lobby local politicians for fair treatment of refugees.
- 11th—Thanksgiving for Holy Communion, try to attend a Eucharist
- Contact someone who has lost a loved one in the last year

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

- W49, M49 Training Day

**13th – 19th June****Third Sunday after Pentecost**Study

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – “I believe and so I spoke” – we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus Christ will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

2 Corinthians 413-14

Action

- Read a book of spiritual insights and share it with others
- World Blood Donor Day (14th) think about donating blood if you are able or give financial support to the blood bank

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern**20th June – 26th June****Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**Study

For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

2 Corinthians 5.10

Action

- Can you support the prison/ court ministries of the church?
- Contact someone who may be considering baptism of a child or themselves
- Can you contribute to the *Encourager* deadline 1st July
- Remembering the Birth of John the Baptist (24th), pray for all new babies and their parents

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

- W49, M49 Training Day

**27th June – 3rd July****Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**Study

“We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry.

2 Corinthians 6.3

Action

- Review your ministry goals
- Are their different areas you could be involved in?
- Remembering the Coming of the Light, the first missionaries to the Torres Strait 1871 (1st) pray for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Christians

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern**4th – 10th July****Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**Study

For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, yet though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you may become rich.

2 Corinthians 8.9

Action

- Can you give support to those suffering the effects of natural disasters?
- Review your mission giving

Pray about personal, community and national issues of concern

- \_Diocesan Secretariat meeting (6th)
- W49, M49 Training Day