

St Margaret's News

Diary Date for this week

Sunday	22 nd	10.00am	Carol Service
Monday	23 rd		
Tuesday	24 th		
Wednesday	25 th	9.30am	Christmas Day Service
Thursday	26 th		
Friday	27 th		
Sunday	29 th	10.00am	Sundayl Service

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ROSTER FOR SUNDAY 29th December, 2024

Minister next Sunday	Lian
Ushers	<i>Judy & Noel d</i>
Bible Reader	<i>Merle M</i>
Prayers of the People	<i>Marj H</i>
Tea Station	<i>Kathy A</i>
Sound Desk	<i>Stephen W</i>
Offering	<i>Noel d</i>
Communion	

RYDA Christmas Gift Certificates

- Do you struggle to find the right gift?
- Is it getting difficult to tell people what to give you for Christmas?
- Do you have all you need?
- Are you a bit uncomfortable with the 'surprise' gifts you know cost too much?
- Do you receive gifts you won't use?

RYDA Certificates can help you with all your Christmas Gift problems. Ask for them to be given to you, or give them to someone else. You will be receiving, or giving, a donation to help the orphaned or otherwise disadvantaged teenagers at Rubaga Youth Development Association build successful adult lives through RYDA's vocational and life-skill training.

- Take as many gift certificates as you want.
- Donate what you can?
- Give or receive for Christmas.

See the display in the foyer. There are two forms of the certificate; **I** have given for you... or **We** have given for you...

RYDA Upate

\$2221.65AUD was transferred to RYDA on Monday. This included \$20 towards bank fees in Uganda, concert proceeds, Ron's \$300 and a variety of wonderful donations from a rang of prayerful supporters. Thank you to everyone of you. The amount RYDA should see in their account is \$1333,31USD



Suzan's Ordination

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all my family and friends in Australia who have supported me on this incredible journey. Your prayers, love, and encouragement have been my strength and inspiration.

Today, I am deeply honoured and humbled to have been ordained as Rev. Deacon Suzan Liz Nabirye. I commit myself to serving with faith, humility, and dedication to the glory of God. May the Lord bless each one of you abundantly for walking this journey with me.

1. "I thank my God every time I remember you." – Philippians 1:3
2. "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." – Mark 10:45
3. "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." – Luke 10:2
4. "But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded." – 2 Chronicles 15:7

God bless you all.

Christmas Bowl

Your impact: Supporting Sri Lankan families to return home after years of being displaced.

In 2006, as violence escalated in Sri Lanka, Jesu was forced to flee his homeland with his wife and four children. They sought refuge in India, where they lived in a refugee camp for thirteen years. To support his family and ensure his children's education, Jesu took on demanding construction jobs. Unfortunately, the physical strain of his work led to a debilitating stroke, requiring extensive medical treatment.

In 2019, with the situation in Sri Lanka stabilising, Jesu and his family returned to their homeland, only to find that their home had been completely destroyed during the war. Undeterred, Jesu built a small, thatched hut on his land to shelter his family.

The Organisation for Elangai Refugees Rehabilitation (OfERR), which has worked alongside Act for Peace for over 35 years, played a crucial role in helping his family transition back to life in Sri Lanka. When OfERR volunteers learned of Jesu's situation, they quickly provided him with a temporary shelter, offering the safety and security his family desperately needed.

Through persistent advocacy by OfERR and Jesu himself, he was able to secure a permanent house under the government's housing scheme. Today, he has successfully built this house and found work as a fisherman in his village.

With over 70,000 refugees still living in camps across Tamil Nadu, organisations like OfERR continue to be beacons of hope, easing the transition back home and striving to restore lives disrupted by decades of conflict.

Your support can help refugees like Jesu and his family return home, rebuild their lives and have a safe place to belong.

"I now have a permanent house... because of this, my daughter was able to get married in our own home. It gives me great joy since this happened in the new house." – Jesu

Just a reminder that our Christmas Day Service will be at 9.30am

***** The Church Office will be closed over January and there will not be any Orders of Service or Notices.**

PLEASE NOTE : All notices are now to be email to the church office at stmargaretsuca@gmail.com Thank you