

“Restlessness and impatience change nothing except our peace and joy. Peace does not dwell in outward things, but in the heart prepared to wait trustfully and quietly on Him who has all things safely in His hands.” ~Elisabeth Elliot

Dear Friends in Christ, we continue to pray Advent blessings for you and yours. In the modern world, as we rush and shop, preparation tends to be anything but joyful (especially in Doha traffic!) But the 3rd week of Advent, especially, is one in which we focus on joy – the joy of our coming Savior. May the joy of the season be with you.

Christmas Service Schedule is out!

Friday 22 December:

9 Lessons and Carols (English) 11:00am – Church
9 Lessons and Carols (Tamil) 7:00 pm- Church
Igbo Service 1:00pm – Chapel of all Nations

Sunday 24 December:

Crib Service (English)5:00pm – Church
Christmas Mid Night (English) -11:00pm – Church

Monday 25 December:

Christmas Early Morning(Tamil) 4:30am- Church
Christmas Morning (English)11:00am – Church
Christmas Evening (English) 7:30pm –
Chapel of all Nations

Friday 29 December:

Morning service (English)11:00am – Church
Afternoon (Igbo)1:00pm – Chapel of all Nations
Evening Service (Marathi)5:00pm-Chapel of all nations
Evening Service(Tamil)7:00pm- Church

Thanks to all who helped during Bishop Michael’s visit to the parish, and congratulations to all our Confirmands! We were blessed to have the Bishop with us for some extra time this visit, a visit which he described as “spiritually rich,” one in which he truly enjoyed learning about our local ministries here.

The African Choir will meet to practice at 1 PM tomorrow in the Epiphany room. Please feel free to join!

Our last Friday school classes of the year will be this week. There are some special plans for our children tomorrow morning, so please make sure you join us! Our Friday school will then break for Christmas, resuming on 123 January.

Our special Advent Appeal to support diocesan ministries, particularly the eye clinic in Yemen, continues. We heard from Bishop Michael about the great work they're doing there and in Baghdad, in spite of difficult circumstances. The white box will be in the back of the church throughout Advent for this – your generosity is a blessing to others! Huge thanks, too, for all who contributed to the clothes drive – it was wonderfully successful.

Our next food collection for the needy will be 5-7 January. Please bring your non-perishable food items to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Also, financial contributions to this ministry may be given to Fr. Jebaraj.

Special Holiday help with the prison ministries is also needed. On the 18th Dec we will be visiting the Jail before Christmas. We hope to provide 50 QAR per prisoner as a contribution towards their “Christmas Dinner”. Donations should be given to Fr. Ian.

Please join us after the morning service tomorrow for coffee as we are hosted by the Anglican refreshments team. Big thanks to the Social Committee and the American Cultural Group for a lovely repast for the confirmands and the Bishop last week.

Finally, please mark your calendar for the Annual General Meeting 19 January. We will be voting on some constitutional changes, so it's important that everyone should be there. Also, if you are interested in standing for Council, please contact the Council Secretary @ maireadit@yahoo.com – deadline for forms of intent is 12 January.

Important upcoming dates:

- ~ Last Friday School session
- ~ 22 December – Lessons & Carols 11 AM
- ~ 24 December – Christmas Eve (see service schedule)
- ~ 25 December – Christmas Day (see service schedule)
- ~ 31 December – Watchnight
- ~ 6 January – Feast of the Epiphany
- ~ 8 January – Parish Council
- ~ 12 January – Friday School Resumes
- ~ 13 January – EpiQ Youth resumes
- ~ **19 January – Annual Parish Meeting**
- ~ 5-9 February – Diocesan Synod

Have a Blessed Week!
~ Epiphany Parish