

All Saints Anglican Church Kwinana
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Kwinana

December 22nd, 2019
4th Sunday of Advent

Our Mission Statement Is to share the love
of God with and for all people by word
and deed

Santa Claus

Also known as Father Christmas, Saint Nicholas, Saint Nick, Kris Kringle, or simply Santa, is a legendary figure originating in Western Christian culture who is said to bring gifts to the homes of well-behaved children on the night of Christmas Eve (24 December) or during the early morning

hours of Christmas Day (25 December). The modern Santa Claus grew out of traditions surrounding the historical Saint Nicholas (a fourth-century Greek bishop and gift-giver of Myra), the British figure of Father Christmas, and the Dutch figure of Sinterklaas (himself also based on Saint Nicholas). Some maintain Santa Claus also absorbed elements of the Germanic god Wodan, who was associated with the pagan midwinter event of Yule and led the Wild Hunt, a ghostly procession through the sky. Santa Claus is generally depicted as a portly, jolly, white-bearded man—sometimes with spectacles—wearing a red coat with white fur collar and cuffs, white-fur-cuffed red trousers, red hat with white fur, and black leather belt and boots and carrying a bag full of gifts for children. This image became popular in the United States and Canada in the 19th century due to the significant influence of the 1823 poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas"

and of caricaturist and political cartoonist Thomas Nast. This image has been maintained and reinforced through song, radio, television, children's books, films, and advertising.

Santa Claus is said to make lists of children throughout the world, categorizing them according to their behavior, and to deliver presents, including toys and candy, to all of the well-behaved children in the world, and coal to all the misbehaving children, on the night of Christmas Eve.

This Week 22/12/19**9.00am Family Service**1st Text: *Isaiah 7:10-16*Reader: *Jill B*Psalm: *80: 1-7,17-19*2nd Text: *Romns 1: 1-7*Reader: *Joy B*Gospel: *Matthew 1: 18-25*Intercessor: *Richard B*P/Assisr: *Tim P***Next Week 29/12/19****9.00am Family Service**1st Text: *Isaiah 63: 7-9*Reader: *Ken D*Psalm: *80: 1-7,17-19*2nd Text: *Hebrews 2: 10-18*Reader: *Joy B*Gospel: *Matthew 2: 13-23*Intercessor: *Pat W*P/Assisr: *Christy***Tuesday 24/12/19****Christmas Eve 11.30pm***Isaiah 9: 2-7**Sue B**Titus 2: 11-14**Richard B***Wednesday 25/12/19****Christmas Day 09.00am***Isaiah 9: 2-7**Eddy C**Titus 2: 11-14**Jill B***DIRECT DEBIT FOR OFFERINGS AND DONATIONS DETAILS ARE:****BSB 706 001 ACCOUNT NO: 30 00072**

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During the Middle Ages, often on the evening before his name day of 6 December, children were bestowed gifts in his honour. This date was earlier than the original day of gifts for the children, which moved in the course of the Reformation and its opposition to the veneration of saints in many countries on the 24th and 25 December. The custom of gifting to children at Christmas has been propagated by Martin Luther as an alternative to the previous very popular gift custom on St. Nicholas, to focus the interest of the children to Christ instead of the veneration of saints. Martin Luther first suggested the Christkind as the bringer of gifts. But Nicholas remained popular as gifts bearer for the people.

Taken from an article on Wikipedia

Kids Christmas W/shop.

Kids craft w/shop will be on Monday 23rd Dec @10am
...all kids/adults welcome. Info on Church notice Board

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Marlene H 22/12/19



CHURCH CLEANERS

Next Week: Vi Family Thankyou

If you could help with the cleaning, even once a month
please see Sue

OP SHOP

OPEN: 09.30am to 1.00pm Monday to Friday

ALL DONATIONS WELCOME

Except electrical items. **Closed from Fri 20/12/19 1pm
to Mon 20/01/20 0930am**

He accomplishes this feat with the aid of his elves, who make the toys in his workshop at the North Pole, and his flying reindeer, who pull his sleigh. He is commonly portrayed as living at the North Pole, and laughing in a way that sounds like "ho ho ho".

Saint Nicholas

Saint Nicholas of Myra was a 4th-century Greek Christian bishop of Myra (now Demre) in Lycia. Nicholas was famous for his generous gifts to the poor, in particular presenting the three impoverished daughters of a pious Christian with dowries so that they would not have to become prostitutes.

He was very religious from an early age and devoted his life entirely to Christianity. In continental Europe (more precisely the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria, the Czech Republic and Germany) he is usually portrayed as a bearded bishop in canonical robes.

In 1087, while the Greek Christian inhabitants of Myra were subjugated by newly arrived Muslim Turkish conquerors, and soon after their Greek Orthodox church had been declared to be in schism by the Catholic church (1054 AD), a group of merchants from the Italian city of Bari removed the major bones of Nicholas's skeleton from his sarcophagus in the Greek church in Myra. Over the objection of the monks of Myra the sailors took the bones of St. Nicholas to Bari, where they are now enshrined in the Basilica di San Nicola. Sailors from Bari collected just half of Nicholas' skeleton, leaving all the minor fragments in the church sarcophagus. These were later taken by Venetian sailors during the First Crusade and placed in Venice, where a church to St. Nicholas, the patron of sailors, was built on the San Nicolò al Lido. St. Nicholas' vandalized sarcophagus can still be seen in the St. Nicholas Church in Myra. This tradition was confirmed in two important scientific investigations of the relics in Bari and Venice, which revealed that the relics in the two Italian cities belong to the same skeleton. Saint Nicholas was later claimed as a patron saint of many diverse groups, from archers, sailors, and children to pawnbrokers. He is also the patron saint of both Amsterdam and Moscow.