



## ST JAMES' PARISH NEWS

*For God so loved the world, that he gave  
his only Son,*

*that whoever believes in him should not  
perish but have eternal life.*

*John 3:16*

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

# WORSHIP AT ST JAMES TODAY

**SENTENCE:** God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *John 3.16*

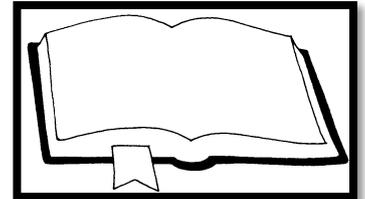
**COLLECT:** God of mercy,  
you are full of tenderness and compassion,  
slow to anger, rich in mercy,  
and always ready to forgive:  
grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,  
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**HYMNS:** MP 59; O Praise the Name; MP 473; MP 417.

## **FIRST READING – Genesis 12.1-4a**

*A reading from the book of Genesis Chapter 2 beginning at the 15th verse:*

<sup>1</sup> Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ <sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.



*Hear the word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*



# PARISH NEWS, HAPPENINGS & PRAYER POINTS – 8 MARCH 2020



If you are visiting us today, it is wonderful you have joined us to worship the Living Lord.  
If you would like to find out more about Jesus or His church here at St James, please speak to the clergy or a parishioner.

## WEEKLY SERVICES

### Sunday:

8am Holy Communion  
10am Holy Comm. & Morning Tea  
6pm Chollo speaking Congregation

### Wednesday Morning:

10am Holy Comm. & Morning tea

### Friday Evening:

5pm Evening Prayers - All welcome

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**21 March**

Parish Breakfast – Speakers Graeme & Jane Peters

**5 April**

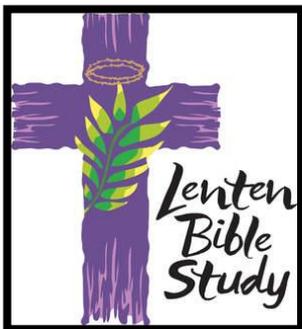
Palm Sunday - Holy Week commences

**10 April**

Good Friday

**12 April**

Easter Day



## LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES

Rev Graeme will be leading Lenten Bible studies each Wednesday @ 11.15am (in the Supper Room) & 7.30pm (in the Parish Centre). Ash Wednesday's Bible Study will be incorporated into the Ash Wednesday service.

The Study this year will be "Lament and Hope" based on The Psalms for Lent by Bishop David Robinson.

## PRAYERS

Rev Graeme and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers on the passing of his mother. Please continue to uphold the family in your prayers as they prepare to farewell Joy on Tuesday in Castlemaine.

## CLERGY DAYS OFF

Please note our Clergy are unavailable on the following days:

Rev Graeme – Tuesday

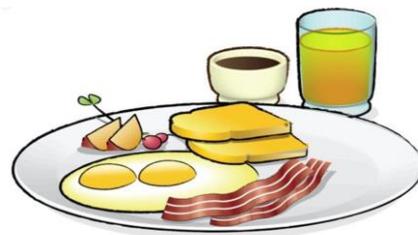
Rev Michael – Friday

Please try and avoid contacting them on these days.

## **A SPECIAL PARISH BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, 21 March @ 9am in Parish Centre**

Come and hear Rev Graeme and Jane speak on their time and experiences in Chile. Enjoy a breakfast of bacon, egg, toast, cereal, yoghurt, fruit with tea and coffee. Please put your name on the sheet in the porch for catering purposes. Entrance is by a gold coin donation.



## **PALM CROSSES - URGENT**

We are in urgent need of more nimble fingers as some of our previous ones are no longer able to help. The first delivery has to be ready by Sunday 16 March for the two campuses of Beaconhills College as they celebrate Palm Sunday prior to the end of term. I require 1100 crosses by then. There are cut fronds in a bucket outside the Parish Centre and I would appreciate if those taking fronds to make the crosses would let me know please. Also if there are any new folk who would like to learn how to make them please speak with me – Marlene Newell 9796 5136



## **ST JAMES' MOTHER'S UNION EVENING FELLOWSHIP**

This month's meeting will be next Wednesday, 11 March at the new time of **6.30 pm** in the Parish Centre. Non-members are always very welcome. Pat Varga 9707 5788.

## **NEW ROSTERS COVERING APRIL TO JUNE 2020 AND REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE INTERCESSIONS**

Rosters for Welcomers, Readers, Intercessors, Chalice Assistants and Powerpoint.

Dear everyone, Firstly a big thankyou to everyone who assists each quarter in these important roles each week in our services. I will begin preparing the Rosters for April to June in the coming week. This includes Easter and the school holidays. If you know of any times you may be away on holiday or not available, please contact me to let me know by **Sunday, 15 March**. New Rosters will be available on Sunday, 22 March.

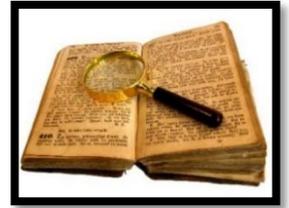
Please also email me if you can assist over Holy Week services.

Could 10am worshippers please think about whether you can assist with Intercessions once a month at the 10 am service. I am happy to assist you.

Thankyou Christine [ctothdsn243@gmail.com](mailto:ctothdsn243@gmail.com) or 97749693 and leave a message.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES – September 1959 - Vicars Letter

Father Tucker is shortly to move from Carrum Downs to Lara, near Geelong, where he will pioneer another settlement for the elderly. It is great he is overseeing another project, but unfortunately, it means that Father Tucker will no longer have a connection with St James.



The folk of St Luke's Dandenong, have so deeply appreciated his ministry. There will be an opportunity for us all to say farewell to him on Sunday September 6th. He will preach at Evensong at St Luke's in the evening and there will be a social gathering afterwards. Father Tucker pioneered a retirement village in Carrum Downs housing quite a few St James parishioners, which has since been demolished.

## IS IT TIME TO BUILD OUR NEW PARISH CENTRE?

Our current Parish Centre was erected in 1977 using a portable building that was made available. It was intended to be a temporary structure while plans were made for a definitive building.

It has served well but lacks many of the features that our congregations currently need. Amongst the needs that we have which it lacks are:

- Toilets that are readily accessible from the church.
- Adequate office space able to service the vicar, the curate and our admin people.
- Meeting rooms for Sunday School and Bible Study groups.
- A large enough fellowship area for morning tea after church.

Additionally, it is falling into disrepair and is lined with asbestos.

Over recent years the site committee has investigated a number of options but we have come back to the most urgent need being the replacement of the current Parish Centre with a purpose-built, larger, new Parish Centre.

With this in mind, an architect is preparing a concept design for us to look at. Additionally, surveyors will be measuring all the levels on the site to allow the architect to get his levels right.

We will bring the design to the congregation over the coming weeks to get feedback.

This will be a major project, but it is possible for us to achieve it under the gracious and generous hand of our mighty God. Let us ask him for guidance, inspiration and the provision of all we need.

As a leadership team, we believe that God is leading us this way but as the scriptures tell us: "Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labour in vain." Psalm 127:1

Let us all pray together with this in mind that we may be sure of his leading and united in our purpose.

## OUR PARISH NEWS PRAYER REQUESTS

To enable us to pray more meaningfully, we now have two categories for prayer in the Parish News – **immediate** prayers will be prayed for weekly, and **long-term** prayer requests will be prayed for on a monthly rotation.

Could parishioners please update the Prayer Request book as we have removed some names, and also include Surnames, however they will not be used in the Parish News. And please don't forget to remove people as they recover.

## CLEANING ROSTER for March – Fridays @ 8am

**13 March:** Roger and Christine  
**20 March:** Marien and Tyrone  
**27 March:** Rusty and Fr Oyem



## LAWN MOWING ROSTER:

**14 March:** Rob Daniels & Frank Drake  
**21 March:** Rusty Nicholls & Frank Drake

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



**We pray for:** the people and community of the parish of Charlton and Donald. **Please** also pray for the wonderful work of the Mercy Ships and the Aged Care facilities in Dandenong, especially those visited by this Parish.

**We pray** for those who are sick or troubled in body or mind, or who have special needs: *(Please put names in the Book for Prayers located with the Name Tags at the rear of the Church. This book is for use for prayers for anyone who is in need of them)*

### Special prayer requests for this week:

Kim (healing); Jan (comfort); Claire (comfort); Shereen (healing); The Peters family (comfort).

### This week we continue to pray for:

Janet; Trudy; Sr Gloria, Mizzie; Milton; Wesley

**Prayers:** We pray for the Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo; Locums and all retired clergy; Archdeacons of La Trobe; St Martin's Hawksburn; St James' Pakenham; Archbishop Philip and all our bishops in their ministry this week.

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## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS – 15 March

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42.

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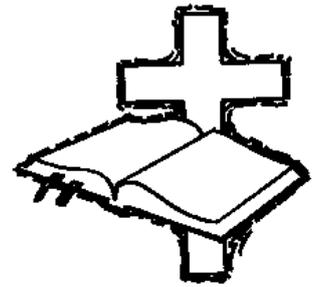
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## **Psalm 121**

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills:  
but where shall I find help?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the Lord:  
who has made heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> He will not suffer your foot to stumble:  
and he who watches over you will not sleep.

<sup>4</sup> **Be sure he who has charge of Israel:  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

<sup>5</sup> The Lord himself is your keeper:  
the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;

<sup>6</sup> **The sun shall not strike you by day:  
nor shall the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord will defend you from all evil:  
it is he who will guard your life.

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:  
from this time forward for evermore.**

## **GOSPEL READING continued.....**

what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

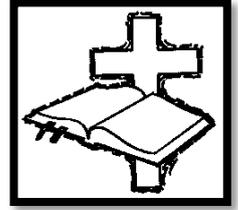
*For the Gospel of the Lord*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

## SECOND READING - Romans 4.1-5, 4.13-17

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 4 beginning at the 1st verse:*

<sup>1</sup> What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>4</sup> Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup> But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. <sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup> For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.



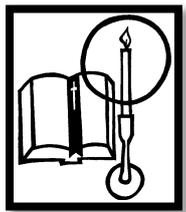
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## GOSPEL READING – John 3.1-17

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John Chapter 3 beginning at the 1st verse:*

***Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ***



<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of  
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