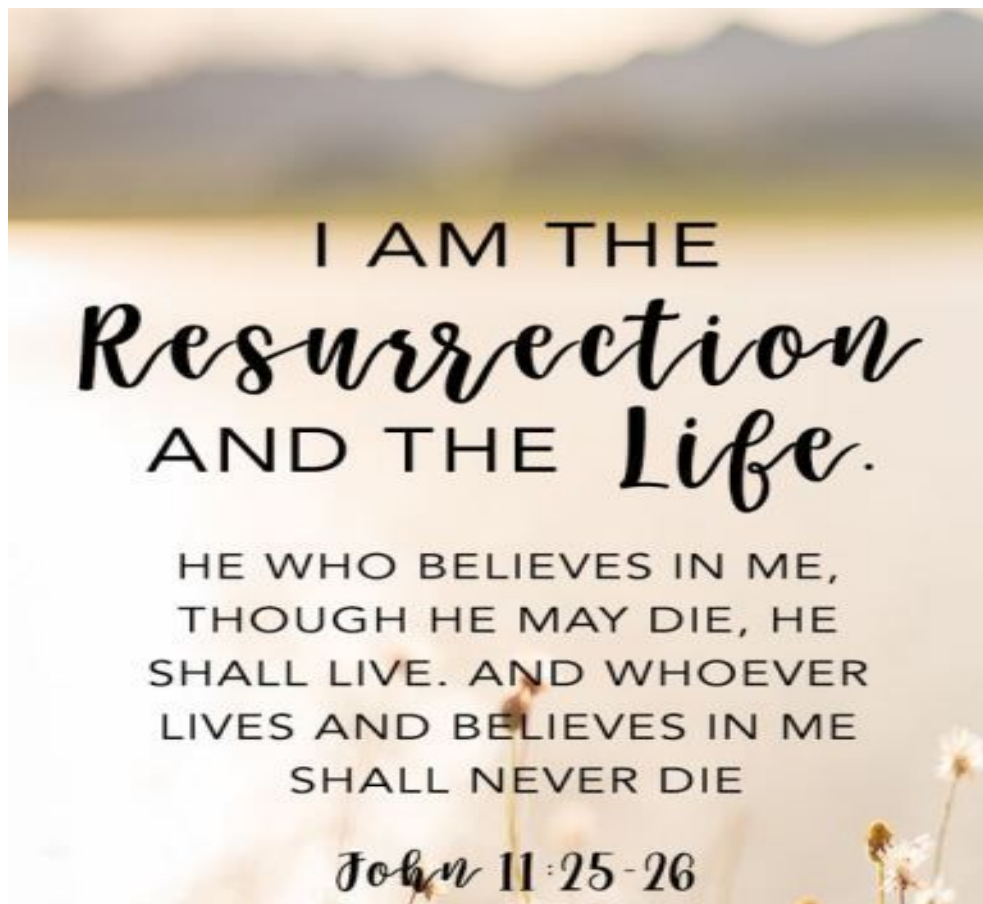




ST JAMES' PARISH NEWS



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

WORSHIP AT ST JAMES

SENTENCE: 'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord; 'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.'
John 11.25–26

COLLECT:

We thank you, heavenly Father,
that you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
we pray that
as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his presence abiding in us he may raise us
to joys eternal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Corona Virus UPDATE

**ALL SERVICES ARE TEMPORARILY
SUSPENDED AT ST JAMES ANGLICAN
CHURCH, DANDENONG**

In line with the Government guidelines concerning the spread of COVID-19 and non-essential public gathering, Parish services have been suspended this includes Sundays at 8am & 10am as well as Wednesday 10am.

For more information <https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others-from-coronavirus-covid-19/limits-on-public-gatherings-for-coronavirus-covid-19>

BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST IN DIFFICULT TIMES:

We are living in challenging and difficult times, but this is nothing new for the church. The early church suffered terrible persecution under the Romans. Neither are tough times new for our Australian society. Our grandparents and perhaps our parents lived through the great depression and went off to two world wars. We can do a bit of social isolation!!

Life in this crisis brings many restrictions and changes to our routine. We can no longer gather face to face even in Bible Study groups. All church meetings are temporarily suspended, except Weddings and Funerals (with severe restrictions). We have to do things for a time via phone hook-ups or the internet,

We know that not everyone is up on the use of the internet but this is a good time to give it a go. We will be recording and uploading some form of weekly service for you to listen to follow. Please consider joining [St James Anglican Church Facebook](#) and website at www.stjamesdandenong.com.

You may also like to use the Anglican Media YouTube link for a weekly service uploaded there: <https://www.youtube.com/AnglicanMediaMelb>

I would also like to encourage people to continue to call each other and encourage each other. Don't just call your close friends. Make this an occasion to get to know others in the church who you don't know so well. Unfortunately privacy laws don't allow our office to share phone lists, but maybe you can share some numbers you know around so that everyone is involved. Your phone can become your best ally in this time of isolation.

We had hoped to leave the church building open for prayer but unfortunately this has not been allowed. Fortunately, we are not limited to worshipping God in one place. We can worship him anywhere!

We continue to pray for you all. Please use whatever means you have at your disposal to stay connected to each other.

Graeme Peters
Vicar.

CONDOLENCES:

Our most sincere condolences to Lin Richards on the passing of his wife Jan last Sunday. Jan's funeral will be held this Monday 30th March at 2pm at St James but due to Govt. restrictions, it will be private. A public celebration of Jan's life will be held once this crisis has passed. Please pray for Lin and the family.

GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Covid19 outbreak has caused many complications to our lives. It is no longer a simple matter for us to put our offering in the plate on Sundays. Yet the church still has expenses to cover and the giving of our offering is an important part of our worship of God.

During this time, offerings in clearly marked and sealed envelopes may be left at the Vicarage. Also, can we encourage you to consider giving by direct deposit into the churches account:

Name: St James Anglican Church Dandenong

BSB : 703 122

Acc. No 050095404

If you do this, please send an email to our treasurer [Heinz](mailto:heinz@schendz.com) (heinz@schendz.com) for his records. Thankyou.

FIRST READING – Ezekiel 37.1-14

A reading from the book of Ezekiel Chapter 37 beginning at the 1st verse:

¹ The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord God, you know.’ ⁴ Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord . ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord .’ ⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God : Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹ Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God : I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

FROM THE ARCHIVES - June 1962 - Parish Activities Parish Activities

On Sunday, May 6th, our morning service was attended by the Mayor and Councillors of the Dandenong City Council.

Mrs Dowrick, wife of our Group Scoutmaster, Mr R Dowrick, has joined the growing ranks of our Scout Leaders. Mrs Yeaman has undertaken religious instruction at the West Dandenong State School. We are very grateful to both these ladies.

The Mothers Union was inaugurated in our parish at the Eucharist on Wednesday 16th May.

A group of our youth leaders, Sunday School teachers, Scouts and Vestry members have carried out a large spring clean of the hall, this was long overdue and we thank all of you who helped achieve this.

Sister Agnes Mary, CHN, gave us a vivid picture of the work of the Community of the Holy Name, on Sunday 29th April, at St Lukes and St James. She also talked about the Memorial Chapel which is being built in Cheltenham.

We were very fortunate to welcome the Archbishop of Melbourne and his son on Good Friday.



ALUMINIUM CANS

With Easter fast approaching please remember to collect your aluminium cans from your Easter celebrations and place them in the container on the Wilson Street boundary behind the Parish Hall. It would be greatly appreciated if you could crush them.



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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 Brand New Day and all who assist refugees and families under stress in Dandenong.

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:

Lin Richards on the passing of his wife Jan last Sunday.

This week we continue to pray for:

Jago; Brenda; Allan; Noel; Robert; Kathleen; Caroline.

Prayers: Season of Prayer and Repentance in the Anglican Communion; Diocese of Rockhampton (Bp David Robinson, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Stonnington (Howard Langmead); St Mary's Melbourne North (Jan Joustra); St John's Sorrento w. St Andrew's Rye – Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); St Columbs Hawthorn – Pastoral Visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Stephen's Werribee (Karen Congregation) – Confirmation Service (Bp Kate Prowd);

LAWN MOWING ROSTER:

4th April: Vic Landsman & Frank Drake

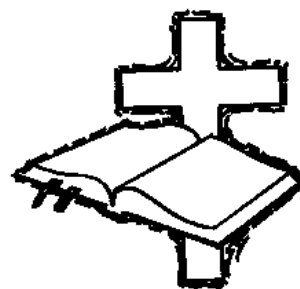
11th April: Easter

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS – 5 April (Palm Sunday)

Isaiah 31: 9-18; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27

Psalm 130

- ¹ Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord:
Lord, hear my voice;'
² **O let your ears consider well:
the voice of my supplication.**
³ If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:
who then, O Lord, could stand?
⁴ **But there is forgiveness with you:
so that you shall be feared.**
⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:
and in his word is my hope.
⁶ **My soul looks for the Lord:
more than watchmen for the morning,
more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.**
⁷ O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:
and with him is ample redemption.
⁸ **He will redeem Israel:
from the multitude of their sins.**



SECOND READING - Romans 8.6-11

A reading from Romans Chapter 8 beginning at verse 6:

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING – John 11.1-45

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John Chapter 11 beginning at the 1st verse:

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then

after this he said to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judea again.’⁸ The disciples said to him, ‘Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?’⁹ Jesus answered, ‘Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world.’¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.’¹¹ After saying this, he told them, ‘Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.’¹² The disciples said to him, ‘Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.’¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead.’¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.’¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, ‘Let us also go, that we may die with him.’¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away,¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.²¹ Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.’²³ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’²⁴ Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’²⁵ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,’²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’²⁷ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, ‘The Teacher is here and is calling for you.’²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.³⁴ He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’³⁵ Jesus began to weep.³⁶ So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’³⁷ But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.³⁹ Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.’⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me.’⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.