

CONTACT



ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
The Third Sunday in Lent—4 March 2018

A GOOD LENT

Lent is a good time for us to focus intently as we read the scriptures; it is helpful to follow a plan, for example; either reading through Mark's Gospel or using the daily bible reading that is provided in 'A Journal of Scripture and Prayer'. As we read we can ask three simple questions:

What does it say?

What does it mean?

What am I going to do about it?

What does it say? This first question simply an exercise in putting ourselves into the place of the listener or the observer. In Caravaggio's picture of the call of Matthew, where a group of rich tax collectors sit behind a table, Jesus in bare feet comes in and points to Matthew who looks astonished. Matthew then points to his chest—he cannot believe he has been singled out. What me? You want me? Where are we in the picture?

What does it say? What's going on? What does it mean? Sometimes we can feel intimidated by scripture wondering if we should be seeing something immensely profound. The reality is that when we read scripture sometimes we see a lot and other times we see little. First we can attempt to establish the plain meaning of what we have read then if we have time we can look up a commentary and seek a deeper or more profound interpretation. That is great if we have the time but in Lent let us do what we can; not what we can't.

What do I do about it? Asking ourselves 'How do I make my life more open to Christ because of what this scripture reading is saying to me?' An approach is to write down the thoughts we have had of what we can do as a result of the scripture passage we have read. Probably just a couple of lines are enough, maybe we need to contact someone or speak with someone we have offended. It may be simply saying a prayer of sorry or thank you or a petition for something of which we need to be reminded of as we live out the message of the gospel in our lives as individuals, as the church in this place and in the world.

Ken

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Morning (9.30am) and Evening Prayer (5pm)
Tuesdays to Fridays
unless otherwise mentioned below.

TUESDAY 6 March

12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY 7 March (No evening prayer)

6.30pm Eucharist and Curry

THURSDAY 8 March

9am-12 noon Private function in Rutherford Room

12 noon Lent Study— Dempster Room—
'Listening to the wisdom of the desert' - (BYO lunch)

EASTER TRIDUUM

the Great Three Days of the Christian year
8pm Holy Thursday 29 March

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, Stripping of the Altar, Reservation of the Sacrament
9.30pm to 9.30am Night-Watch of Our Lord's Passion

9.30am Good Friday 30 March

Liturgy of the Cross & Communion

6am Easter Day 1 April

Great Vigil of Easter, New Fire, Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation of Baptism, & 1st Eucharist of Resurrection

8am Easter Breakfast

10am Sung Eucharist

FUTURE DATES

Lent Studies

'Listening to the wisdom of the desert' –
Thursdays weekly to 22 March at 12 noon (BYO lunch)

Sundays weekly to 18 March at 6pm

'The Year of Mark' –

Two Lent Sundays, 11.30am-12.30pm

4 March 'The Spirituality of Mark's Gospel', Father John Stewart

11 March 'Mark's Story', Professor Dorothy Lee

Patronal Festival: May 6 - special guest will be The Reverend Fr John Deane ABM Executive Director. One liturgy only this day at 10am.

Parish Retreat: 11th—13th May at Santa Casa, Queenscliff.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 25 March

10 am Ecumenical Liturgy of Palms & Sung Eucharist

6pm 'Via Crucis' by Franz Liszt, performed by Roger Creed

Holy Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (26 - 28 March)

8pm Eucharist with homily

Holy Saturday 31 March

9.30am Morning Prayer followed by church preparations

St John's Anglican Church, 552 Burke Road, Camberwell, 3124

Ph.9882 4851 Fax 9882 0086 (Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10am-3pm)

Email: office@stjohnscamberwell.org.au

Website: www.stjohnscamberwell.org.au

Vicar: Father David Moore

On Leave

Locum Vicar: Fr Ken Hewlett

9882 4851 (O) 0427 772 003 (M)

(Sundays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays) **Email:** kjhewlett@bigpond.com

Locum Asst. Priest: The Revd Anne Kennedy

9882 4851 (O)

(Wednesdays (morning), Fridays) **Email:** curate@stdunstans.org.au

Locum Asst. Priest: The Revd Trevor Smith

9882 4851 (O)

(Wednesdays (morning), Thursdays) **Email:** trevors@connexus.net.au

Hon. Assoc. Priest: Fr Richard Wilson

9882 4851 (O) 0417 014 595 (M)

Email: richard@goodbusinessproject.org

Hon. Assoc. Priest: The Revd Dr Brian Porter

0407 552 425 (M)

Hon. Assoc. Priest: The Revd Helen Creed

9882 4851 (O)

Director of Music: Mr David Byrne

9836 5456

Email: music.director@stjohnscamberwell.org.au

Bruce Williams 9882 4851 (O)

Hon. Verger: **Email:** office@stjohnscamberwell.org.au 9882 4851 (O)

Children's Ministry: **Email:** office@stjohnscamberwell.org.au 9882 4851 (O)

Parish Administrator: Mrs Dawn Sullivan **Email:** office@stjohnscamberwell.org.au

WELCOME! We are glad to have you join us in the sacred liturgy. With generations of Christ's followers we are all welcomed around the banquet table of the Word made flesh—regardless of gender, race, colour, sexual orientation, social status or any other distinction. And you are warmly invited to join us for morning tea following the 10am liturgy in the Rutherford Room.

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am EUCHARIST

Presider: Ken Hewlett
Preacher: Ken Hewlett
Reader: Hans Ferdinands
Intercessor: Geoff Vincent
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst.: Geoff Vincent

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Ken Hewlett
Preacher: John Stewart
Deacon: Muriel Porter
Sub-Deacon: Geoff Vincent
Readers: Noela Manton, John Manton
Intercessor: Muriel Porter

Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Alison Asquith, Sue Banting, Robin Carter

Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Carole Nicholls
For children: Please make use of activities at the back of the church.

11.30am "The Year of Mark" -

Fr John Stewart will speak about Mark's spirituality.

6.00pm EVENING PRAYER & LENT STUDY

'Listening to the Wisdom of the Desert'

LECTIONS FOR THE DAY

*Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22*

St John's 'Parish Covenant' is the basis for all relationships, social interactions, and patterns of behaviour within and concerning the Parish. It is on display in the narthex and available on the parish website. All parishioners are encouraged to sign the Covenant, demonstrating their public commitment to a safe and healthy parish community.

WELCOME: A warm welcome again today to Father John Stewart, a good friend of this parish. Fr John, a senior priest of this diocese, is the founding director of the Living Well Centre at St George's Church, Malvern. He will preach at the 10am Sung Eucharist, and then speak about the spirituality of Mark's Gospel, commencing at 11.30am. This year, in the three-year cycle of Gospel readings, Mark's Gospel is central to our Sunday readings. Next Sunday, Professor Dorothy Lee will conclude this two-week series by telling us about Mark's story. She will also preach at the 10am liturgy next Sunday.

LENT BOOK: More copies of the recommended Lent book, *Say it to God: in Search of Prayer*, by Luigi Giovia, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2018 are available today for \$20 each from Muriel Porter today or in the parish office during the week.

LENT RESOURCES: Copies of the parish's Lent-Easter calendar and the revised edition of the booklet 'Paschal Mystery: Resources for Lent-Easter', are available in the narthex.

LENT STUDIES: The two weekly Lent study programs continue this week, with new participants always welcome. One study is on Thursdays at 12 noon (BYO lunch), with the second on Sundays, following Lenten Evening Prayer at 6pm. Both groups are using 'Listening to the Wisdom of the Desert', an excellent booklet by Garratt Publishing (\$8 a copy).

FR KEN'S QUIET MORNING ADDRESSES: Fr Ken's excellent Quiet Morning addresses on prayer are available this morning in a small booklet on the narthex table. They are a superb resource for Lenten reflection. Please take a copy.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION OR RECEPTION INTO THE ANGLICAN CHURCH? If so, please speak to Fr Ken as soon as possible. Our regional bishop, Bishop Genieve Blackwell, who will be presiding at the 6am Easter Vigil on 1 April, will be available to confirm or receive any seeking full membership of the Church. Since earliest times, the Easter Vigil has been the primary place for people to make their commitment to the faith.

ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION

Special offering envelopes are available and we are invited to contribute generously to this important work of our national Church. Lent has traditionally been the season when the Australian Anglican Church has supported this work with our prayers and offerings.

IF YOU KNOW ANYONE who would let us take palm leaves from their garden, please tell Keith Ph. 9819 1093

PATRONAL FESTIVAL: On May the 6th this year we will celebrate our Patronal Festival-St. John's Day and our special guest will be The Reverend Fr John Deane ABM Executive Director; John is located in Sydney and studied for the priesthood at Trinity College Melbourne. He was ordained in this diocese and has ministered in parishes as well as a member of staff at Trinity College.

2018 BOOKMARK: The 2018 parish bookmark, with the key dates for Lent-Easter and the 2018 Spring Series, is available today. Please take one and keep it on hand through the year.

PARISH RETREAT: 11th—13th MAY at Santa Casa, Queenscliff. Fr. Ron Browning will lead the retreat. Please put your name on the list on the noticeboard if you are interested in attending.

NEXT SUNDAY —11 March 2018

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

*Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22;
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21.*

8am EUCHARIST

Presider: Ken Hewlett
Preacher: Ken Hewlett
Reader: Geoff Vincent
Intercessor: Peter Forwood
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst.: Geoff Vincent

9.00am BREAKFAST

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Ken Hewlett
Preacher: Dorothy Lee
Deacon: Richard Wilson
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Lyle Gurrin, Louise Keogh
Intercessor: Neil Nyholm
Servers: Neil Nyholm (MC), Carole Nicholls, Geoff Vincent

Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Verona Lea
For children: Please make use of activities at the back of the church.

11.30am "The Year of Mark" -
Professor Dorothy Lee will tell us about Mark's story.

6.00pm LENT STUDY:

'Listening to the Wisdom of the Desert'

REVISED INTERIM SECURITY ARRANGEMENT: On Sundays, the deacon will be responsible for securing the parish centre, including setting the alarm, after the 10am liturgy and morning tea. The parish centre will be locked at 12.30pm. This is part of the security review being undertaken by the churchwardens.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Ken Goodes, Elise Kemp, Alan William Edward Brown, Henry James "Harry" May, and Lorna Lane, whose anniversaries occur at this time.