THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Morning and Evening Prayer is held in the Chapel on weekdays at 8.30am and 5pm respectively.

TUESDAY 8 April

11.00am Service at Shenley Manor **12.00noon** Eucharist in the Chapel

12.40pm Staff meeting in Dempster Room 3.15pm Liturgy Meeting in Dempster Room 7.30pm Ecumenical Lenten Study at OLV—

Final Session

WEDNESDAY 9 April

11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel

BYO Lunch in the Dempster Room 12.15pm 1.00pm ADFAS Recorders in Church and

Rutherford Room Annex

4.00pm Amnesty Letter Writing Group meets in Dempster Room. Speaker: Anouska

> Teunen from Amnesty International Melbourne. All welcome.

7.30pm Parish Council meeting in Dempster

Room

SATURDAY 12 April

Assistant Curate:

8.30am Indonesian Ministers meet in the Parish

Centre

RECOMMENDED READING

Paschal Mystery: Resources for **Lent-Easter.** A guide for the season is available today. Please take a copy.

NEXT SUNDAY - 13 April 2014

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50.4-9a: Psalm 31.9-18: Philippians 2.5-11: Matthew 26.14-27.66 or Matthew 27.11-54

8.00am **EUCHARIST**

Presider: David Moore Preacher: David Moore Reader: Penny Galbraith

Intercessor: Peter Forwood (Set Litany)

Server: Hans Ferdinands Penny Galbraith Euch, Asst.

9.00am **BREAKFAST**

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: **Emily Fraser** Preacher: David Moore Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman Sub-Deacon: Cvnthia Nvholm Readers: Passion Narrative Cast Intercessor: Barbara Fary (Set Litany)

> Ross Smith (MC) Geoff Vincent Neil Nyholm

Jenny Cook Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Neil Nyholm

Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov

12.00 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

3.00pm INDONESIAN EUCHARIST

David Moore and Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

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ST IOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL Lent 5-6 April 2014

Lent is drawing to a close - next week is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. Our prayerful journey continues, and we are drawing ever closer to Jerusalem, and the Cross.

Today's Gospel contains many of the events of Holy Week, albeit with differences. There is a death, there is grieving, there is a sealed tomb which is opened, there is resurrection, there is life.

Lazarus is dving, Mary and Martha are distraught and send for Jesus, in whom they hope and trust. However, Jesus arrives with his disciples after Lazarus has died and been buried. After he arrives, both sisters individually lament to Jesus that had be been there, their brother would not have died.

Jesus spends time with both of them, speaking with Martha, and he is even moved to tears by Mary's distress and the power of her grief. Yet amid grief, hopes of a miracle (Lazarus' being healed by Jesus before death) dashed, there is profound faith; and they are mingled together. Martha's faithful response to Jesus assuring her that "your brother will rise again" expresses both her grief and her faith. With her confident words that she knows "that we will rise again in the resurrection on the last day", she laments the loss of her brother, and confirms her faith in God and in the resurrection before Christ, and she then declares her belief in Christ as the Messiah. Then, in the sight of the grieving sisters, and the disciples, and all the mourners who had gathered to comfort Mary and Martha, Lazarus is raised from the tomb, alive.

In the midst of her grief, Martha voices her faith in God, which is the underlying meaning of the Jewish prayer of *The Mourner's Kaddish*, a prayer said for the dead, but also the living, by which the dead are committed to God's loving mercy, and the living acknowledge their loss before God while reaffirming their enduring belief in God.

So let us take Martha's words to heart as we journey into the pain and sorrow of Holy Week, acknowledging the emotional turmoil we will face at the foot of the cross, but that our faith in God remains resolute in spite of the injustice, cruelty and malice we encounter in both the biblical Jerusalem and the world around us.

yehe shmeh rabba mevarakh le 'alam ul'alme 'almaya

(May His great name be blessed for ever, and to all eternity!)

Emily

SERVICES TODAY

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 liturgy in the Rutherford Room.

8.00am Eucharist

Presider: Emily Fraser

Preacher: Emily Fraser

Reader: Geoff Vincent

Intercessor Keith Dempster

Server: Hans Ferdinands

Euch. Asst. Hans Ferdinands

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: Emily Fraser

Preacher: Emily Fraser

Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman

Sub-Deacon: Keith Wilkins

Readers: Kerry Pratt, Margaret Anderson

Intercessor: Noel Anderson

Cantor: Muriel Porter

Servers: Jenny Cook (MC)

Geoff Vincent, James Moorhouse Sue Banting

Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon;

Keith Dempster

KIDZ@CHURCH: In recess for the holidays. Activities at the back of the church.

12 noon The Angelus 3.00pm Indonesian 6th Anniversary—

Kuncoro Rusman, Emily Fraser All welcome to attend Service and meal which follows.

6.00pm: Contemplative Service

CONGRATULATIONS to our Indonesian congregation as it marks the sixth year since it made St John's its home. **Everyone is invited** to the 3o'clock service **TODAY** and to the meal which follows. *Selamat hari jadi!*

THE EASTER TRIDUUM 3 days—1 liturgy

Holy Thursday 17 April—8pm Good Friday 18 April—2pm Easter Vigil 20 April—6am*

*NB: EASTER VIGIL AT 6AM

followed by champagne breakfast.
See Paschal Mystery: resources for Lent-Easter for full Holy Week details.

OTHER HOLY WEEK LITURGIES Palm Sunday

10am commencing at Our Lady of Victories

Holy Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8pm Meditation at the Cross & Communion

Holy Thursday

9.30pm to Midnight Vigil of Prayer

Good Friday

11.15am Ecumenical Walk of Witness commencing at Our Lady of Victories

Holy Saturday

9.30am Morning Prayer followed by Easter preparations

Easter Day

10am Sung Eucharist; 3pm Indonesian Service; 6pm Contemplative Prayer

PRAYER AT THE CROSS & COMMUNION: 8pm Holy Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. Holy Monday's meditation will focus on the Meszaros 'Stations of the Cross', accompanied by Lizst's 'Via Crucis', played by Roger Creed. Holy Tuesday and Wednesday's meditations will be focussed around the cross. Each night Communion from Reserved Sacrament will be offered.

CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST—Easter Day. If you intend being at the breakfast please place your name on the list at the back of the church.

HOLY SATURDAY—EASTER PREPARATIONS WORKING BEE. Morning Prayer 9.30am with working bee before and after morning prayer until

lunchtime.

ECUMENICAL LENT STUDIES — 7.30pm Tuesday **8th April at OLV.** This is the final session in this series.

AMNESTY LETTER WRITING GROUP meeting at 4 pm, Wednesday 9th April, in the Dempster room. This is an opportunity to hear our guest speaker, Anouska Teunen, Community Organiser and Volunteer Coordinator for Amnesty International Melbourne, who will tell us about the work of Amnesty and answer any questions we might have. You are warmly invited to join us. Please contact Gillian Forwood.

PALM SUNDAY WALK FOR REFUGEES: Anglicans concerned for asylum seekers are gathering for a prayer service at St Paul's Cathedral at 12.45pm next Sunday, Palm Sunday, then joining the "Walk for Justice for Refugees" starting at the State Library at 2pm. Please speak to Muriel Porter if you are interested.

'CONTEMPORARY CATHOLIC ANGLICAN': What does our parish's self-description mean, and how does it relate to pressing contemporary concerns? We will attempt to unpack this in the next unit in the Trinity Certificate, 'Confessing our Faith', beginning on 11 May. Bookings must be made by next Sunday, **Palm Sunday**, **13 April**. Full details are in the flyer in the narthex.

TMA (The Melbourne Anglican) April edition is available today at the back of the church.

Readings Lent 5: Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 130, Romans 8. 6-11; John 11.1-45 YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Jean Brownell, Jean Friend, Margaret Henfrey, Betty Mills, Nell Tomson, Nance Williams, James Moorhouse (Bishop), Norman Manton, Robert Dann (Bishop), Colin Amos, and Richard Milson Millott, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

DEATH NOTICE: We record with regret the death of Jean Greenwood at the age of 91. She was for many years one of the quiet and faithful saints of this parish. She and Marion Parsons were inseparable friends and lived in their later years at Wheelers Hill. It is precious to us that some of their embroidery now adorns our sanctuary.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR EASTER:

You are invited to give a donation for the flowers for Easter Day in memory of loved ones whose names will appear on the banner which will hang from the pulpit. Forms are available at the back of the church to complete and place together with your donation in the box nearby. Speak with Wendy Way if you have any queries.

PALM FRONDS: If you know of anyone who has a palm tree where we might be able to obtain some palm fronds which are in easy reach, please speak with Keith Dempster.

FUTURE DATES ECUMENICAL LENT STUDIES

Tuesday April 8th (OLV) Final Session

APRIL 26: 5pm—Inter-faith event being held by Indonesian Congregation—dialogue between speakers from Christian, Muslim and Buddhist traditions.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL: 4 May—10am only—followed by lunch. Preacher: Canon Dr Colleen O'Reilly. **NB: No 8am** this day.

'CONFESSING OUR FAITH' COURSE, commences 11 May at 4pm—continues on Sundays at 4pm for 9 weeks.

ASCENSION DAY: 29 May—6.30pm