

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

TUESDAY 10 February

- 11.00am** Eucharist at Shenley Manor
12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.45pm Staff Meeting
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting
8.00pm Illawarra Study Group at Keith's home

WEDNESDAY 11 February

- 9.30am** Little Seeds Playgroup
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel
12.15pm BYO Lunch in Dempster Room
4.00pm Amnesty Group meets in Dempster room
7.30pm Parish Council meets in Dempster Room

SATURDAY 14 February

- 9.30am** Communications Committee meets in Rutherford Room
10.00am Fundraising Committee meets in Dempster Room
1.00pm Parish Council planning afternoon in Rutherford Room

BRING PALM CROSSES to 10am Eucharist next Sunday (15th) for burning in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

NEXT SUNDAY - 15 February 2015

Transfiguration

2 Kings 2.1-12; Psalm 50.1-6;
2 Corinthians 4.3-12; Mark 9.2-9

8am EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Readers: Graham & Elisabeth Pratt
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Graham Pratt

10am FAMILY EUCHARIST and Burning of Palm Crosses

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm
Readers: Kidz@Church
Intercessors: Clare Tomasov & Kidz@Church
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
Geoff Vincent, Robin Carter, Alison Asquith
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Clare Tomasov
Kidz@Church: All in church for Family Eucharist

12 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

1.30pm Indonesian Coordinating Committee meets in Dempster Room

3.00pm INDONESIAN CONGREGATION—Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST—David Moore



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL Second Sunday before Lent—8 February 2015

My Dear Friends,

Because of the timing of Easter this year - we've barely packed away the Crib - Lent is almost upon us. So I am inviting us all to consider very carefully our **Lenten rule** - to plan now for how we will keep Lent. It's (almost) too late to wake up to this on Ash Wednesday. I don't need to be convinced that Australia's secular culture and calendar is somewhat unfriendly to Lent. I should know - for twenty years I have been encouraging parish communities in this regard. Moreover, during the fifteen years before that I wrestled with all this as an industrial chemist then a teacher, as a husband and father of three children, as the only member of my family-of-origin to participate in the life of the church. Yes, yes, of course it's not easy making time to keep a Lenten rule!

The booklet **Paschal Mystery: Resources for Lent-Easter** was made available last Sunday. Additional copies are available in the narthex and the parish office. (An e-version can be emailed on request. Perhaps you may know of someone who might appreciate receiving a copy?) The booklet includes information about all the liturgies, commentary on the season's symbols and spiritual riches, as well as some suggestions which can assist in preparing for the Lenten observance. **Contact** contains information about the parish retreat, quiet morning, and other events. The **bookmarks** distributed at the Christmas liturgies (and available in the narthex) summarise this year's spiritual formation priorities: the Spring Series, and the liturgical praxis of Lent-Easter.

I cannot emphasise enough how crucial to the spiritual vitality of a parish is the way in which it celebrates Lent-Easter, and in particular the **Sacred Easter Triduum**. We have no mission except that which is organically the fruit of our own spiritual authenticity, which is fundamentally not information but a praxis. While we can give hearty thanks for our communal belonging - all our shared meals, our good works and other activities - there is a crucial factor which distinguishes the social belonging that is readily attainable in any club, from being Christ disciples. We are not here primarily to be a happy cohesive social group undertaking good works - in itself a lovely and desirable thing. Rather, we are the community of the Paschal Mystery - we are learning the art of dying and rising. The community that makes the effort to celebrate the whole of the Easter Triduum, *together*, is a profoundly transformed community - I know, I have witnessed this.

And for this reason I am urging us all to consider very carefully how we will use our time and plan our diaries in Lent and Holy Week - and to begin as we mean to go on, by actually entering into Lent on its first day. (Hint: Lent's first Sunday is *not* the first day of Lent.)

With my love, David

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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 in the Rutherford Room following the 10 am liturgy.

8.00am Eucharist

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Reader: Penny Galbraith
Intercessor: Peter Forwood
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Penny Galbraith

9.00am Breakfast

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Ross Smith, Kerry Pratt
Intercessor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Geoff Vincent (MC)
Jenny Cook
Sue Banting
James Moorhouse
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon,
Jenny Cook

KIDZ@CHURCH: Clare Tomasov, Alicia Palfreeman, Janice Wong

11.30am Open Forum

12 noon The Angelus

3.00pm Indonesian Eucharist

Presider & Preacher: David Moore;
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm Contemplative Service—

Keith Dempster

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Readings for the Day

*Isaiah 40.21-31; Psalm 147;
1 Corinthians 9.16-23; Mark 1. 29-39.*

2015 PARISH RETREAT: REGISTRATIONS DUE TODAY

payment by Friday 20 February.

Conductor: The Revd John Stewart

Booked at Pallotti College for the weekend of Friday 27 February to

Sunday 1 March.

All are welcome and warmly encouraged.
Brochures are still available in the narthex

CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST—

NEXT SUNDAY: 6pm Sunday 15 February 2015, in the chapel. This contemplative Eucharist incorporates a period of silent meditation. Fliers for passing on to others who may be interested are available in the narthex. Enquiries: David Moore.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK 2015

Ash Wednesday—18 February

11.30am; 8.00pm (NB: revised time)

Palm Sunday—29 March

Holy Thursday—2 April—8.00pm

Good Friday—3 April—9.30am

Easter Vigil—5 April—6.00am

PASCHAL MYSTERY

A Resource for Lent-Easter

Lent-Easter Booklet: The seasonal resources booklet is available today, containing dates of liturgies, information about the seasons, and suggestions for spiritual growth. With Lent close at hand, now is the time to prepare for Lent by diary planning and preparing a 'Lenten rule.'

COMMON CUP & INTINCTION: I wrote about the Archbishop's Protocol on the Common Cup on the front page of last week's Contact, also referring to the article in this month's TMA. Copies of the Protocol are available in the parish office, and can be emailed on request. The protocol clearly discourages the practice of intinction, on hygiene grounds. I am aware that for some of us this will be news, and may prompt concerns or questions. If this is so, please do speak with me. *Fr David*

THE AMNESTY GROUP will meet at 4 pm on Wednesday 11th February in the Dempster Room.

THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE will meet on **Saturday February 14th at 10am.** We welcome anyone interested in helping with the planning and organising of our fundraising events. We also welcome new ideas and suggestions.

ALL ARE WELCOME to come to our Children's Ministry Meeting on Monday February 16th at 7.30pm in the Russell Clark Room upstairs. Please speak to Clare for directions ☺

ECUMENICAL LENT STUDIES:2015

Session 1—Tuesday 24 February

7.30pm at Our Lady of Victories

Session 2—Tuesday 3 March

7.30pm at Camberwell UCA

Session 3—Tuesday 10 March

7.30pm here at St John's

Session 4—Tuesday 17 March

7.30pm—Venue to be advised

LENT QUIET MORNING: Unable to make it to the parish Lent Retreat? How about setting aside time and space for the Lent quiet morning? 9am-12.30pm Saturday 14 March at St John's. Led by Fr David. All invited. All welcome.

MAKING PALM CROSSES—A Parish Activity. Saturday 28 March - 10am in the Rutherford Room.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Roscoe Wilson (Priest), Beverley Webster, Ian Peters, Nora Rundle, and Reginald Pratt, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SHARE THE BENEFIT

A five-week series of bible studies on a Christian response to poverty, together with a challenge to live a week on a Newstart food and drink allowance.

Share the Benefit is an initiative of the Diocese of Melbourne, the Brotherhood of St Laurence, and Anglicare Victoria. It is designed to allow us, in a small but powerful way, to experience the restrictions endured by many as they live with disadvantage, which can often cause poverty. Share the Benefit will highlight the food insecurity that many individuals feel when they are living on the Newstart allowance.

What to expect Share the Benefit is a five-week experience. The first two weeks involves keeping a 'food and drink diary' to help appreciate our food habits and provide a comparison with 'life on benefits'. The third week involves preparing a strategy and menu to survive a week on a Share the Benefit 'food and drink allowance'. The fourth week will be the 'Share the Benefit Experience' where you will share, for seven days, a taste of life on benefits. The fifth week looks at where to from here and explores ways in which we can respond to the issue of poverty in our own backyard. The program comes with Bible studies and reflections to remind us that Christian faith inspires us towards a life of care and generosity. **Interested?** Go to www.bsl.org.au/stb

FUTURE DATES

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE—

Saturday February 14 at 10am.

PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING DAY

14 February— 1pm to 5.00pm.

PARISH RETREAT: 27 February to 1 March (See notice elsewhere on this page.)

LENT QUIET MORNING: Saturday 14 March—9am-12.30pm.

A PARISH ACTIVITY making palm crosses—Saturday 28 March 10am

PATRONAL FESTIVAL: 19 April, 12 noon followed by lunch. (NB The only Liturgy on this day.)