

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

MONDAY 9 March—Public Holiday
No Morning or Evening Prayer

TUESDAY 10 March

11.00am Eucharist at Shenley Manor
12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.45pm Staff Meeting
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting
7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Study at St John's

WEDNESDAY 11 March

9.30am Little Seeds Playgroup
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel
12.15pm BYO lunch in the Dempster Room
7.00pm Eucharist
7.30pm Parish Council meets in Dempster Rm

THURSDAY 12 March

8.00pm Thursday Night Study Group at Ross' home

SATURDAY 14 March

9.00am-12.30pm LENT QUIET MORNING here at St John's led by Fr David.

CLOSURE OF RESERVE ROAD—from 6pm Saturday 14 March to 6pm Sunday 15 March due to fete at Camberwell Primary School.

CAKE & PRESERVES STALL: Diana Azzopardi is seeking fruit now for jam and preserves for the Cake Stall which is on the 9 May in Burke Road.

NEXT SUNDAY - 15 March 2015

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

8am EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: Brian Porter
Readers: Graham & Elisabeth Pratt
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Neil Nyholm
Euch. Asst. Graham Pratt

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: Brian Porter
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Reader: Jonathan Way
Intercessor: Barbara Fary
Servers: Neicia Shaw (MC)
James Moorhouse, Julian Rait,
Sue Banting
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, Carole Nicholls
Kidz@Church: Sue Pratt, Debbie Pratt, Wendy Way

12 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

1.30pm Indonesian Development Committee meeting in Dempster Room

3.00pm INDONESIAN CONGREGATION—Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE —Keith Dempster



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ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

Third Sunday in Lent—8 March 2015

My Dear Friends,

What's the problem with the Temple? What's Jesus' big issue with the trading and the money changing? He certainly has a problem: no one 'in their right mind' behaves in the Temple in the way the gospel writer attributes to Jesus. Much ink has been spilled as to whether Jesus expresses anger – which seems to me to be a truly futile argument. Whatever we want to call it, the evangelist declares that zeal consumed him – not just a bee in the bonnet! What *is* Jesus' problem with the Temple?

I think it can be summed up in the shorthand: idolatry. The true Temple is *not* the magnificent building – in which worship, sacrifice, and money changing were in fact normal. The Temple is *not* stones – no matter how fine they may be. To confuse the physical structure and all its stuff with the sacred Mystery is idolatry.

'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' Impossible! The response then is the same as our reaction now. We too confuse the building – and all external accoutrements – for the sacred Mystery. We too readily become obsessed with the physical structure – and all the various transactions which take place in it – and imagine it's all irreplaceable.

Of course, there's nothing wrong with the physical structure, in itself – nor with what takes place in it. These are all God-given. But when we cling to the building – or bits of the building, or the liturgies, the routines and customs – we have missed the sacred Mystery to which the physical structure merely points.

The true temple is the temple of the body – its seat is the heart. Not merely the body of the 2000 year old Jesus, of course, but the living Body of Christ – that is, you and me, and all humankind. While we may fret about the building or liturgies or 'traditional' customs, the true temple cannot be destroyed – in fact it will be raised up! When fixated on externals we are unable to perceive that. But, as we know, where our treasure is, there will be our heart also. Jesus' treasure is *not* the building, nor in the accoutrements and the transactions which support the economic-religious edifice. His treasure is in the body, whose seat is the heart – his treasure *is* the heart! The heart is the engine room of transformation.

The church is not a preservation society – of buildings, liturgies, routines, customs – but exists for transformation. That Divinely-inspired transformation begins with each and every one of us. We either get in the way, or we cooperate with the transformation the Divine Spirit is working in us. Lent is an invitation to choose again.

With my love, David

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SERVICES TODAY

WELCOME! SELMA DATANG! WOMINJEKA! 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 10am liturgy, and for an evening meal following the 3pm liturgy.

Readings for the Day

Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm 19;

1 Corinthians 1. 18-25; John 2. 13-22

8.00am Eucharist

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

9.00am Breakfast

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Reader: Noel Anderson
Intercessor: Muriel Porter
Cantor: Judy Moore
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
Clare Tomasov
Neil Nyholm
Alison Asquith
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Janice Wong
KIDZ@CHURCH: Clare Tomasov

12 noon The Angelus

3.00pm Indonesian Eucharist

Presider & Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm Contemplative Service

Keith Dempster

PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK:

Now is the time to plan for Holy Week. See the seasonal resource booklet—Paschal Mystery—for information. Copies available at the back of the church,

LENT AND HOLY WEEK 2015

Palm Sunday—29 March

Holy Thursday—2 April—8.00pm

Good Friday—3 April—9.30am

Easter Vigil—5 April—6.00am

HOLY THURSDAY & WATCH OF PRAYER: After the stripping of the Altar and Reservation of the Sacrament on Holy Thursday we keep watch with Christ until midnight, in the chapel. "Can you keep watch with me?" Christ still asks us.

GOOD FRIDAY: Please note that the Liturgy of the Cross is at 9.30am this year. The Ecumenical walk immediately follows it. There is no afternoon liturgy on Good Friday.

EASTER VIGIL: This is the Queen of Christian feasts, the liturgy of liturgies. All Christian worship is derived from this great liturgical action. There is nothing else like it. It requires effort - and transforms those who make it. The parish community that commits itself to this and the whole celebration of the Easter Triduum is a transformed community

If you have never experienced this great celebration in its entirety, which begins in the dark of Thursday evening and literally ushers in the light of Easter morning, I encourage you to consider doing so this year. Fr David.

WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES:

Palm Sunday March—at 2pm on 29th March at the State Library, 328 Swanston Street, cnr. Latrobe Street.

ECUMENICAL LENT STUDIES: Session 3—Tuesday 10 March 7.30pm here at St John's.

CONVERSATION WITH THE ARCHBISHOP: "*Economics for a sustainable future.*" **7.30AM Wednesday March 11** at Deakin Edge, Federation Square. Local MP's Adam Bandt and Kelly O'Dwyer join Abp. Philip Freier. Details on noticeboard or at <http://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/Conversations>

LENT QUIET MORNING: 9am-12.30pm Saturday 14 March at St John's. Led by Fr David. All invited. All welcome.

Institute of Spiritual Studies (ISS): Fr David will be giving a presentation at the St Peter's Eastern Hill ISS, 7.30pm Thursday 19 March - 'Evolution and Christ in the Mystical Theology of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin'. For information about the ISS programme see: <http://web.stpeters.org.au/iss/>

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

The Friends of St John's Community Support Group: As we begin another year of outreach ministry in our community the ongoing need for support in various ways is always welcome in the aged care homes listed below and at Camcare. Visiting individual residents who are lonely and feeling isolated or helping to run a small group activity such as gardening, craft, cooking or reading the newspaper is welcome in the following aged care homes we currently visit :- Mary McKillop - King St, Hawthorn E, Camberwell Gardens—Cornell St, Camberwell, and Shenley Manor - Bowen St, Camberwell. In addition to these regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly activities there are "one off" events. For example helping to take residents to social outings eg., concerts, visits to the art gallery, museum etc. In partnership with Camcare we collect bread from a Mont Albert bakery weekly and help organise a Thursday monthly BBQ for the socially isolated in our community. If anyone would like to support any aspect of this important ministry please contact Liz Pratt (Convenor)

FUTURE DATES

LENT STUDY: Session 3 at 10 March at St John's.

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

MAKING PALM CROSSES—Saturday 28 March 10am in Rutherford Room.

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

ASCENSION DAY 14 May—6.30pm

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Henry "Harry" May, Lorna Lane, Ida Foenander, Geoffrey Wieland, David Creed, Evelyn Fisher, and Joan Hill, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FAITH – AN EXPLORATION: At the back of the church you will find copies of a new booklet, *Faith – an Exploration*. The booklet, written by Fr David, explores 22 key issues and doctrines of our faith in a succinct, accessible and engaging manner. It has been produced at this committee's urging, as we believe it to be an invaluable resource not only for parishioners but also for enquirers. You might like to take copies for family and friends who have faith questions. You might also like to use it for your own reflection this Lent. *St John's Adult Education and Formation Committee.*