

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

TUESDAY 17 March

12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.45pm Staff Meeting
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting

WEDNESDAY 18 March

9.30am Little Seeds Playgroup
11.00am Eucharist at Broughton Hall
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel
12.15pm BYO lunch in the Dempster Room

THURSDAY 19 March

5.00pm-9.00pm: Function in Rutherford Room
7.30pm Choir Practice

SATURDAY 21 March

9.00am Indonesian Ministers meet in Dempster Room

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. Also, if anyone is making jams etc and would like to put some aside for the street stall all donations will be gratefully received.

NEXT SUNDAY - 22 March 2015

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31. 31-34; Psalm 119. 9-16;
Hebrews 5. 5-14; John 12. 20-33.

8am EUCHARIST

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

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm
Reader: Adrienne Bolch
Intercessor: Andrew Porter
Servers: Geoff Vincent (MC)
Neicia Shaw
Robin Carter
Jenny Cook
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, Neicia Shaw
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov, Jacquelyn Bergstrum, Natasha Bolch

12 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

3.00pm **INDONESIAN CONGREGATION—**
Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm **CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE —**Keith Dempster



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ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

Fourth Sunday in Lent—15 March 2015

The Brazen Serpent and the Lifting up of Jesus

Both lessons set for today pose problems but there are links. “Lifting up” figures in both of them – of the serpent in the Exodus wilderness story long before Jesus, and then Jesus’ own prophecy near his end time concerning his being lifted up. There are two visual foci we might consider: the serpent on the end of a stick in the Hebrew salvific scriptures and Salvador Dali’s 1912 mystical, indeed cosmic, painting of Jesus of St John of the Cross. Both images are striking and unforgettable. The first is readily visible as an enamelled badge or windscreen sticker in the doctors’ car park in any major hospital, while the second is a reproduction of Dali’s famous work on display before you this morning. Looking *up* at images of the crucifixion is our usual physical stance. However the imagination encourages us to see this masterpiece of perspective as an attempt to view the crucifixion as if it were the Father’s perception of the sacrifice of the eternal Son.

We are midway on our Lenten journey and we pause to contemplate the end of the end of the story which has no end. In our inward preparation as the Community of the Resurrection we are encouraged to be honest in our assessment of how we are travelling spiritually. We are to ask ourselves about what it is of which we are most ashamed. And then to make a resolve that on Good Friday and Easter we will remember that the slate has been wiped clean.

*When I survey the wondrous cross
will give way to
Soar we now where Christ has led
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.*

Brian Porter

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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

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

8.00am Eucharist

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

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: Brian Porter
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Reader: Noel Anderson
Intercessor: Barbara Fary
Cantor: Janette Fly
Servers: Neicia Shaw (MC)
James Moorhouse
Julian Rait
Sue Banting
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, Carole Nicholls
KIDZ@CHURCH: Sue Pratt and Debbie Pratt.

12 noon The Angelus

1.30pm Indonesian Development Committee meeting in Dempster Room

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation
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. Christ still asks us: “Can you keep watch with me?”

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 Christian liturgy. 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.

HOLY SATURDAY: On Holy Saturday all are invited to participate in preparing the church building for the Easter celebration. There are tasks big and small, heavy and light, something for everyone young and old. It's a whole-of-community effort of loving care and devotion, including 9.30am Morning Prayer.

THANKSGIVING: I trust that everyone received my letter last Sunday, or in the mail, about our forthcoming Thanksgiving. If not, please contact the parish office. If you have any questions or concerns, please do contact me, or one of the Wardens. I look forward to our joining together in Thanksgiving as one parish community for our Patronal Festival at Noon on Sunday 19 April. *Fr David*

Reply Forms - Patronal Feast:

Parishioners may save postage by placing their reply forms for our Patronal Feast on 19 April in the box at the entrance to the church. Thank you.

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/>

ANGLICARE AUXILIARY: The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 23rd. at 2.15pm in the Rutherford room. All are welcome. The speaker will be Dr. Graham Pratt and his presentation is titled "*Most Hallowed Ground*". Following a tour of American Civil War sites that Liz and Graham took in 2014, Graham will reflect on the great historical and political significance of the conflict as the 150th anniversary of the war's end approaches. The talk includes a personal video and several fascinating anecdotes.

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

PLEASE NOTE RESERVE ROAD is closed today until 6pm due to fete at Camberwell Primary School.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Diana Doidge, Phyllis Ferguson, and Bob Chapman, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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 a displayed banner. 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.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Audrey Ferdinands and Gillian Forwood who made simnel cakes for today.

+KAY GOLDSWORTHY: Yesterday Bishop Kay was installed as Bishop of Gippsland. We remember her and the diocese in our prayers as they together begin this new phase in their journey.

FAITH – AN EXPLORATION: At the back of the church you will find copies of this 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.*

FUTURE DATES

ANGLICARE AUXILIARY meets Monday 23 March—2.15pm.
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
DAY OF PENTECOST—May 24