

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

### TUESDAY 4 March—Shrove Tuesday

- 12.00noon** Eucharist in the Chapel  
**12.30pm** Staff meeting in Dempster Room  
**1.00pm** Staff lunch out  
**3.15pm** Liturgy Meeting in Dempster Room  
**5.00pm** Pancake Tuesday in Chapel and Rutherford Room

### WEDNESDAY 5 March—Ash Wednesday

- 9.30am** Playgroup in Rutherford Room  
**11.30am** Eucharist—Liturgy of Ashes  
**12.15pm** BYO Lunch in the Dempster Room  
**8.00pm** Eucharist—Liturgy of Ashes

### THURSDAY 6 March

- 7.30pm** Choir Practice  
**8.00pm** Thursday Study Group at Ross' home.

### FRIDAY 7 March

- 10.00am** World Day of Prayer—Service at Camberwell Baptist Church, 460 Riversdale Road.

### SATURDAY 8 March

- 8.30am** Indonesian Ministers meet in Dempster Room

**COMMUNION AND CURRY:** Please note Communion and Curry will not take place in February.

## NEXT SUNDAY - 9 March 2014

First Sunday in Lent  
Genesis 2. 15-17; 3. 1-7; Psalm 32;  
Romans 5. 12-21; Matthew 4. 1-11

### 8.00am EUCHARIST

- Presider:** Emily Fraser  
**Preacher:** Emily Fraser  
**Reader:** Geoff Vincent  
**Intercessor:** Peter Forwood  
**Server:** Geoff Vincent  
**Euch. Asst.** Keith Dempster

### 9.00am BREAKFAST

### 10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

- Presider:** Emily Fraser  
**Preacher:** Emily Fraser  
**Deacon:** Kuncoro Rusman  
**Sub-Deacon:** Ross Smith  
**Readers:** Verona Lea, Ross Smith  
**Intercessor:** Muriel Porter  
**Servers:** Neil Nyholm (MC)  
Sue Banting  
James Moorhouse  
Kerry Francis

- Euch. Assts.** Verona Lea, Ross Smith  
**Kidz@Church:** Activities in the Church

### 12 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

### 3.00pm INDONESIAN SERVICE

**Eucharist**—Emily Fraser  
Kuncoro Rusman

### 6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE



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## ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

Last Sunday before Lent—2 March 2014

### *The culmination of a long journey*

By the time you read this, the Anglican Church of Australia will have – God willing – its first diocesan bishop who is a woman. The consecration of the Revd Dr Sarah Macneil, a priest from Canberra and formerly the Dean of Adelaide, was held yesterday in Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton, in northern NSW.

Sarah's appointment is highly significant – it marks the culmination of the long journey to full equality for women in our church. As one of the 23 diocesan bishops in this country, Sarah will technically be eligible to be elected Primate when the current Primate, Archbishop Phillip Aspinall of Brisbane, steps down from the role later this year. All diocesan bishops are candidates in the first round of the electoral process. It is highly unlikely that she will be elected, however. So far only archbishops of the metropolitan dioceses of Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney have been Primates; the smaller dioceses do not have the resources for their bishops to take on the additional duties required. Nevertheless, it is now *possible* for a woman to lead the church nationally, and one day it will surely happen.

This weekend has been a long time coming! The first diocesan moves to see women eligible for ordination as deacons, priests and bishops began in this diocese in the early 1970s. Melbourne Synod called for the way to be opened in 1976; the following year the General Synod duly declared there were no theological obstacles in the way. But because of the stringent requirements of the church's national constitution and the intransigence of the Diocese of Sydney, it took until 1986 for women to be ordained as deacons and 1992 before they could be priests. In 2007, the church's Appellate Tribunal ruled that women priests were eligible to be bishops as well – and now, this weekend, we have five women bishops.

We could be disappointed that it has taken the Church so many centuries to accept Jesus' own radical full acceptance of women as daughters of God. But rather, let us rejoice and give thanks to God that we have seen this great day dawn. Please pray for Sarah as she begins her new ministry, and for the clergy and people of Grafton.

*Muriel Porter*

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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 following the liturgy in the Rutherford Room.

**Burning Palm Crosses:** Today, the Last Sunday before Lent, we will consign last year's palm crosses to fire, in readiness for our Lenten observance on that day.

### 8.00am EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore  
Preacher: David Moore  
Reader: Keith Dempster  
Intercessor: Rick Kelly  
Server: Hans Ferdinands  
Euch. Asst. Rick Kelly

### 12 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

### 3.00pm INDONESIAN SERVICE

Kuncoro Rusman.  
*During the Service Kuncoro's Field Committee will be commissioned.*

### 6.00pm Contemplative Service

**HEALING MINISTRY** in the Chapel.  
Clergy will be available from 9-9.30am.

### 10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

with Commissioning of Kuncoro Rusman's Field Committee.

Presider: Emily Fraser  
Preacher: David Moore  
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman  
Sub-Deacon: Keith Wilkins  
Readers: Kerry Pratt  
Verona Lea  
Intercessor: Keith Wilkins  
Cantor: Kerry Pratt  
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)  
Robin Carter  
Geoff Vincent  
Neicia Shaw  
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon  
Verona Lea  
Kidz@Church Cathy Hayes, Janice Wong  
and Sue Massoud

*Readings Last Sunday before Lent  
Exodus 24. 12-18; Psalm 2;  
2 Peter 1. 16-21; Matthew 17. 1-9*

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

### ASH WEDNESDAY—5 March

*Let us begin Lent together celebrating the Liturgy of Ashes and Eucharist at:*

**11.30am and 8.00pm**

**Lent-Easter Guide** A guide for the season is available today. Please take a copy.

**A COMBINED SERVICE FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS** will be held at 12 noon on Sunday 23 March followed by lunch. There **will not** be services at 10am or 3pm on that day. There **will be** an 8am Service that day.

**PARISH RETREAT 2014**—Conductor: The Vicar. The annual parish retreat will be held at Pallotti College Warburton, Friday evening 4 April until Sunday lunchtime 6 April. Please register on the form in the brochure by Friday 14 March. Brochures are available at the back of the church or from the office.

## NEW MIDWEEK EUCHARIST

Commencing this week, there will be a new midweek Eucharist, at 12 noon on Tuesdays. All are welcome!

**PANCAKE TUESDAY:** There will be a short reflective service for children and adults followed by a supper of savory and sweet pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. 5.00 pm (pancakes from 5.30pm) Starting in the Chapel. Gold coin donation to the Victorian Bushfire Relief Appeal would be appreciated.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Friday March 7 at 10am at the Camberwell Baptist Church 460 Riversdale Road. Theme: "Streams in the desert" prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee in Egypt.

**WINTER DINNER 2014** Committee Meeting. Sunday 23rd March—time to be advised either before or after the combined service. All welcome. Contact Neicia Shaw [neicia@nsproject.com.au](mailto:neicia@nsproject.com.au)

**TRANSPORT REQUIRED** to and from the Family Camp at Philip Island on Friday 7 March returning on Monday 10 March. If you can help please phone the office.

**READERS, EUCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS AND INTERCESSORS:** Keith Wilkins needs to know your availability from early March to early June email: [keithmcianwil@iprimus.com.au](mailto:keithmcianwil@iprimus.com.au) or phone on mobile 0425 318 743.

**WELCOME TO MY PLACE FOR DINNER:** This is a World Vision initiative during Refugee Week 15 – 21 June. The idea is to help refugees and asylum seekers in our community to feel more welcome and to learn something of the community in which they live through the warmth and hospitality of sharing a meal together. An information evening is on Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6.30pm – 9.00pm. **N.B. The meeting is at New Hope Baptist Church, 3 Springfield Road, Blackburn North.** If you are interested in being involved, contact Liz Pratt or Gillian Forwood or Helen Howells.

**'CONFESSING THE FAITH' COURSE:** The next subject we are offering in the Trinity Certificate is 'Confessing the Faith', a nine-week course unpacking the creed we say every Sunday. It begins on Sunday 11 May at 4pm. More details soon, but mark the dates in your diary NOW if you are interested.

**YEAR'S MIND:** We remember before God, Katrina Herschell, Elise Kemp, Alan Brown, and Henry "Harry" May, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## FUTURE DATES

**FAMILY CAMP** at Philip Island —Friday 7 March to Monday 10 March 2014.

### ECUMENICAL LENTEN STUDIES

Tuesdays 11, 18, and 25 March, and 1 and 8 April.

**COMBINED SERVICE** for all our congregations—Sunday 23 March at 12 noon followed by lunch in Rutherford Room.

**PARISH RETREAT:** 4th-6th April. Brochures available.

### HOLY WEEK:

Palm Sunday 13 April  
Holy Thursday 17 April—8pm  
Good Friday 18 April—11.15am & 2pm

### EASTERTIME:

Easter Vigil 20 April—6am\*  
Easter Day 20 April—10am only

\*NB: **EASTER VIGIL AT 6AM** followed by champagne breakfast.

**PATRONAL FESTIVAL:** 4 May—10am only—followed by lunch.

NB: No 8am this day.

**ASCENSION DAY:** 29 May—6.30pm

**TMA**—The Melbourne Anglican is available today at the back of the church.