

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

MONDAY 23 March

- 1.00pm-4.00pm**—Photocopier booked for printing—Dempster Room
1.30pm Anglicare Auxiliary meeting in Rutherford Room.
2.15pm Dr Graham Pratt will speak in the Rutherford Room—“*Most Hallowed Ground*”

TUESDAY 24 March

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

WEDNESDAY 25 March—

Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9.30am** Education Committee meets in Dempster Room
9.30am Little Seeds Playgroup (Last for Term 1)
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel
12.15pm BYO lunch in the Dempster Room
6.30pm Eucharist in the Chapel

THURSDAY 26 March

- 9.00am—12 noon**—Archives Group meets in Rutherford Room

SATURDAY 28 March

- 9.00am** Indonesian Ministers meet in Dempster Room
10.00am Making Palm Crosses in Rutherford Room. A parish event.

NEXT SUNDAY - 29 March 2015

Passion Sunday of Palms

Isaiah 50. 4-9a; Psalm 31.9-18;
Philippians 2.5-11; Mark 14. 1-15, 27.

8am EUCHARIST

- Presider:** David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Readers: Pamela Bowen & Oliver Beaumont
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Hans Ferdinands

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Commencing at OLV then processing to St John's

- Presider:** David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Reader: Glenis Heath
Intercessor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Neil Nyholm (MC)
Alison Asquith
Geoff Vincent
James Moorhouse
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, Cynthia Nyholm
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov, Verona Lea and Alicia Palfreeman

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent—22 March 2015

My Dear Friends,

We come to the final week of Lent (already!), Palm Sunday being the beginning of Holy Week (technically speaking, no longer Lent). In these Lenten days we have been invited once again to enter more deeply into our longing for God: to become more acutely aware of our heart's true desire; to feel more consciously our abiding thirst; to become more intentional in our resolve to turn away from the trivial and the superficial; to renew our commitment to turn towards what is eternal and true; to face more honestly and joyfully the particular suffering which is ours, and the immense suffering of this creation groaning in travail, and to find its meaning and purpose in the Divine heart.

Of course, there is so much to distract us from our calling – and for all of us there are practicalities of life which demand our attention and cannot be ignored for 40 days. But it's a mistake to think of Lent as though we cease all activity for 40 days and sit in the corner in silent prayer – that's a very silly distortion. In truth, the discipline of prayer has the opposite effect – we engage fully in life, fulfilling all our duties and obligations, but oriented in an entirely different direction. Our prayer has come to permeate every single detail of our life, including all the boring, tedious and painful ones. It's something like this, I suspect, that St Paul is on about when he talks about 'praying without ceasing'.

So our Lenten discipline of prayer enlarges and deepens all our duties and tasks. Of course it is a paradox. One of the great spiritual teachers has said that the more he has in his diary the longer he spends in prayer. It's not a mathematical equation – but a love-song of the heart, a way, a truth, a life.

If we haven't already done so, I invite us to consider in this last week of Lent the following:

Consider: what prevents us from this experience of prayer?

Parish Prayer Journal – make space to read the daily gospel, slowly, reflectively

Read the whole of Mark's gospel in one sitting

Have you ever prayed the Meditations at the Cross & Communion in Holy Week? Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evenings)

Only do what is necessary in Holy Week

Above all, join the parish community for the whole of the Sacred Easter Triduum, one liturgy which takes three days to pray

With my love, David

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SERVICES TODAY

WELCOME! SELAMAT 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

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

8.00am Eucharist

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

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm
Reader: Adrienne Bolch
Intercessor: Andrew Porter
Cantor:
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

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

MEDITATION at the CROSS and COMMUNION. 8pm Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

NB. On Monday Roger Creed will play four pieces of J S Bach.

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.

ANGLICARE AUXILIARY: Meeting TOMORROW, Monday, March 23rd. at 2.15pm in the Rutherford room. All are welcome. The speaker is 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 TOGETHER at the church on Saturday 28 March at 10.00am - no experience necessary, everyone is welcome.

HOLY SATURDAY: WORKING BEE- 4 April, 8am-1pm, including 9.30am Morning Prayer. 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. Please write your name against one of the jobs listed in the Narthex or Rutherford Room. It's a whole-of-community effort of loving care and devotion.

THANKSGIVING: I trust that everyone received my letter 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.

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

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God Desma Hansford, Harry Gray, Dell Goodenough, and Roma Sell, 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.

+KAY GOLDSWORTHY: Yesterday, Saturday 21 March, Bishop Kay was installed as Bishop of Gippsland, (not last week as we had erroneously put in last week's Contact). We remember her and the diocese in our prayers as they together begin this new phase in their journey.

ANNUNCIATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: EUCHARIST: Wednesday 25 March 6.30pm. Some may wish to enjoy a meal out together after the Eucharist.

NEXT SUNDAY: The liturgy begins at Our Lady of Victories, for the ecumenical palm liturgy. Those unable to make the procession are welcome to pray silently in the church.

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

FUTURE DATES

ANGLICARE AUXILIARY meets Monday 23 March—2.15pm.
EUCHARIST: Annunciation—Wednesday 25 March-6.30pm
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
DAY OF PENTECOST—May 24