



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

27 March 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Mothering Sunday

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our in person and online worship today! Welcome also to Father Alasdair who is preacher at both the 8am and 9.30am liturgies. Today, the mid-point of the season of Lent is traditionally known across many parts of Christendom by a variety of names: *Laetare Sunday*, *Refreshment Sunday*, or *Mothering Sunday* (predominantly in England). *Laetare* in Latin means rejoice and comes from the traditional reading for Lent 4 - Isaiah 66.10 – which starts “Rejoice O Jerusalem.” In times gone by the discipline of fasting during Lent was widespread and it was relaxed at the mid-way point of the season – hence the name – Refreshment Sunday (with its tradition of *Simnel* cakes). I am not sure the discipline is as widespread in these days so I would like us to continue strongly in our reflection and discipline.

Today's Gospel parable of the Prodigal Son should really be called the parable of the Prodigal Father. Like Rembrandt in the painting below, artists, poets, writers, and preachers the world over have pondered this simple tale and sought to bring it to life in a fresh way. The thing that strikes me is how prodigal the father is. The first meaning of prodigal in my dictionary is "recklessly extravagant", and it seems to me this is an apt description of the father's welcome home party for the younger son. Is there no limit to his joy we might ask? Oh, how even that question betrays our own attitude as more akin to the elder brother's than to the Father's.



Sentence: While he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Luke 15.21

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts: receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you, and seat them at your bountiful table, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Joshua 5.2-12

² At that time the Lord said to Joshua, 'Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites a second time.' ³ So Joshua made flint knives, and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath-haaraloth. ⁴ This is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the warriors, had died during the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt. ⁵ Although all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people born on the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. ⁶ For the Israelites travelled for forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the warriors who came out of Egypt, perished, not having listened to the voice of the Lord. To them the Lord swore that he would not let them see the land that he had sworn to their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. ⁷ So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way. ⁸ When the circumcising of all the nation was done, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. ⁹ The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰ While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Psalm: 32

¹ Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven: **whose iniquity is put away.**

² Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame:

and in whose spirit there is no guile.

³ For whilst I held my tongue: my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.

⁴ Your hand was heavy upon me day and night:

and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you: **and my iniquity I did not hide;**

⁶ I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord':

and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.

⁷ For this cause shall everyone that is faithful
make their prayer to you in the day of trouble:

and in the time of the great water-flood, it shall not come near them.

⁸ You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble:

you will surround me with deliverance on every side.

⁹ 'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go:

I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.

¹⁰ 'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding:

whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'

¹¹ Great tribulations remain for the ungodly:

but whoever puts their trust in the Lord, mercy embraces them on every side.

¹² Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad:

and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke, Chapter 15, verses 11-32

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹¹ Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said,

“How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” ²² But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ ‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” ³¹ Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” ’

For the Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Years Mind

Charmain Bryden-Brown, Kathleen Hoare, Iris Tiller, and Patrick Robinson whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) (Abp Stephen Than Myint Oo, Primate); Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Bp Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop, Aboriginal Clergy & People); Trinity Grammar School (Adrian Farrer, Principal; Chris Leadbeater, James Hale, Chaplains); St Stephen's Gardenvale (Paul Carr); Parish of Ocean Grove & Barwon Heads - Pastoral Visit (Bp Kate Prowd); St Oswald's Glen Iris – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); St Stephen's Greythorn – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Paul's Cathedral – Lady Day Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

The Parish: Pray for our Sudanese congregation.

The World: Pray for all victims of war in Ukraine, Syria and many other countries.

The Nation: Pray for all premiers, mayors and those who work in government.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Daily Readings

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| Monday | Isaiah 65.17-21 | Ps 30.8-15 | John 4.43-54 |
| Tuesday | Ezekiel 47.1-12 | Ps 46.1-7 | John 5.1-3, 5-16 |
| Wednesday | Isaiah 49.8-15 | Ps 145.8-13 | John 5.17-30 |
| Thursday | Exodus 32.7-14 | Ps 106.20-24 | John 5.31-47 |
| Friday | Wisdom 2.1,12-22 | Ps 34.15-22 | John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30 |
| Saturday | Jeremiah 11.18-20 | Ps 7.7-12 | John 7.40-52 |



If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing before Thursday at anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Use your coffee grounds. Mix equal parts of sand and ash with the grounds and sprinkle around the border of your garden to keep away snails and slugs. Coffee grounds are also a great fertilizer.

QR CODE FOR UNDERCROFT

The government still requires places serving food to use a QR code, and the morning tea after the 9.30am service is included in this description. So, please use the QR code on the back of the Link or on entering the church to meet this requirement.

2022 LENTEN STUDY

Lenten Study is continuing this week on Saturday **April 2 at 10.00 - 11.30am.** This study concludes on April 9 and is held in the Undercroft.

PRAYERS DURING LENT

There will be a special time for prayers during Lent in the church at 9.30-10.00am on Saturday mornings for those who wish to take part.

TESSELAARS BULB DRIVE

Have you any time for a spot of gardening? Tesselaars Bulbs are easy. Clear guidance is given. They take little time and reward you with beautiful blooms. Why not try?

Hilary now has the forms for you to order from. This is a Covid safe activity and fundraiser for our Parish. It is an online order system, if this gives you difficulties then chat to Hilary who can order for you.

The bulbs are delivered directly to your nominated address. \$6.50 delivery fee
Any queries to Hilary. Phone 0400 635 600 or 9899 7553

CHORAL EVENSONG for LADY DAY

St Paul's Cathedral, 4.00pm, today, 27 March. Bishop Genieve will take this service and it will also be live-streamed.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

Moses made a third pilgrimage to Mount Sinai. After much climbing he arrived at the burning bush and removed his sandals. Kneeling down, he said a prayer of entreaty:

"Oh mighty God, your people have sent me back to ask you a question about the Ten Commandments."

"What question do they have?" roared the deity above.

"They want to know, are they listed by priority?"



THIS IS THE PERSON
WHO WAKES UP
EVERY DAY KNOWING
WHAT IS RIGHT
WHAT IS WRONG
IN EVERY INSTANCE
WITH NO GREY AREAS
AND IS SURE OF IT



PUT THEM IN A
PERSPEX BOX
AND PUT THEM
IN THE MUSEUM
SO THAT WE CAN
ALL MARVEL AT THEM

Week Ahead

SUN 27.03.22

Fourth Sunday In Lent

8.00am Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist
9.30-11.00am Alpha group, *St Aidan's*
11.30am Mandarin service
2.30pm Dinka service
2.30-4.30pm Alpha group, *St Aidan's*

MON 28.03.22

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*
6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 29.03.22

9.00-1.00am Men at Work
8.30am-12.30pm Office open
6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 30.03.22

10.30am Eucharist
10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*
7.30pm Eucharist
8.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 31.03.22

10.00am-2.00pm Office open
9.30-11.30 Play Group, *hall*
6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 1.04.22

7.30am Eucharist
5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 2.04.21

9.30-10.00am Prayers in church
10.00-11.30am Lenten study, *U/croft*
10am-1.30pm Saturday School, *hall* and *Undercroft*

SUN 3.04.22

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8.00am Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist
9.30-11.00am Alpha group, *St Aidan's*
11.30am Mandarin service
2.30pm Dinka service
2.30-4.30pm Alpha group, *St Aidan's*

For the Diary

27 March

Choral Evensong, 4.00pm
St Paul's Cathedral

April 2 Sat

Cello concert, 6.00-9.00pm
setting up and performance

April 10

Palm Sunday
Bishop Genieve preaching

April 30 Sat

Flute Guild concert 3.00-5.30pm

May 7

Pirates of Penzance
Performance at St Peter's
Tickets will be available.

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OUR INFORMATION

FIRST AID KIT – Located in the office and kitchen.

TOILETS – Located in the Church Hall and in the church building through the church doors front right.

WHEELCHAIR – Located in the toilet for the disabled upstairs.

FIRE & EMERGENCY – Please make yourself aware of the nearest escape route in the event of an emergency or fire.

OH&S – Please ensure that any incidents/accidents are reported to the Vicar or Wardens and incident report completed.



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Mission Statement

Sharing the Good News
Telling the story afresh
Expressing God's love
Serving the community
Nurturing and sharing faith
Equipping to serve

Vision

To ensure that there continues to be a living, committed, communal Anglican presence of liturgical celebration, nurture and outreach in Box Hill.

Reporting Child Abuse

All child safety concerns must be reported to
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St Peter's

Roster for 9.30am service

| | Today 27.3.22 | Next week 3.4.22 |
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| SIDESPEOPLE | Sandra L, Noel W | Rosemary S, TBA |
| SERVERS | Elizabeth B, Sophia E, <i>Kim C</i> | Michele M, Sophia E, <i>Garry M</i> |
| READERS | Edwin C, Charles B | Linda B, Margaret D |
| INTERCESSOR | Keith W | Michele M |
| COUNTING | Margaret R, Charles B | Ted G, Lyn B |
| MORNING TEA | Barbara P, Michele M, Dianne A, Keith W | Elizabeth B , Laurence L, Lyn B |