

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 25th Feb 2024



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Please all stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 583

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

SENTENCE

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him. *Mark 8.34*

Jesus makes it very clear to Peter that the place of a disciple is behind him on the road towards Jerusalem and the Cross. Although the path we are called to walk is different in time and place its essence is the same. Jesus asks his followers to give up pretensions to greatness and power, to embrace the Cross and to love and serve him and one another. Despite the world's scepticism the result of such a life is peace, joy, and fulfilment.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Let us pray:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Silence

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

TRISAGION

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY / COLLECT

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life: grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated for the reading

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, ‘As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.’

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22.24-32 — APBA.

24 O praise the Lord, all you that fear him: hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob,
and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.

**25 For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery:
nor did he hide his face from him, but heard him when he cried.**

26 From you springs my praise in the great congregation:
I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;

**27 The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied: and those who seek the
Lord shall praise him—may their hearts rejoice for ever!**

28 Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord:
and let all the families of the nations worship before him.

**29 For the kingdom is the Lord's:
and he shall be ruler over the nations.**

30 How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:
or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?

**31 But he has saved my life for himself:
and my posterity shall serve him.**

32 This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:
and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans, 4:13-25.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations’, according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God

was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him’, were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 407

THE GOSPEL (Please stand)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory

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From the shining cloud, the Father’s voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

(Matt 17:5-b)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark, (8:31-38)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the Forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

please kneel/sit

We know that God is mighty in power and always ready to come to the aid of those in need. With trust, let us bring our petitions before him, and pray for all people and the Church throughout the world.

(At the end of each section)

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

(Silence)

Conclude the prayer with:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers:

Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace. *(cf Ephesians 2.15,16)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN 607

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE ARE BLESSED:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please all stand

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (LENT)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,

.....

for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,

.....

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:

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through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

As Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray, each in our own language:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking the consecrated bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

THE INVITATION

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,

but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

COMMUNION HYMN “PANIS ANGELICUS”

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Please all stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen. Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL HYMN 611

THE BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen!

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Years Mind

Kathleen Gavey, Susan Chamberlain, Leah Keenan, Margaret Nicholls-Allnutt, Suzanne Colliver, Phyllis Mills, and Stella Mellor, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Daily Readings

Monday	Daniel 9.4-10	Ps 79.8-13	Luke 6.36-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 1.10-20	Ps 50.16-22	Matthew 23.1-12
Wednesday	Jeremiah 18.18-20	Ps 31.105	Matthew 20.17-28
Thursday	Jeremiah 17.5-10	Ps 1	Luke 16.19-31
Friday	Genesis 37.3-28	Ps 105.16-22	Matthew 21.33-46
Saturday	Micah 7.14-15, 18-20	Ps 103.1-5	Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

Prayer Points

The Church: St Mark's Anglican Church Emerald (Andrew Bowles); Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens; Church Missionary Society (Jonathan Wei-Han Kuan, Victorian Director; Andrew Livingstone); The Anglican Church of Tanzania (Abp Maimbo Mndolwa); Church of the Epiphany Hoppers Crossing – Confirmation service (Abp Philip Freier, Bp Brad Billings); Pastoral visits: St John's Bentleigh (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Stephen's Bayswater (Bp Paul Barker).

The Parish: Give thanks for the safe return to our parish of Rev'd Esther.

The World: Pray for all those unjustly imprisoned and those who support them.

The Nation: Pray for all who work in food banks and provide services for the homeless and those in need.

Prayer of the Week

Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve, and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ABM Pew Reflections

There is Abraham and Sarah in the retirement village when God totally disrupts their plans. It's never too late to act in faith. Abraham and Sarah are such extraordinary examples of faithfulness that St Paul refers to them in his letter to the Romans as a model of faith. When it comes to faith there is no retirement age. • We pray for older people that their faith may be an inspiration to all. • Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday 11.30am (morning tea after 10.30am service, followed by Bible Study. Undercroft.) **February 28, March 6, 13, 20**

OR

Saturday 10.00am, followed by morning tea, (office) **March 2, 9, 16, 23**

MOTHERS UNION 28 February, 1.30 pm

At the first meeting for 2024 our Vicar, Revd Victor Fan, will give us a Lenten message and meet members. All parishioners welcome!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

March 1, Box Hill Baptist Church, **7.00pm**. See Jan Gunst for details 0425 757 778

TESSELAARS BULB DRIVE

Don't forget the Tesselaars Bulb fundraiser. The bulbs make a wonderful Easter gift for family and friends. The order forms are available from Hilary. Bulb orders are delivered directly to your home. **Last Dates for orders April 11.** (If you are uncomfortable with ordering online please contact. Hilary on 0400 635 600.)

SALVATION ARMY BAND

the Melbourne Staff Band presents Symphonic Sounds 2024

The Melbourne Staff Band joins with the Royal Australian Navy Band Melbourne for a great afternoon of music. **Saturday 2nd March 2024 @ 4:00pm.**

The Salvation Army Waverley Temple, 958 High Street Road, Glen Waverley

Tickets - Adults \$20, Children Under 16 \$5 - available online via

<https://www.trybooking.com/COVMD>

Congratulations to Rob and Anne
45th Wedding Anniversary
February 24

A great achievement and we wish them many more happy years together!



FAREWELL BETTY BAENSCH

Our dear friend Betty Baensch is moving to Arcare Portarlinton permanently. Since breaking her wrist last year, she has spent some time in the facility post hospital. Her granddaughter is very close and it will be easily accessible for her daughters. Betty has a friend in Arcare so when a room became vacant last week she decided to move permanently to save her family worrying about her being on her own.

Betty has been in the parish for more than 65 years. She was GFS leader at St Aidan's prior to the 1970s. Both her sons were baptised at St Aidan's. After moving to live in Box Hill North, Betty worshipped at St Phillips, then later at St Peter's with her late husband Gordon, whose ashes and plaque are in the Memorial Garden.

Since I have known Betty she has worked with me at "Food at the Barn" and in coordinating Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse boxes. Many scarves and beanies have been produced by her while watching TV! Until recently Betty was also a sacristan working with Daphne and Elizabeth in this role. She also joined in Mothers' Union activities as well as many others. We are going to miss her.

Her address will be: Arcare Portarlinton, 80 Willis St, Portarlinton, 3223

ROSTER	Today 25.02.24	Next week 3.03.24
SIDESPEOPLE	Rosemary S, Rob K	Dianne A, Sandra L
SERVERS	Michele M, Judy J, <i>Garry M</i>	Rosemary S, Michele M, <i>Garry M</i>
READERS	Linda B, Jan G	Charles B, Barbara P
INTERCESSOR	Keith W	Elizabeth B
COUNTING	Elizabeth B, Hilary B	Rob K, Lyn B
MORNING TEA	Rosemary S , Peter W, Barbara M	Elizabeth B , Laurence L, Lyn B

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A bartender notices that every evening, without fail, one of his patrons orders three beers. After several weeks of noticing this pattern, the bartender asks the man why he always orders three beers. The man says, "I have two brothers who have moved away to different countries. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond." Several weeks later, noticing that the man only ordered two beers, the bartender said, "Please accept my condolences on the death of one of your brothers. You know, the two beers and all..." The man replied, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well... It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."



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 near 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.

Week Ahead

SUNDAY 25.02.24

Second Sunday in Lent

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

1.00pm Badminton, *hall*

2.00pm Dinka service

MONDAY 26.02.24

6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*

6.30-8.30pm Celestial Tai Chi, *hall*

TUES 27.02.23

9.00am-1.00pm Office open

9.00 onwards Parish People@Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing *hall*

WED 28.02.24

9.30-11.30am Playgroup, *Kindergarten*

10.30am Eucharist

11.30am Bible Study *Undercroft*

10.00-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*,

THU 29.02.24

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 1.03.24

9.00am-1.00pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 2.03.24

10.00am Bible Study *Office*

10.30am-1.30pm Sat School

SUNDAY 3.03.24

Third Sunday in Lent

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

1.00pm Badminton, *hall*

2.00pm Dinka service

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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

Kooyoora Professional Standards

1800 135 246

St Peter's is part of the Anglican Church of Australia and the worldwide Anglican Communion. St Peter's church is on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation and we acknowledge them as the traditional custodians of this land.