

**Proclaiming Christ in word and action;
Growing in care, love and service**



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Next Wednesday: 9.00 am Holy Eucharist: St Margaret:

Next Saturday 5.30 pm Holy Eucharist: St Stephen

Next Sunday: **Lent 4**

9.00 am Holy Eucharist: St Ann

11.00 am Holy Eucharist & Healing: Christ Church

10.30 am PPP: St Margaret

10.30 am Holy Eucharist: St Nicholas:

9.00 am Holy Eucharist: St James

Readings: Joshua 5:2-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:11-32



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Acknowledgement of Country: We acknowledge the cultures of our First Nation Peoples & are thankful for the community we share together. We pay our respects to the Kaurna People.

Sentence

Lent 3, March 20 2022

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts,' says the Lord
Isaiah 55:9

Collect

O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ: stir up within your people the gift of your spirit, that we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Thought for the Week:

Jesus talks about we are to bear fruit through the parable of the barren fig tree. The owner of the fig tree complains to his gardener that the tree is barren and has not borne fruit in three years. He wants to cut it down so that the soil is not wasted. However, his gardener asks for one more year in which the gardener will tend it with special care. Jesus, the gardener of our souls, wants us to live fruitful lives.

- Lord, on the day of Resurrection Mary Magdalene mistook you for a gardener; come, I pray you, into my soul and nourish it, that I may bear fruit for you.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of South East Asia.

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Isaiah 55:1-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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



Psalm 63:1-9

Response: My God, I will bless you as long as I live.

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. **R.**

So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; **R.**

for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.
But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth; **R.**



1 Corinthians 10:1-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Blessed is the one

who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Luke 13:1-9

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



In the Parish This Week

All items for Church Chatter should be either e-mailed (sanderwt@bigpond.com) or texted (0410 548 040) to the Editor by Wednesday evening. Thank you for your cooperation.

Today: Another day to be with the Lord

Monday: Another day to be with the Lord

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10.00 am Lenten Study: S. Margaret

7.00 pm Contemplative Prayer, Christ Church

Thursday: Another day to be with the Lord

7.00 pm Lenten Study: S. Ann

Friday: Another day to be with the Lord

1.00 pm Lenten Study: S. Nicholas

11.00 am Lady Day service: S. Margaret

6.30 pm Family Tea: S. Ann

Saturday: Another day to be with the Lord



Prayer of the week:

Lord God, our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your spirit, bring us to our promised land; though Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Church Chatter:

Christian Care and Support Centre— needs supplies for March 2022. Place staple items in the outside basket or deliver to the Centre. Forget? Make a donation!

Those we pray for this week:

We pray for ABM and the Episcopal Church of South Sudan We pray for Anglican Mothers' Union Australia & for Lady Day. We give thanks for the MIK team, Pakistan. We pray for The Diocese of Riverina, Bp Donld Kirk, the clergy and people. We give thanks for the BCA NSW/ACT Regional Office staff Phil Lidbetter and Rachel Dirks. We pray for Army Reserve Chaplains.

In our Diocese we pray for Bp Keith Dalby and for his wife Alice and family; and for all Parishes in the Diocese. We pray for the Diocesan Registrar, Donna Jones and thanksgiving for the birth of Connor & for his parents Jasamine and Daniel Irvine. We give thanks for the ministry of Pastoral Care worker Luke Sternberg, McLaren Vale Primary School.

Those we continue to pray for:

Jac Bishop: Eileen Cook; Yvonne Scrutton; Brenda; Ted & Joyce and Miriam; Catherine Cooling; and *any others we wish to remember.*

From the beginning of Lent this new prayer list is being created. If you wish to add people from the previous list or new people, please contact the Editor .