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Fourth Sunday in Lent

10 March 2024

TODAY 10 Mar 2024

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Numbers 21:4-9 | Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10 | John 3:14-21

8.00am EUCHARIST

Presider: Fr Ray

Preacher: Fr Ray

Readers: Peny Galbraith

Intercessor: Peter Forwood

Server: Hans Ferdinands

Welcomers: Gillian Forwood, Peter
Forwood, and Jocelyn Wilson

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Fr Ray

Preacher: Fr Ray

Deacon: Rev Jill Renison

Sub-Deacon: Geoff Vincent

MC: Ross Smith

Readers: Grevis Beard & Sue Banting

Intercessor: Tetty Michaelson

Crucifer: Jenny Cook

Servers: Sue Banting & Tetty Hutagalung

Welcomers: Robin Carter, Greg Beeton &
Celia Beeton

Hymns: 139, 147 & 211

6.00pm EVENSONG

Reflection: Fr Ray

Lead: Fr Ray

Readers: Pamela Bowen & Oliver Beaumont

Hymns: , 567 & 145

Welcomers: Alison Milne & Tony Smythe

NEXT SUNDAY 17 Mar 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-24 | Psalm 119:9-16

Hebrews 5:5-14 | John 12:20-33

8.00am EUCHARIST

Presider: Fr Ray

Preacher: Fr Ray

Readers: Elisabeth Pratt & Graham Pratt

Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands

Server: Hans Ferdinands

Welcomers: Elisabeth Pratt & Graham Pratt

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Rev Fionna Chia

Preacher: Rev Fionna Chia

Deacon: Rev Helen Creed

Sub-Deacon: Ferry Hasiholan

MC: Geoff Vincent

Readers: Roger Creed & Ferry Hasiholan

Intercessor: Sam Babuswamy

Crucifer: Tom Downes

Servers: Sam Babuswamy & Jenny Cook

Welcomers: Rosemary Massaro, Ben Kala &
Helena Hutajulu

Hymns: TBA

6.00pm EVENSONG

Reflection: Fr Ray

Lead: Fr Ray

Hymns: TBA

Welcomers: Elisabeth Pratt & Graham Pratt

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O, God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope: renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

AT THE TIME OF CHOOSING AN INCUMBENT

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak to your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment, and patience, and give to us warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

SERVICES FOR PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2024

Palm Sunday	8am Eucharist 10am Procession of palms and Choral Eucharist 6pm Choral Evensong
Monday	6pm Eucharist
Tuesday	12noon Eucharist
Wednesday	6pm Eucharist
Maundy Thursday	7:30pm Eucharist with Stripping of the Church
Good Friday	10am Liturgy of the Passion 6pm Via Crucis
Holy Saturday	6pm Evening prayer
Easter Day	6am Easter Vigil 10am Choral Eucharist 6pm Choral Evensong

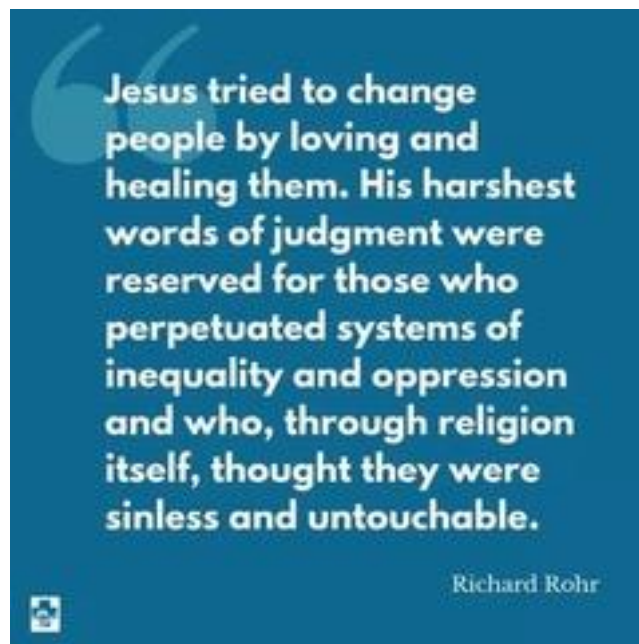
FROM THE ACTING VICAR

Today we are halfway through the season of Lent. In many parishes it is observed as Mothering Sunday when in past times people who worked as servants were given time off to visit their homes and many people returned to their mother church. Cake was a symbol of sharing. In England it is still observed while we here in Australia have followed the American practice of Mother's day in May.

This Sunday is also called Refreshment Sunday in many places as a time to reflect on our journey with Jesus so far this Lent. In today's Gospel after Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus comes this reflection. People have been coming to listen and hear Jesus each making up their own mind about his teachings and reflections on what he has to say. Jesus does not judge but leaves the act of judgment to each of us. In last week's Gospel the Religious authorities refuse to hear what he has to say. Then comes Nicodemus who comes in darkness and appears to walk away. As Henry Warnsbrough says, "(t)he decision is ours too: when confronted by Jesus do we come to the light that our deeds maybe known, or do we shun the Light?"

Shalom

Ray



OUR NEW ACTING VICAR

The Revd. Canon Dr Ray Cleary AM is a senior priest in the Diocese of Melbourne. Ray has been a lifelong advocate on behalf of the most disadvantaged groups in society. In a career spanning 40 years, he has held many different leadership positions in services for children, including deaf children, family care services, and services for the aged.

He was the Chief Executive Officer of Melbourne City Mission (1995–2000), Chief Executive Officer of Anglicare Victoria (2000–2010) and a member of the Board of the Brotherhood of St Laurence (1993–1995). He has served as Chair of Anglicare Australia and the General Synod Public Affairs Commission as well as a member of Melbourne’s Diocesan Council and the Chapter of St Paul’s cathedral.

In 2001, Ray chaired the Victorian Government’s Ministerial Advisory Committee of Homelessness and subsequently joined the Ministerial Council on Housing and the Ministerial Council on Children and Families.

From 2010-2015 he was Director of Formation at Trinity Theological College. Since that time he has undertaken locum ministries at St Paul’s Cathedral as Acting Dean and in numerous parishes. Ray received a Centenary Medal in 2001 and in the 2008 Queen’s Birthday Honours he became a Member of the Order of Australia in recognition of his work in community services, the Anglican Church and social justice.



FAREWELL

The Rev'd Fiona Chia will conclude her role at St John's on 10 March, but because that Sunday falls on a long weekend, **her final service and farewell has been moved to 17 March at 10am**. This date is different from the date previously advised. Please put 17 March in your diary and plan to attend the service and the special lunch afterwards. Those who would like to contribute to a farewell gift to Fiona are invited to use one of the special envelopes available today, or to contact the office. It would be appreciated if those able to bring a plate for lunch could do so.

EAT. READ. PLAY!

We're half-way through term 1 and it's been wonderful to see new children join us on Wednesday afternoons as we make and strengthen friendships across the generations, and enjoy and discover the blessings of this created world. My formal part in this program has come to an end and our new co-ordinator going forward is **Rev Heather Cetrangolo**.



Heather is a fellow Anglican priest with a passion for community development and renewal. She has worked as a school chaplain and served in Anglican parishes for over 13 years. Heather has developed many primary and secondary school programs including an inter-school peace-building program, *Our World*. She has degrees in education, law, theology and leadership studies, and is currently completing her PhD in systems change inspired by Franciscan social reform, and founding the Academy of Systemic Renewal, working with leaders of social change. Married to Adam, Heather is also mother to almost 10 year old Mary. Please make her feel very welcome and feel free to contact Heather anytime with questions about *Eat. Read. Play*: 0434 752 372.

IONA SERVICE CHANGE

There will be no Iona Service in March. From now on these services will be on the first Wednesday of the month at the usual time of 6.30pm, the next being on 3 April.

BREAD RUN

The team that does the weekly Bread Run to CamCare have recently lost some good long serving volunteers. As such, we are currently one volunteer down and are looking for someone who can join the team by donating about 90 minutes of their time, once a month on a Thursday afternoon.

The role involves:

Driving to a Mont Albert based bakery by 5.00pm (when the bakery closes);

Collecting the left over bread after the bakery closes, and loading into your Vehicle;

Driving it back to CamCare (in Camberwell);

Unloading the Bread at CamCare.

This is a very rewarding volunteering role which makes a genuine difference to people in our community that are currently struggling. Please Contact **Rod Manning on 0433 489 498** if interested. Full training provided, as someone will accompany you to show you the ropes the first time you are rostered.

LENTEN DISCUSSIONS – ‘FINDING GOD IN MARK’S GOSPEL.’

On 6th, 13th and 20th March beginning at 7.30pm each evening the Acting Vicar, Fr Ray Cleary, will lead a Lenten Discussion in a series ‘Finding God in Mark’s Gospel’. These discussions will be online, using Zoom. To join the meeting on the 6th visit <http://tinyurl.com/yckxekea>.

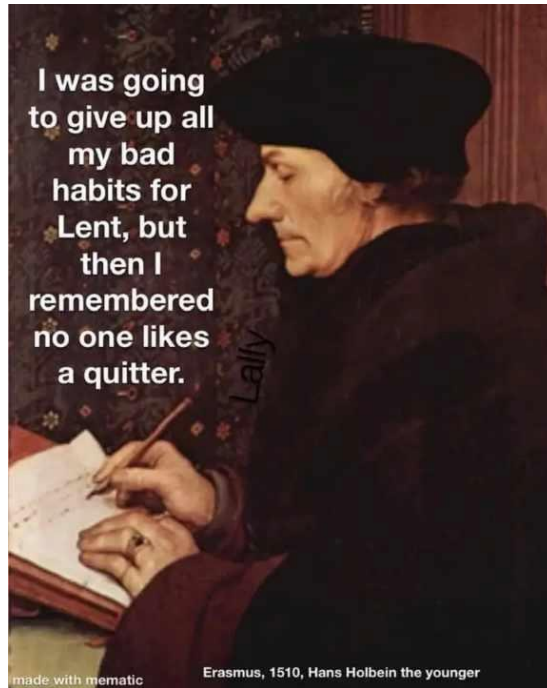
The Meeting ID is 820 6580 8616, and the Passcode is 885493.

PARISH COUNCIL

With the appointment by Parish Council last week of Professor Julian Rait to another vacancy not filled at the AGM, the Parish Council has expanded to the Vicar plus ten others. The membership is now Hans Ferdinands (warden), Fiona Hudgson (warden), Andrew Porter (warden), Genevieve Bogstra, Kent Fisk, Ferry Hasiholan, Paul Jones (secretary), Geoff Lavender, Julian Rait and Janice Wong (treasurer). A report on the meeting will appear in a coming *Contact*. (n.b. a list published in *Contact* in February indicated that Paul Jones was a vicar’s nomination, but the AGM minutes state that he was elected at the AGM.)

THE MELBOURNE ANGLICAN

The Melbourne Anglican (TMA), in line with its environmental and financial responsibilities, is now an online-only magazine for seven of its eleven annual editions. The four annual printed editions will still be available for collection from St. John's. The current edition is available online at <https://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/this-months-tma/> and printed copies will also be available to read in the office.



BEARING WITNESS: AN APPROACH TO CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM DIALOGUE

Join us for the 2024 Biennial Hughes-Cheong lecture, presented by Dr Joshua Ralston, Reader in Christian-Muslim Relations at the School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh and visiting scholar at Trinity College Theological School. Thursday March 21, 7pm-9pm at the Craig Auditorium, Gateway Building, Trinity College, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville. Admission is free, but bookings are essential. To book go to trybooking.com/COSFQ For enquiries contact Briony O'Halloran: events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au or 03 8342 0126.

ST JOHN'S PANTRY APPEAL

Each week St. John's gathers non-perishable food and other goods to aid those who are struggling. This month Anglicare will receive our donations for redistribution. Please consider donating; and if you cannot donate food donation can be made through the parish website.



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Outdoor service at St. John's during the 1921 influenza epidemic
(Picture courtesy of St John's Archive
kbfisk@yahoo.com)

ST JOHN'S ARCHIVE

St. John's Archive lists close to 500 entries on its spreadsheet catalogue. It is thanks to long time parishioner Keith Dempster that the Archive has so much more content than just the obligatory material such as registers of baptisms, confirmations, marriages and burials. Keith spent decades amassing the collection. It has been noted by more than one individual that our archive is far more extensive than that of most parishes.

By its very nature, the archive will never be finished as new material is always coming in while new technology compels us to new projects. For example, we are currently scanning the large parish photo collection in order to provide safer long-term storage and easier access to this material.

Another very important project we want to get off the ground is to record the memories of parish life that parishioners can provide us. Such memories would be helpful to explain the purposes of the many committees and social groups historic or current at St. John's. Anecdotes of social life and personalities would be great as well. Anything that tells our "story" would be greatly appreciated. This project is especially with the view of writing a new history of the parish as the history by Macdougall dates from 1963 and the shorter history by Hooper from 1988. Don't you think it's time for a new history? Especially one that gets into the real deal, nice or sordid, fun and is a page turner?

We welcome any physical material that details our parish. Feel free to offer anything.

If you wish to join our archive team please get in touch.

Kent Fisk

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC APPOINTMENT

Lachlan McDonald, who has been Director of Music at St John's Malvern East for the last 6 years, has been appointed as part-time Director of Music at St John's. He will commence his full responsibilities for the 10am services on 14 April, but responsibility for the 6pm services earlier. Lachlan is a Melbourne-based baritone, composer and conductor, who completed his Bachelor of Music at the University of Melbourne in 2017, majoring in classical voice. Lachlan has had a distinguished leading role in many choirs and choral groups, as well as in facilitating the worship at East Malvern. His current vicar, Rev'd Dr Alex Ross, warmly commends him.

"I am very pleased to commend to you and the good people of St John's Camberwell your new Director of Music, Lachlan McDonald, who has been in that same role here at Saint John's Finch Street for the past six years.

Lachlan is an exceptionally talented musician with a deep knowledge and love for the Anglican choral tradition. Lachlan understands the ministry of music as integral to Christian worship and the broader life of faith and discipleship in a parish context, and during his time with us has done much to promote a culture within the choir which supports the building up of the whole Body of Christ to the glory of God.

Personally, I have found it a pleasure to work closely with Lachlan over these past years and have every confidence in his abilities and readiness to take up this natural 'next step' in his career.

While we are naturally very sorry to see him depart from this community, it is my prayer that not only will it prove for him to be personally and professionally fulfilling - but that he will be as much a blessing to St John's Camberwell as he has been to us."

TRINITY COLLEGE INVITES YOU TO THIS YEAR'S CHORAL SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

Trinity College invites you to this year's choral service of Tenebrae during Holy Week in the Horsfall Chapel. Wednesday 27 March, 7:30pm-8:30pm, Trinity College Chapel, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville. Entrance via Gate C. Please register your attendance through TryBooking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1185888>

For enquiries contact Briony O'Halloran: events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au

MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Parishioners 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 0437 399 065 if you have any queries.

CHANGES TO PRAYER LIST ADMISSION

As an experiment, we are going to change the way we list people to be included in your prayers. The Year's Mind list will continue unchanged. The other list will now be in two categories. Christian names only will be used, and anyone can request that names be included. In the first category will be people who require prayer for a finite period: some of these people will be parishioners and other people known to parishioners. Names will stay on this list for four weeks, and removed after that time unless another four-week listing is requested. In the second category will be people who have been active members of St John's in the past, but who are now house-bound. Having this new list will be a way of upholding long-standing, but now less independent, members in our praying life. It will be a way of keeping them 'front of mind' even though they can not join us week by week. These people will remain on the list for as long as they remain house-bound.

YEAR'S MIND THIS WEEK

Ida Foenander, Geoffrey Wilfred Wieland, David Creed, Evelyn Fisher, Thora Cooper, Joan Hill, Keith Dempster, Diana Doige.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Today we include in our prayers especially: Jennifer, Helen, Sue, Noel, Mavis, Rosemary, Jonathan, Bernard, Josie, Christie & family, Des & Jane, Margaret, Gordon, Paul, and Lil.

Morning (9.00am) Prayer Tuesday to Fridays.

Tuesdays	12 noon	Eucharist in the Chapel
1st Wednesdays	6.30pm	Iona Eucharist (starting 3 April)
Sundays	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	Choral Eucharist
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong

Saint John's Donations

Our worship and outreach are sustained by the generosity of our friends and supporters. We give in thanksgiving for all that we have received and are deeply thankful for the generosity of those who make our work possible. We couldn't do it without you!



Choral Scholars Appeal

By donating to the Choral Scholars program, you will help continue the wonderful musical tradition at St. John's. By maintaining weekly services of choral and classical masterpieces we keep a rich aspect of Anglican tradition and English cultural heritage alive. Please give generously!



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