



ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
**GISBORNE**  
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Rohingan refugees flee violence in Myanmar  
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**Easter 3**

17/18 April, 2021

*St John's Riddells Creek Saturday 5.30 pm*

*St Paul's Gisborne Sunday 9 am*

*Church of the Resurrection, Macedon Sunday 10.30 am*

*The Anglican Parish of Gisborne acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land,  
the peoples of the Kulin Nations,  
and we pay our respects to their elders, living, past and emerging.*

*The Parish of Gisborne is committed to being a Child Safe organisation.*

## Welcome

*We extend a very warm welcome to everyone who joins us for worship. Whether you are a visitor or a regular parishioner of the Anglican Church, you are invited to join us in Holy Communion. Please make yourself known to us and if you would like more information about our community and ministry, then please take a copy of our welcome brochure, visit our website or ask one of our welcomers.*

Last week, Fr Dennis brought to our attention the need to not only accept or affirm the Beatitudes, it is a matter of living them. This follows on from the Lenten exploration that the 10 Commandments are not just boundary rules, they are how we play the game of life!

*THOU SHALT NOT KILL* could become a commitment:

I WILL HONOUR THE GIFT OF LIFE SHARED WITH ALL PEOPLE  
*REMEMBER THE SABBATH and KEEP IT HOLY*

I WILL REMEMBER THE NEED TO ALLOW TIME TO REST AND RECREATE,  
INCLUDING A TIME TO PRAY AND ATTEND TO MY WHOLE BEING.

A blessing is something that reflects the presence of God. Looking to Matthew 5.1-12, there are a series of 'blessings'. Some translations use the word 'Happy' but this is not an accurate reading of the Aramaic nuance. To be blessed is to receive or be in the presence of God.

THE PRESENCE OF GOD IS WITH THOSE WHO MOURN,  
FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.

This could become for us: As the member of the Body of Christ, I will be a prayerful support to those who are grieving through presence, assistance, and if appropriate, absence.

THE PRESENCE OF GOD IS WITH THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR  
RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR THEY WILL BE SATISFIED

For us, this could become "I will advocate for the marginalised and disadvantaged in my community, supporting change that brings justice to all. In today's gospel, Jesus explains the story of God's quest to be fully present with us: the question is, can we, as the body of Christ do the same for those in need?"

Today's worship:

Easter 3	Acts 3.12 - 20	Psalm 4
	1 John 2.15 - 17; 3.1 - 6	Luke 24.36b - 48

Next Week's Readings:

Easter 4	Acts 4.5-12	Psalm 23
	1 John 3.16-24	John 10.11-18

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## Gathering Hymn

Hail, our once-despised Jesus,  
hail, our Galilean King!  
By your suffering you released us  
and did free salvation bring.  
Friend and universal Saviour,  
bearer of our sin and shame,  
by your merits we find favour;  
life is given through your name.

Paschal Lamb by God appointed,  
all our sins on you were laid;  
by almighty love anointed,  
you have full atonement made:  
all your people are forgiven  
through the virtue of your blood;  
opened is the gate of heaven;  
reconciled are we to God.

Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,  
there for ever to abide;  
all the heavenly host adore you,  
seated at your father's side:  
there for sinners you are pleading,  
there you now our place prepare,  
ever for us interceding.  
till in glory we appear.

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Blessed be God: ✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope.**

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

**God has claimed us as his own.**

He has brought us out of darkness.

**He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

*President*

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All stand.*

Gloria in Excelsis  
**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect

Let us pray.

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

As we prepare to hear God's Holy Word through the scriptures,  
**open our hearts and minds, Lord. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 3, beginning at verse 12

Acts 3.12-20

*At the conclusion the reader may say:*

May your word live in us  
**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

Psalm 4

Response:

It is you, O - Lord, who make me dwell in safe - - ty.

***It is you, O Lord, who make me dwell in safety.***

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;  
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 How long will you nobles dishonour my glory;  
how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?

3 But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness;  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not;  
commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness  
and put your trust in the Lord.

6 There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?'  
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

7 You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

8 In peace I will lie down and sleep,  
for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.

A reading from the first letter of John

1 John 2.15-17. 3.1-6

*At the conclusion the reader may say:*

May your word live in us  
**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

*Please stand to greet the Gospel:*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

“I am the first and last” says the Lord, “and the living one:  
I was dead and behold I am alive.”

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 24, beginning at verse 36b

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Luke 24.36b-48

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Breaking Open the Word

*After a time of reflection, we affirm our faith.*

### An Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,**

**✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Ministry of Prayer

*A member of the Parish leads us in prayer.*

*At the conclusion of the prayers, as the intercessor places the prayer requests on the Altar, we pray together:*

**God of our redemption,  
look kindly on your Church.  
Give true freedom to all who follow Christ  
and lead them to the inheritance that lasts for ever. Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

Christ has reconciled us to God by one body on the cross.

**We meet in his name and share his peace.**

The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may share a sign of peace with those around them.*

## The Offertory

*During the singing of the Hymn, our gifts of bread, wine and money are collected and then offered at the Altar.*

Now the green blade rises  
from the buried grain,  
wheat that in the dark earth  
many days has lain:  
Love lives again,  
that with the dead has been:  
Love has come again,  
*like wheat that springs up green.*

In the grave they laid him,  
Love whom hate had slain,  
thinking that he never  
would awake again,  
laid in the earth,  
like grain that sleeps unseen.  
*Love has come again,  
like wheat that springs up green.*

Up he sprang at Easter,  
like the risen grain,  
he who for three days  
in the grave had lain,  
raised from the dead  
my living Lord is seen:  
*Love has come again,  
like wheat that springs up green.*

When our hearts are wintry,  
grieving, or in pain,  
then your touch can call us,  
back to life again—  
fields of our hearts  
that dead and bare have been:  
*Love has come again,  
like wheat that springs up green.*

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With this bread that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body,  
wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.

**God of new life,  
you accept the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
from the lips of those reborn in baptism.  
Let this sacrifice lead us to communion in Christ,  
in whom is our eternal blessing.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

*Why we give thanks and praise:*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

*What Jesus has done for us:*

For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

*We join the eternal song:*

And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**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.**

*Making Holy that which has been given:*

We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.  
Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

*With this bread that we bring:*

On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it,  
 and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
 ‘This is my body, given for you.  
 Do this to remember me.’

*With this wine that we bring:*

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
 gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
 ‘This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
 for the forgiveness of sins.’

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
 we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

*The Mystery of Faith:*

Gm F Eb *All* F Gm F Eb  
 Dying you destroyed our death; rising you re-  
 stored our life. Lord Je- sus, come in glo - ry.

As you feed us with these gifts,  
 send your Holy Spirit,  
 and change us more and more  
 to be like Jesus our Saviour.

*How do we follow Jesus Christ?*

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
 as we look forward to that day  
 when suffering is ended,  
 and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.  
 And now with all your saints  
 we give you glory,  
 through Jesus Christ,  
 in the strength of the Spirit,  
 whom we join in their never-ending song:

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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,  
**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.**

### The Breaking of the Bread and Communion

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:  
**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.  
*The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.*



The dis - ci - ples\_ knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia!  
is the communion of the body of Christ. *R*

We are one body, alleluia!  
For though many, we share one bread. *R*

*The invitation to communion is given in these words.*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
This is the table, not of the Church but of the Lord.  
All are welcome to his table. Alleluia!

*Communion is distributed in one kind only.*

*An anthem may be sung.*

Christ is alive

w. Shirley Erena Murray 1931-2020  
m. Jillian Bray 1939-2018

The Sending out of God's People  
'Peace be with you,' says the Lord.  
'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

Eternal God,  
let the Easter sacrament we have received  
abide in us to touch our hearts  
with the fullness of your saving grace.

**Most loving God,  
you send us out into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn

*By your kingly pow'r, O risen Lord,  
All that Adam lost is now restored:  
In your resurrection be adored.*

Sing the joyful Easter cry,  
Sound it to the souls in prison,  
Shout our triumph to the sky:  
Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.

Sing the joyful Easter cry,  
Let all times and peoples listen:  
Death has no more victory,  
Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.

Death has lost and life has won;  
Ev'ry newborn soul we christen  
Now becomes the Father's son:  
Sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.

Text: James Phillip McAuley 1917-1976  
Tune: Richard Connolly 1927 –

## Blessing and Dismissal

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God Almighty:  
the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be with you all evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Parish Mission Lunch

The Parish Mission Lunch will commence at the Riddells Creek Hotel at 12.30 pm.

If you have not booked, please send an email before Saturday noon to the Parish Office, [gisborneanglican@bigpond.com](mailto:gisborneanglican@bigpond.com)

Cost is \$25; 2 course meal, and all funds to the Church of the Province of Myanmar.

## Daily Prayer (4.30 pm) for Myanmar:

God of the still small voice of calm,  
We pray for concord and peace in Myanmar.  
Send your Spirit to console those whose loved ones  
have had their lives cut short  
for marching in peaceful demonstrations.  
Send that same Spirit into the hearts  
of any who are afraid  
of what the future might bring.  
This we ask through him who is the Prince of Peace,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday April 17th, 3 pm: Interring of the Ashes of the late  
Arthur James Poyser,  
St John's, Riddells Creek.

## This year's Mission Focus in the Parish

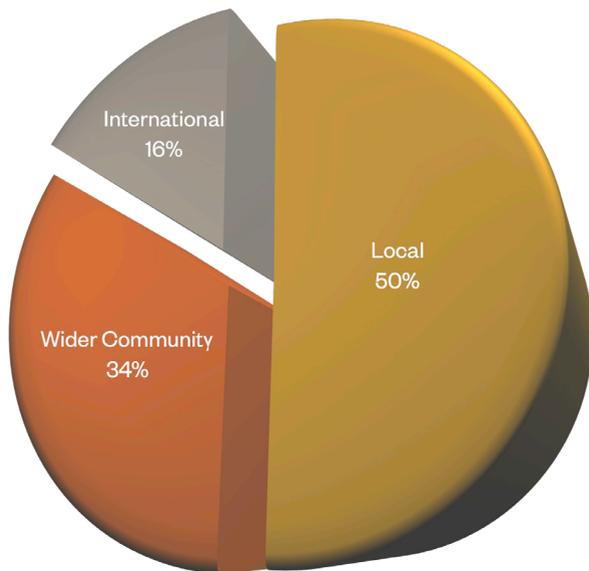
Proposed recipients + amounts:

- ABM National \$2,250
- ABM Global. \$2,250
- Anglicare \$1,000
- Brotherhood \$1,500
- CMS \$ from Trading Table
- Food Bank \$ 2,500
- KidzFlip \$ 1,000
- Lort Smith \$500 Domestic Violence Response
- Riddells Creek Contingency \$500
- Trinity \$1,000
- Animal Welfare \$500
- Diocese of Gippsland \$1,000
- Bush Church Aid \$1,000

Fund-Raisers

- Mission Mash
- ANZAC Day stall

Missions total budget \$15,000





**Mission Mash  
is back!**

**Pre-packed bags:**

**\$5 for 2 kilograms**

**\$3 for 1 kilogram.**

Order from the Church or  
from the Op Shops

**What could be cuter?**

**Bisons on the plate!**



April 22nd, Bus Trip to Hanging Rock

Please contact Jim Lindsay for bookings or leave an email/phone message at the Office  
[gisborneanglican@bigpond.com](mailto:gisborneanglican@bigpond.com)

ANZAC Day Stall: 24 April 9 am outside Mount  
Macedon Realty (next to the Trading Post).

ANZAC Day on Honour Avenue Plinth  
9.30 am: Laying of Wreath and Odes



Thanks to everyone who has assisted in the “Autumn Festival” at Macedon. It has been an unprecedented response from both the Parish, the Shire and our guests. More details to follow.



Welcome to our newest parishioner, **Mila Alexi Vuocolo**, daughter for Katelin and Joshua, great-grand daughter for Arthur and Ann Sowden. We rejoice in Mila's arrival, and pray for both parents as they bring Mila home and into our wider community.

### COVID-19 Update

The Archbishop has advised that the last relaxing of restrictions as publicised on April 9th do **not** apply to places of worship. We are still limited to 2sqm, providing we use a QR code system that interfaces with the government system. The 1.5 m distance between people is a recommendation, not a requirement.

Food service: Buffet style food is now allowed, though the government recommends that food is served. Queues should be socially distanced.

### **Invitation to Parishioners**

All parishioners are invited to join the EFM group to read and discuss "Gondwana Theology" by Garry Worete Deverell. Garry is both a Trawoolway man from northern Tasmania, and an Anglican priest working in the Diocese of Melbourne.

We will be studying this book on together on two Tuesday Evenings the 20th and 27th of April at the Church of the Resurrection from 7.00 – 9.00pm. All are most welcome and we encourage you to come and join us as we read this important book together. Please let Debra or Alison know if you would like to join us. Please see insert for further details.

The book costs around \$20.00 and can be obtained through Book Depository and other online book sellers as well as Koorong Books and St Peter's Book Room.