

Anglican Parish of
St Paul's, Gisborne, with the Church of the Resurrection,
Macedon Ranges, and St John's Riddells Creek



Transfiguration

February 22nd and 23rd, 2020

The Parish of Gisborne would like to acknowledge that we meet on Kulin Nation country. We pay our respects to Kulin Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to any First Nations people who are present today.

*We acknowledge that Aboriginal sovereignty has not been ceded.
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 sidespersons.

Today's worship:

Debates aside as to when to hold this feast, the Sunday before Lent brings the season of Light, Epiphany, to close with the transfiguration of the Lord. Many arguments out there in the Church ether will insist that it should be commemorated on August 6th. With the memory of the end of WWII in mind, August 6 was a day that unleashed another light that led to the death of 800,000+ instantly. Justified by the ethical argument of *proportionalism* (one act of evil in the common good is better than no action).

The Season of Light, Epiphany, in contrast, is not about judgment but rather the presence of the Light of God (to lighten the Gentiles) coming to do for us what was required. Jesus, in talking with Moses and Elijah, confirms that his ministry would be fulfilled in the offering of himself on the cross. To overcome the power of sin, death must be conquered. This is the pivotal moment that sharpens the Messianic mission to that which leads to new life.

What better time to remember that Jesus is the light of the world than mid-summer?

This Sunday: Transfiguration

Exodus 24.12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1.16-21

Matthew 17.1-9

Next Sunday: LENT 1A

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5.12-21

Matthew 4.1-11

Bible references: NRSV bible.oremus.org

Parish Fire Policy:

If a CODE RED day is declared [this is the most extreme rating] and this occurs on a Saturday or Sunday – then please note that all services and/or parish activities will be cancelled on that day. This policy will also apply during the week and to all our centres. For other fire danger ratings, it is important that everyone implement their own fire plan.

Your own fire plan must always take precedence even if you are on a rostered duty.

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Gathering in God's Name

TiS 234 How good, Lord, to be here

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. (2 Peter 1.19)

**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.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

The Presider pronounces the Absolution of Sin:

✠ May the Father of all mercies
cleans you from our sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
Amen.

Gloria

**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 of the Day

Let us pray:

In a bright cloud, O God,
you revealed the glory of your Christ,
and named him as your beloved Son.
As we listen to the Law and the prophets
let your Holy Spirit enlighten us,
that we may truly hear their witness
to the presence among us of the Word made Flesh,
who is one with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and always. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

As we prepare to hear God's holy word through the scriptures,
open our hearts and minds, O Lord.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

At the end of the reading, the reader says:

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

Psalm 2



Happy are all who take their refuge in him.

- 1 Why are the nations in tumult,
and why do the peoples devise a vain plot?
- 2 The kings of the earth rise up,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his anointed:
- 3 'Let us break their bonds asunder
and cast away their cords from us.'
- 4 He who dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn;
the Lord shall have them in derision.
- 5 Then shall he speak to them in his wrath
and terrify them in his fury:
- 6 'Yet have I set my king
upon my holy hill of Zion.'
- 7 I will proclaim the decree of the Lord;
he said to me: 'You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.
- 8 'Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 'You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'
- 10 Now therefore be wise, O kings;
be prudent, you judges of the earth.
- 11 Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling kiss his feet,
lest he be angry and you perish from the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 12 Happy are all they
who take refuge in him.

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

2 Peter 1.16-21

At the end of the reading, the reader says:

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Speak Lord, for your servant is listening

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 17,
beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 17.1-9

At the end of the Gospel, the deacon says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Affirmation of Faith

As we continue the Epiphany season, we say together our Baptismal Creed, the Apostles Creed.

A minister asks:

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Presider affirms the declaration of God's people:

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith:

We believe in one God:

✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Prayers of Intercession

A member of the Parish leads the Intercessions.

At the conclusion of the intercessions, as the folder is placed on the Altar, we pray together:

**Guide your Church, we pray you, O Lord
with your constant blessing from on high,
and as you chose us from the beginning
to stand in your presence and serve you,
so guide and govern your people,
that we may attain to the fullness
of the glory you have promised.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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 of God to his table we bring.

Holy God,
let our prayer of thanksgiving
unite us to the praises of heaven,
in the glory of Christ
who is alive for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

We begin our great thanksgiving to God

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World

On the holy mountain,
Jesus made his glory known to his disciples,
to whom he had spoken of his coming death.
With Moses and Elijah as witnesses,
he revealed that the Christ had to suffer
in order to enter the glory of the resurrection.

The joining of Earth and Heaven in singing praise to God:

And so, with angels and archangels
and with all the powers of heaven
we glorify your holy name,
in this, their ageless hymn of praise:

**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.

We ask for the presence of the Holy Spirit

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine out-poured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

With this bread...

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

With this cup...

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

We remember

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Dedication

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Heaven and Earth are united at this table

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

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

Thanksgiving G

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.**

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.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, have mercy on us.

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

Lamb of God you take away the sin
of the world, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world:
grant us your peace.

Lamb of God you take away the sin
of the world: grant us your peace.

Jesus is 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.**

Come, this is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.
All are welcome at his supper. Come.

Anthem during Communion
Benedictus, Rizza

Post Communion Prayer

When the disciples heard the voice from the cloud, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

Gracious God,
you feed us in this sacrament
with the body and blood of your Son.
Rule us by your Spirit
that we may acknowledge you not only in word
but in action and in truth,
and so enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Take our hands and work through them;
take our lips and speak through them;
take our minds and think through them;
take our hearts and set them on fire with love for you.**

Post Communion Hymn
TiS 620 O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising
or 653 Let him to whom we now belong

Blessing

The God of all grace,
 who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
 establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God
 most loving:

✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
 be with you all, now and ever more. **Amen.**

The Deacon says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

César Francke: Grand Choeur

Please place your Palm Crosses from last year in the basket at the rear of the Church

Diary for the Coming Week

Later today:	3.00 pm	EfM, Church of the Resurrection
	6.00 pm	
Monday Feb 24 th	9.30 am	Playgroup, Parish Hall
	1.30 pm	Card Group, Parish Centre
	7.30 pm	Peter Barcham Memorial Lecture
Tuesday Feb 25 th	9.30 am	Parish Office Open
	10.00 am	Play Group, Parish Hall
	1.30 pm	Bible Study, Parish Centre
ASH Wednesday Feb 26th	8.35 am	
	10.00 am	Eucharist, and Imposition of Ashes St Paul's, Gisborne
	5.30 pm	Evening Prayer and Imposition of Ashes St John's Riddells Creek
	7.30 pm	Sung Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes Church of the Resurrection
Thursday Feb 27 th	9.30 am	Parish Office open
	10.00 am	Play Group: Kinde, Parish Hall
		Bus Ministry Day Trip
		DESIGNATED QUIET DAY at Church of the Resurrection
	7.00 pm	AA, Parish Centre
Saturday Feb 29 th	5.30 pm	Eucharist, St John's Riddells Creek
Sunday March 1 st	9.00 am	Eucharist, St Paul's Gisborne
	10.30 am	Eucharist, Church of the Resurrection
	3.00 pm	EfM, Church of the Resurrection

Ash Wednesday February 26th

10 am St Paul's Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes (Fr Graham)

5.30 pm St John's Evening Prayer and Imposition of Ashes (Dr Alan)

7.30 pm CoR Sung Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes (Fr David)

Raffle: RSPCA welfare project to protect and heal animals hurt in the fires

A raffle will be ongoing throughout Lent to raise funds for animal welfare following the devastation caused by the recent fires. Tickets available from each centre and Op Shop.

11th Annual Peter Barcham Memorial Lecture

Monday February 24th, 7.30 pm at the Gisborne Uniting Church, Brantome Street.

Guest this year is Bronwyn Pike, CEO of the UCA Victoria/Tas Synod.

Topic: Have the agencies of the Churches' community services outgrown their faith based parents?

World Day of Prayer - the local service will be held at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Victoria Street, Macedon on Friday 6 March at 10.30am. Everyone welcome to attend.

Twilight Barbecue - St Paul's Guild will sponsor this popular event on Tuesday 17 March at the John Aitken Park, opposite Coles, commencing at 5.30pm. Barbecue facilities available. BYO everything. A warm welcome to all parishioners.

Lenten Envelopes

ABM Lenten envelopes will be going out in all centres today. There are three envelopes over the period: GENERAL LENTEN GIVING, GOOD FRIDAY, and EASTER DAY. The latter two will go out closer to the time. Why not begin putting away a set amount each week, or collect all the change and convert them to notes for this year's appeal? Please put in with the normal collection.

Lenten Study

"Where we go to from Here: is a mission based bible study based on the Book of Acts. Written by ABM Missioner Stephen Daughtry and Hebrew theologian Matthew Anstey, the book explores over 6 weeks the Five Marks of Mission and the early Church.

The following days are being proposed as *possible* study group times. A sheet at the back of each centre is provided for people to express interest.

Cost for this year's study is **\$10**.

TUESDAY	AM	EVENING
WEDNESDAY		PM
THURSDAY		PM
FRIDAY		PM
SATURDAY	AM	

Location and times will depend on responses.

LLEN Program

We are delighted to welcome to the Parish Centre each Wednesday morning the LLEN program run in conjunction with the State Government and the Gisborne Secondary College.

Year 10 students who are vulnerable or at risk of dropping out will be part of the program. They will be utilising the former office space of the Vicar, and the kitchen area.

LLEN? Local Learning and Employment Network

PARISH ANIMAL WELFARE GROUP MEETING: Sunday March 15th, after worship at Church of the Resurrection. Focus will be event planning. All Welcome. Janine McDougall, Co-convenor, Parish Animal Welfare Group.

MISSION LUNCH: Sunday March 1, 12.30pm at Riddells Creek Hotel. Reminder - it is important to book with Rosemary if you wish to come.

SPECIAL REQUEST from Anglicare, Broadmeadows: Any children's books - any age - for refugee children. Books can be left with Fr. Dennis or at Macedon for Rosemary to pick up.

BOOKBINDER: Does anyone know of a bookbinder as our lectionary and Bible are in great need of repair to the spines. Contact Lorna.

Maintenance at Properties

The protocol for approving minor works or matters that effect 'safety' to be referred to the respective Warden.

Church Warden for Gisborne – Tony Woodgate

Church Warden for Macedon – Alison Kitching

Church Warden for Riddell and Op Shops – Mary Duggan

ANZAC Day

Volunteers are required to assist the Church of Resurrection Ladies' Guild stall next to the Trading Post.

This includes setting up, running and packing the stalls as well as any food, craft and plant contributions you can make.

Please email the office if you are able to help, even if only half an hour!

Autumnal Visitors

Over the 'season' we will need occasional help policing the car park (bottom paddock) at the Church of the Resurrection.

More details next week.

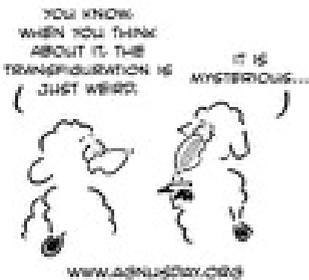
Quiet Days

Each fourth Thursday the Parish intentionally opens Church of the Resurrection (even months) and St John's (odd months) for quiet prayer and reflection. There are some days that will be a structured program, and they will be advertised in advance.

Next Thursday Church of the Resurrection will be open for quiet on the first day after Ash Wednesday. It is also the feast of George Herbert. Some of Herbert's poems and hymns will be on a sheet for quiet time reflection.

Do drop in. Doors open from 9 am.

Fr Dennis will be at the Church (subject to Jetstar getting him back from Tasmania).



**Eleventh Annual
Peter Barcham Memorial Lecture**

**Have the agencies of the Churches'
community services outgrown
their faith-based parents?**

Presented by

Bronwyn Pike
C.E.O. of Uniting Vic./Tas. and
former Victorian Government Minister.



**Gisborne Uniting Church
23 Brantome Street, Gisborne.**

Monday, 24th February, 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

***Free admission *Supper served**
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