



ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
**GISBORNE**  
MACEDON | RIDDELLS CREEK | GISBORNE



Transfiguration:  
the last Sunday after Epiphany

February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

St John's Riddells Creek

5.30 pm

Church of the Resurrection

10.30 am

*The 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 sidespersons.

### Today's worship

Focus questions on today's readings:

1. When was the last time you were in awe of God? Describe that experience.
2. What conditions allow you to best hear from God?
3. How do you respond to change?
4. What traditions do you have for celebrating momentous occasions in your family, church, or community?
5. How do you incorporate pauses in your life?

For further reflection:

“One of the greatest gifts from God is the eternal perspective. It is a level of fearlessness, a level of understanding where one can experience even emotional harmony with God.” — Criss Jami

“Why did I pray? A strange question. Why did I live? Why did I breathe?” — Elie Wiesel

“You can change the place you live, your clothes, your interests, your friends, your religion and even your partner. However, if you forgot to change your mind, attitude, beliefs about the world, how you treat people and how you plan to be different this time around, why did you even bother?” — Shannon L. Alder

“We often need to lose sight of our priorities in order to see them.” — John Irving  
United Churches of Christ: Weekly Seeds

### Readings:

This Sunday:	2 Kings 2.1-12	Psalm 50.1-6
	2 Corinthians 4.3-12	Mark 9.2-9
Next Sunday:	Genesis 9.8-17	Psalm 25.1-10
LENT 1B	1 Peter 3.18-22	Mark 1.9-15

### 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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## The Gathering of God's People

Christ upon the mountain peak  
stands alone in glory blazing  
let us if we dare to speak  
join the saints and angels praising —  
Alleluia!

Swift the cloud of glory came,  
God proclaiming in its thunder  
Jesus as the Son by name!  
Nations cry aloud in wonder—  
Alleluia!

Trembling at his feet we saw  
Moses and Elijah speaking:  
all the Prophets and the Law  
Shout through them their joyful greeting —  
Alleluia!

This is God's beloved Son;  
Law and Prophets sing before him,  
First and Last, and only One:  
let creation now adore him —  
Alleluia!

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Brian Arthur Wren | Sydney Hugo Nicholson

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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.**

*The Presider welcomes the people*

**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.**

We have come together as God's family  
to pray for the recovery of the unity of Christ's Church  
and for the renewal of our common life.

The Lord is full of gentleness and compassion.

In penitence and faith let us ask his forgiveness of our sins.

You gather the peace of God into the peace of God's kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
✠ forgive us our sins  
and make us holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray:

Glorious God, on the holy mountain  
you unveiled the splendour of your only Son

in whom is the fullness of the Law and prophets.  
Shine in the heart of your people  
and fan the flame in them  
the gifts of your Holy Spirit,  
that what they have heard and seen  
they may go out and proclaim  
as witnesses to the good news of your glory  
in Jesus Christ, who lives for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Ministry of the Word

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

*All sit for the Reading appointed.*

### 2 Kings 2.1-12

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

### Psalm 30

Be ex - al - -ted, O God, a - -bove the  
heav'ns! Let your glo - ry ov - er all the earth be found.

The Mighty One, God the Lord,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.

Our God comes, and does not keep silence,  
before whom is a devouring fire,  
round about whom is a mighty storm.  
God calls to the heaven above and to the earth,  
that the people may be judged.

'Gather to me, my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!  
The heavens declare God's righteousness,  
for he himself is judge!

Jane Marshall  
1924—

Psalm text from USA United Methodist Liturgical Psalter (1989) alt.  
2 Corinthians 4:3-12

*We greet the Gospel:*

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord  
No one comes to the Father except through me  
**Alleluia!**

*The reader says*

The Lord is here!

**God's Spirit is with us!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

Mark 9.2-9

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

*After the Gospel, the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

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

Breaking Open the Word

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was 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 again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in 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.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God:  
✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

*At the end of the prayers, we are invited to 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.**

The Greeting of Peace

God has made us one in Christ.

**He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.**

cf 2 Corinthians 1.22

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

The Offertory

*A reminder that we are not permitted to pass the Offertory Plate during the COVID-19 Summer protocols. Please place your gifts in the bowls adjacent to the entrance.*

Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire  
With splendor He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place

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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.

**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.**

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.**

*We follow the narrative of sacrifice through the scriptures:*

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

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.

And so, with joy, we echo on earth  
the song of the angels of heaven  
as they praise your glory without end:

**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 recall your call to remember your Passion:*

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
He took the bread, and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood,  
the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

*Obedying his command*

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts

may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

*We ask for the Holy Spirit to sanctify us and this celebration*

Pour your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and ever.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

*The priest breaks the bread. One of the following may be said.*

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.**

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 not the table of the Church, but of the Lord.

All are welcome at his supper. Come.

*Communion is received in one kind only today.*

Music during Communion at the Church of Resurrection:

Oculi nostri, Berthier. (Be Still and Know 144)

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious God,  
you feed us in this sacrament  
with the body and blood of Christ.  
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.

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

Holy Father, God of might,  
throned amid the hosts of light,  
take our life, our strength, our love,  
King of earth and heaven above.

Hear the songs your people raise,  
songs of joyful thanks and praise,  
calling all created things  
to adore you, King of kings.

Christ, be with us as we go,  
let this blind world see and know,  
burning in our lives, the sight  
of its only saving light.

So will all exalt your name,  
and your kingship all proclaim,  
heaven and earth in unity  
praise the blessed Trinity.

Richard Connolly (b. 1927)  
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## Dismissal

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,  
that your lives may be a light to the world:  
and the blessing of God most loving,  
the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be with us all, ever more. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

**Postlude at Church of the Resurrection  
Johann Krieger, Praeludium**

**Diary for this coming week**

Later today:		<b>Parish Council, St Paul's Gisborne, 2.30 pm.</b>	
Mon	Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	St Paul's Play Group resumes
		1.30 pm	Card Group
Tues	Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	LLEN Bullengarook SS, Parish Centre
		10 am	St Paul's Play Group
		2.30 pm	Parish Council Executive
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>			
	Feb 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	LLEN Gisborne SC, Parish Centre
		10 am	Eucharist, St Paul's, Gisborne
		5.30 pm	Eucharist, St John's, Riddells Creek
		7.30 pm	Eucharist, Church of the Resurrection
Thurs	Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Bus Ministry resumes
		7 pm	AA, Parish Centre
Sat	Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	9 am	KYB4M
		5.30 pm	Eucharist, St John's Riddells Creek
Sun	Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	9 am	Eucharist, St Paul's Gisborne
		10.30 am	Eucharist and Baptism, Macedo

**Rosters and COVID-19 restrictions.**

Rosters for all three centres are now available. If you need to make a change, please let your centre co-ordinator know, and also, the Parish Office. A note regarding hospitality: tea and coffee can now be served. Bishop Brad Billings, Episcopate of Monmeath, has provided the following update:

### Masks indoors

Masks are once again mandatory indoors.

### Food and refreshments

We can have morning teas and meals at church but no sharing utensils, no self-service of food or drink.

### Ash Wednesday

For the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, we encourage masks to be worn, similar to the distribution of communion.

### Holy Communion

Holy communion remains in one kind (bread) or wine in individual cups or a drop safely placed on each wafer. We expect the sharing of a common cup to be prohibited for a long time to come.

### Collection plate

A collection plate handed round becomes a commonly touched surface. We recommend having the plate available at entry or on the way to communion and that people sanitise hands after handling cash.

+ Bradly Billings,

Episcopate of Monmeath, Diocese of Melbourne.

### Bus Ministry

The bus timetable will resume on February 18th, COVID-19 protocols permitting.

### KYB4M (know your bible for men)

The next series starts - 9am Saturday Feb 20 - Parish Centre

*Jesus of Nazareth - God's man or God as man?*

First and Third Saturdays of the month 9 am. to 10 am.

All welcome. Enquiries Peter Davies 0429 931 738

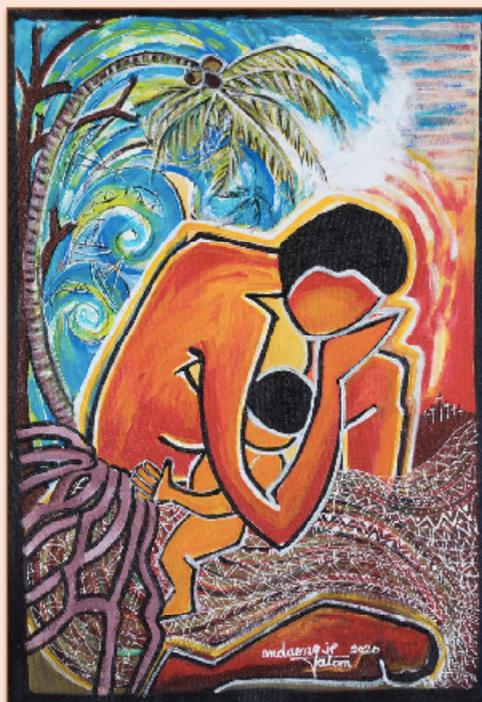
### Lenten Appeal Envelopes

ABM Lenten envelopes will be distributed shortly. Please remember to place your contribution to our mission partner in with your normal offertory.

We continue to pray for our partners in mission in Myanmar (Burma) and on the Thai/Burma border.

# Pray for Vanuatu

World Day of Prayer Service 2021



**Date:** March 5th, 2021

**Time:** 10 am

**Location:** St Paul's Anglican Church,  
32 Fisher Street,  
Gisborne

**Contact person:** Elaine Millar  
c/- 5428 4038

## LENT AND CREATION: OUR MACEDON RANGES KANGAROOS:

This coming week marks the beginning of Lent. During Lent, our Parish Animal Welfare Group invites us to honestly and prayerfully reflect upon our relationship with God's good creation.

### **Do our choices mirror caring stewardship and respect for non-human creation?**

An issue of local resonance is the State Government's increase in the Kangaroo Harvesting Program Quota by 37,780 kangaroos to 95,680, despite enormous bushfire population loss in 2019/2020 and biological science credibly challenging the accuracy of the government's population survey.

This program makes available extra meat for human consumption, thereby increasing the demand for kangaroo carcasses. This commercial killing of kangaroos occurs at night without any on-site monitoring, resulting in orphaned baby joeys being bludgeoned to death or left to fend for themselves. There is also the potential for 'bad kills' where kangaroos escape injured.

In addition to the increased cruelty, hunting will pressure our local wildlife rescuers from the Macedon Ranges Wildlife Network (MRWN).

Please consider MRWN's appeal to write to the state government urging it to reverse its decision.

In keeping with the Lenten fasting tradition, you may also wish to consider the option of refraining from the consumption of kangaroo meat.

Janine Mc Dougall,  
Co-convenor, Parish Animal Welfare Group  
<https://www.mrwn.org.au>.



For your diary

FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT RESURRECTION (FOMAR)

**SERAPHIM TRIO**

**MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>**

**LLEN Program**

As part of Project Ready, the LLEN (Local Learning Employment Network) will be basing two programs at the Parish Centre during the year. On Tuesday we welcome Kerri who will be leading the Sunbury and Macedon Ranges Specialist School (Bullengarook campus).

On Wednesday, Jane Williams will lead the Gisborne Secondary College. Both groups will be using the middle rooms, and the kitchen area. Please pray for Kerri and Jane in their leadership and the young people who are entrusted to their care.

**Baptism**

We welcome today at Saint Paul's Charlie Jack Young, son of Bec and Clinton Young, and brother of Isabella. We also congratulate Fr Alan on his first baptism.

**Lenten Study**

Following the first Sunday of Lent, Lenten Studies will be offered both on line and in person (ZOOM).

The text for this year is *It's all about Hope* by Christopher Monaghan CP. Chris, a Passionist priest, is the head of the Yarra Theological School, and is an excellent communicator and scholar in the field of the Gospels. During this weekly program, you are invited to 'journey' through the Gospels of the Sundays of Lent towards the Resurrection and beyond. Cost for the book is \$10. Booking a spot (time/day to be negotiated) – Emmaus page.

Suggested times: Tuesday afternoon; Wednesday afternoon or after Church; Thursday evening, Friday.

Please express your preference by emailing the Office  
gisborneparish@bigpond.com

**Child Safety Compliance**

The Government has tweaked some aspects of the volunteer and employee compliance requirements. Over the next few weeks the Parish will be required to follow up on Working with Children checks. More details to come.