



ANGLICAN PARISH OF
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Easter 2
7 April, 2024
St Paul's Gisborne Sunday 10 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 welcomers.

A note from your Acting Vicar

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is good to be again ministering among you. So much seems to have happened in the parish since I went to care for the parish of Melton about twelve months ago. There is much gratitude in my heart for our associate clergy, Debra, Graham, David, Charles and Warren, who have done so much to help this parish through some difficult times recently. I am also thankful for the efforts of so many parishioners who have put in extra effort to keep things running smoothly. It is appreciated that many of you are feeling tired; nevertheless, I will remind you that the Lord will provide you with what you need and not ask of you more than you can give.

In the face of considerable personal challenges, our church wardens, Brett and Marilyn, continue to offer extraordinary service to this parish. I was saddened to see John Lee Tet has resigned as Vicar's warden after several years of excellent assistance. Mrs Ann Sowden is my nominee to fill the vacancy.

My letter of appointment is for three days a week, which the wardens have agreed shall be (usually) Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. It is my intention that in most weeks, I will preside at the Wednesday and Sunday morning Eucharists, and be in the parish centre 9.30 to 2.30 on Thursdays. I also will attempt to be at the afternoon service at St John's on the second and fourth Sundays. Being a half-time appointment, unfortunately, leaves little time for regular pastoral visiting; however if you have a particular need do not hesitate at all to ask me for a visit. Acting Vicars are not meant, usually, to make major changes, so do not expect much different to the past. A change that I am making is to revert to two Sunday morning services, 9.00 am at St Paul's and 10.30 am at CoR. Please be patient with me as I reacquaint myself with the parish and establish a new working regime. Every blessing Fr Alan.

Today's Readings:

Easter 2	Acts 4.32 - 37	Psalm 133
	1 John 1.1-2.2	John 20.19 - 31

Next Week's Readings:

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

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Gathering Hymn

TIS 596

1. Fill my whole life, O Lord my God,
in every part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
your being and your ways.

2. Not for the lip of praise alone
nor ev'n the praising heart
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in every part:

3. Praise in the common things of life,
its goings out and in;
praise in each duty and each deed,
however small and mean.

4. Fill every part of me with praise:
let all my being speak
of you and of your love, O Lord,
poor though I be and weak.

5. So shall you, Lord receive from me
the praise and glory due;
and so shall I begin on earth
the song for ever new.

6. So shall no part of day and night
from sacredness be free;
but with you, Lord, in every step
my fellowship will be.

Horatius Bonar 1808-89 alt.

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.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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.**

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
with a sincere and a true heart.

You bid us to be reconciled before we come to your altar:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

On the cross you asked forgiveness for sinners:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You give to your Church the ministry of reconciliation.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

President

May Almighty God have mercy on us,
✠ forgive us our sins
and lead us into life everlasting.
In Jesus name. 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,
whose absence leaves us in despair
but whose presence is overwhelming:
breathe on us with your abundant life,
that where we cannot see
we may have courage to believe
that we may be raised with you. **Amen.**

Bountiful God,
give to this parish a faithful pastor
who will faithfully speak 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 to us give warm and generous hearts,
for Jesus Christ's sake. **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 4, beginning at verse 32

Acts 4.32-37

After the Lesson, the reader says

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

1 Praise the Lord, O sing praises, you that are his servants:
O praise the name of the Lord.

2 Let the name of the Lord be blessed:
from this time forward and for ever.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down:
let the name of the Lord be praised.

4 The Lord is exalted over all the nations:
and his glory is above the heavens.
5 Who can be likened to the Lord our God:
in heaven or upon the earth,
6 Who has his dwelling so high:
yet condescends to look on things beneath?
7 He raises the lowly from the dust:
and lifts the poor from out of the dungheap;
8 He gives them a place among the princes:
even among the princes of his people.
9 He causes the barren woman to keep house:
and makes her a joyful mother of children.
Praise the Lord.

A reading from the first letter of John

John 1.1-2.2

After the Lesson, the reader says

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Please stand to greet the Gospel:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 20, beginning at verse 19

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 20.19-31

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.

The response to "...and, in your mercy" is
"hear our prayer".

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

**Almighty God,
you have renewed us in the death and resurrection of your Son,
and made us living stones called to be your temple in the world.
Give us the strength of stone to keep hold of Easter joy,
and the endurance of rock to stay faithful to our baptism.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Hymn, our gifts of bread, wine and money are collected and then offered at the Altar.

Offertory Hymn

TiS 363

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 My daughters and my sons hear tell -
The king of heaven, the glorious king
is risen today from death and hell.

Alleluia, alleluia.

2 Now Mary and Salome come
to show their last love for their friend,
and fit his body for the tomb.

Alleluia, alleluia.

3 Amazed, they hear the angel's word,
whose shining form confronts their fear,
'In Galilee you'll find your Lord!'

Alleluia, alleluia.

4 His followers huddle in despair,
when suddenly he's in the room
saying, 'My peace is yours to share.'

Alleluia, alleluia.

5 But Thomas, lonely in his grief,
hears only later, 'He is risen',
and simply cannot find belief.

Alleluia, alleluia.

6 'Look, Thomas, see my wounded side.
Reach out, and touch my feet and hands,
then dare believe that I'm alive.'

Alleluia, alleluia.

7 And now he knows it is the Lord.
He sees the hands, the feet, the side.
He cries for joy 'You are my God!'

Alleluia, alleluia.

8 How happy those who come to faith,
although they have not seen the Lord
for they shall have eternal life -

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jean Tisserand, d. 1494
tr Janet Wootton, 1952-

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.

We give you thanks and praise
for the gospel we have received.
Christ died for our sins. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Death comes to all through Adam,
and sin reigns for a time.
New life without end comes through Christ,
and he reigns for ever. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your sting?
Death is swallowed up in victory,
the victory you give us in Christ. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We have been crucified with Christ,
and live his risen life,
to praise you for ever with angels and archangels:
**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 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.

Why do we share this bread and wine?

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.'

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.
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 invitation to communion is given in these words.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Come, this is the table, not of the Church but of the Lord.
All are welcome to his table. Alleluia!
Draw near with faith! Come.

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

TiS 379

1 He is risen, he is risen!
Tell it with a joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison,
let the whole wide earth rejoice.
Death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.

2 Come with high and holy gladness,
sing our Lord's triumphant song:
not one touch of twilight sadness
dims his resurrection morn;
brightly dawns the radiant east,
brighter far our Easter feast.

3 He is risen, he is risen!
he has opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
soon a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.

Blessing and Dismissal

Go now, sent by the one who was sent by God.

Walk in the light;

testify to the resurrection of Christ;

forgive the sins of all,

and live at peace with one another.

And the blessing of God most gracious be with you:

✠ the Father bless you with life forever;

may Christ Jesus breathe his Spirit and peace into you;

and may the Holy Spirit lead you into the life and light of God.

Nettleton, 2003 alt

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Fanfare, Kenneth Leighton



SUNDAY ARVO @5 IS MOVING

As the afternoons close in with winter approaching, our all-age, relaxed service of worship held at St John's, Riddells Creek will move to 4pm from Sunday, 5th May. All are still welcome!

WORKING BEE

There will be a working bee at Church of the Resurrection on **Saturday 13 April from 9am to noon**, with morning tea provided.



ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION

Working for Love, Hope & Justice

Easter 2 B

– Sunday 7 April 2024

- Acts 4.32-37; Psalm 133;
1 John 1.1 – 2.2; John 20.19-31

On this Sunday some years ago, I celebrated the eucharist for Iranian Christians in a refugee detention centre. The doors were locked because we had been made afraid of them. This place of torture was designed to keep out all signs of hope and compassion. But guards and razor wire could not keep the risen Lord out. Bread was broken Christ had risen and was present with the world's most vulnerable people.

- We pray for refugees, that that may find a safe home.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of those people and organisations who help refugees and asylum seekers

Text: Archdeacon Rod Bower, Director of Mission, Diocese of Newcastle
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The ABM Easter gift is supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Anglicans as they witness the good news of Jesus Christ.

PARISH ANIMAL WELFARE GROUP MEETING:

Our Parish Animal Welfare Group will be meeting today, **Sunday April 7**, over lunch at Riddells Creek Pub, 12.30 to plan our activities for this year. Table booked for usual attendees but please let Janine Mc Dougall (withgrace@bigpond.com) know if you wish to join us and we may be able to squeeze you in.



ANZAC DAY

Let's We Forget

POST ANZAC DAY STALL

Our “Post Anzac Day Stall” will be held on **Saturday the 11th of April from 9.00am – 1.00pm** next to the Trading Post, 690 Mount Macedon Road, Mount Macedon

We have decided that Anzac Day poses too many parking and safety issues to continue on that date and seek parish support for this much needed fund-raising event.

Please prepare cakes, jams and preserves and plants to sell on the day.

Cake plates may be distributed a week or two before the date and if you need jars please contact Alison.

Many thanks in anticipation of your generous support as always.

MISSION LUNCH

Rosemary and Popsy will be hosting a parish mission lunch at the Riddells Creek Hotel on Sunday, 5th May. Proceeds from the lunch and associate raffle will support the work of Anglicare. Further details to follow - keep the date.



Love warm evenings
in front of the fire ?

We have wood
FOR SALE!

Make an offer to
Brett or Marilyn.

Parish Directory

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