



ANGLICAN PARISH OF
GISBORNE
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Second Sunday of Lent

25th February, 2024

St Paul's, Gisborne 10am

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. You are invited to join us in Holy Communion, whether you are a visitor or a regular parishioner of the Anglican Church. Please make yourself known to us and if you would like more information about our community and ministry, please visit our website or ask one of our parishioners.

Lent

The season of Lent, observed in various Christian denominations, marks a period of reflection, repentance, and spiritual preparation leading up to Easter. It lasts for forty days, symbolizing Jesus Christ's forty days of fasting in the wilderness. During Lent, believers engage in practices such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, seeking to deepen their relationship with God and grow in spiritual discipline. It's a time to confront personal shortcomings, embrace simplicity, and focus on the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus. Through introspection and penance, Christians aim to renew their faith and emerge spiritually refreshed for the celebration of Easter.

Readings:

This Sunday:	Genesis 17.1-7,15-16	Psalms 22. 24-31
LENT 2B	Romans 4.13-25	Mark 8.31-38
Next Sunday:	Exodus 20.1-17	Psalms 19
LENT 3B	1 Corinthians 1.18-25	John 2.13-22

PARISH FIRE POLICY

If a **CATASTROPHIC** day is declared [this is the most extreme rating] and this occurs on a 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 the People

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1. God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your Church's story,
bring the bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

2. See the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the living of these days.

3. Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick 1878-1969 alt.

✠ Bless the Lord who forgives our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Confession and Absolution

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

The Prayer of the Day (Collect)

God of all times and places,
in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross,
you opened for us the path to eternal life:
grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully
serve you in newness of life
and faithfully walk in your holy ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Ministry of the Word

The people sit for the reading/s from the scriptures.

First Lesson: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

After the Lesson, the reader says

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

Psalm 22 will not be read here as Fr Graham will be preaching on this psalm.

Second Lesson: Romans 4. 13-25

After the Lesson, the reader says

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

The people stand and the following may be sung for the gospel procession.



The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

The people remain standing and the appointed minister proclaims the gospel, first saying

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

✠Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 8: 31-38

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking open the Word

A Reflection on Psalm 22

Part I - V: 1-21

Lament and Supplication - The Power of Darkness

V. 1-2

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me:
why are you so far from helping me
and from the words of my groaning?

My God, I cry to you by day, but you do not answer:
and by night also I take no rest.

V. 3-8

But you continue holy:

you that are the praise of Israel.

In you our forebears trusted:

they trusted, and you delivered them;

To you they cried and they were saved:

they put their trust in you and were not confounded.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man:

the scorn of all and despised by the people.

Those that see me laugh me to scorn:
they shoot out their lips at me
and wag their heads, saying,
'He trusted in the Lord—let him deliver him:
let him deliver him, if he delights in him.'

V. 9-13

But you are he that took me out of the womb:
that brought me to lie at peace on my mother's breast.
On you have I been cast since my birth:
you are my God, even from my mother's womb.
O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand:
and there is none to help.
Many oxen surround me:
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.
They gape wide their mouths at me:
like lions that roar and rend.

V. 14-18

I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint:
my heart within my breast is like melting wax.
My mouth is dried up like a potsherd:
and my tongue clings to my gums.
My hands and my feet are withered:
and you lay me in the dust of death.
For many dogs are come about me:
and a band of evildoers hem me in.
I can count all my bones:
they stand staring and gazing upon me.

V. 19-21

They part my garments among them:
and cast lots for my clothing.
O Lord, do not stand far off:
you are my helper, hasten to my aid.
Deliver my body from the sword:
my life from the power of the dogs;

Part 2 - V: 22-31

Praise and Thanksgiving and the spread of Joy

V. 22-26

O save me from the lion's mouth:
and my afflicted soul from the horns of the wild oxen.
I will tell of your name to my companions:
in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.
O praise the Lord, all you that fear him:
hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob,
and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.
For he has not despised nor abhorred
the poor man in his misery:
nor did he hide his face from him,
but heard him when he cried.
From you springs my praise in the great congregation:
I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;

V. 27-32

The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—
may their hearts rejoice for ever!
Let all the ends of the earth remember
and turn to the Lord:
and let all the families of the nations worship before him.
For the kingdom is the Lord's:
and he shall be ruler over the nations.
How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:
or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?
But he has saved my life for himself:
and my posterity shall serve him.
This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:
and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

Following the sermon a short period of silence is observed.

The people stand and a minister introduces an Affirmation of Faith

Let us together affirm our faith.

**We believe in one God, creator of all life,
maker of past, present and future.
Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's Word of grace, and love made flesh,
who came to declare good news to those in despair,
to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor,
to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.**

**We believe in God's Holy Spirit,
who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again,
who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage,
who resurrects us to new life.**

**We believe that the Church is of God
and will endure to the end of time,
and calls us into a life of love and service.**

**Blessed is our God:
✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The response to "God of hope, in your mercy," is
"hear our prayer".

At the end of the prayers, we are invited to pray together:

**Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace and Offertory

All stand for the Greeting of Peace with these words.

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Refrain

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, let me bring your light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

The gifts of the people are presented and the Presider says

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.

**Creator God, we pray you to fashion our lives
in the likeness of Christ,
whose table we share
and of whose life we partake.**

We ask this through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing and the Presider says

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

He was tempted in every way as we are,
yet he did not sin.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,

he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

By his grace we are able
to triumph over every evil,
and to walk in the way of his love.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.]

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them

may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'
After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

The memorial acclamation is used here or below.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

The memorial acclamation may be used here.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

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

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 Bread and the Communion

The Presider says

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.
Happy are those called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

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

The Sending Out of God's People

The Presider says a post-communion prayer.

God of mercy,
may we who have shared in this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring your reconciliation to others,
and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

**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.**

A hymn of Thanksgiving is sung:

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'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said,
'if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart
and humbly follow after me.'

Take up your cross, then, in his strength
and calmly every danger brave;
it guides you to a better home
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross: let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still:
your Lord refused not even to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Charles William Everest 1814-77 alt.

Notices may follow.

The Presider says a prayer over the people in place of the usual blessing during Lent.

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,
that you may find in him crucified,
a sure ground for faith,
affirm support for hope,
and the assurance of sin forgiven. **Amen.**

A minister says

We go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen.



ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION

Working for Love, Hope & Justice

Lent 2 B

– Sunday 25 February 2024

- Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22.24-32;
Romans 4.13-25; Mark 8.31-38 or Mark 9.2-9

There is Abraham and Sarah in the retirement village when God totally disrupts their plans. It's never too late to act in faith. Abraham and Sarah are such extraordinary examples of faithfulness that St Paul refers to them in his letter to the Romans as a model of faith. When it comes to faith there is no retirement age.

- We pray for older people that their faith may be an inspiration to all.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

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Sunday Services for Lent 3

Sunday March 3rd

10.00 am Church of the Resurrection

5.00 pm Sunday Arvo @ 5, St John's Riddells Creek

Our Sunday Arvo intergenerational service is inspiring – all are welcome, come and join us and bring a friend!

Know your Bible for Men - New Study - Gospel of Luke

KYBM commences on the first Saturday in March (2nd) with the book of Luke.

Luke was reported to be a historian, theologian, physician, and gifted writer. Luke wanted to know about Jesus with certainty. Our studies will continue on the first and third Saturday each month 9 am to 10 am at the Parish Centre. All welcome. Any enquiries to Peter Davies 0429 931 738.

Transport for Paul on Sundays

We would like to set up a roster to provide Paul with transport to the morning service each Sunday. At present the morning service is at 10.00am and alternating between St Paul's and the Church of the Resurrection. Paul lives in New Gisborne. Please let Vicki in the office know if you are able to provide Paul with transport and indicate which Sunday/s would suit you.

Fr Dennis' Induction

**Fr Dennis' induction
will take place on
February 27th at 7.30pm
at St Peter's by the Lake
35 Newlands Drive
Paynesville Vic 3880**

Jim Lindsay has kindly organised the bus which will be leaving St Paul's at 10.00am on Tuesday 27th February and returning around 3.00pm on Wednesday 28th February.

At the moment the bus is full but you are welcome to put your name on a waiting list should anyone be unable to attend.

Accommodation is available at the Main Motel in Bairnsdale at reasonable rates.

Arranging accommodation will be the responsibility of the individual travelling.

There will be a pre-service dinner in Paynesville followed by the service at 7.30pm.

If you are interested, please contact Jim Lindsay on 0419 132 291.

Lent Studies

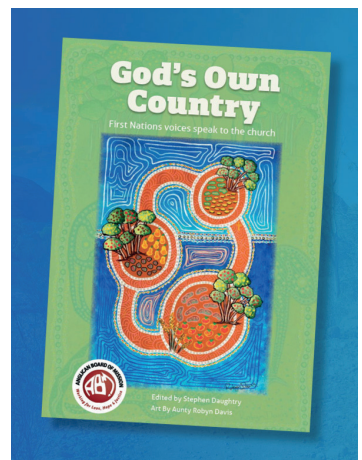
**It's not too late to JOIN US!
Wednesdays and Thursdays.**

Our Lent Study Book for this Year is called:
God's Own Country - a study based on the seven days of creation

It's \$12 to buy a copy OR \$9 if you would like the online version. Please contact Brett on
Email: brett.collins@perfection.org.au or by
mobile: 0400 877 018

When and where are we meeting?

Wednesday's In the Parish Centre from 2.00pm
Thursday Night's online beginning at 7.30pm
Zoom link is required (contact office or Brett).





Congratulations Rev'd Charles!

Rev'd Charles completed his ride last Sunday! We are so grateful that he so generously donated his sponsorship money for parish use. Fr Charles raised \$1,468.00 so far. We are, as always, most thankful for the generosity of Parishioners.

The World Day of Prayer at Churches of Christ on 1st March

This annual prayer service will be held this year at Church of Christ, Saunders Road, New Gisborne commencing at 10am. The service is held in over 170 countries on the first Friday of March each year. This year the Palestinian women have written the service and invite us all to pray for peace, justice and freedom of religion and movement. Their theme is based on Ephesians 4:1-7. We would like as many as possible to attend from our parish. Last year only one Anglican attended, so let's try and improve on this number in 2024! If you can manage to attend, Elaine Millar would appreciate a call from you on 0437 040 350.

World Day of Prayer 2024
Palestine

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