



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

3 April 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Parish
Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to online and in person worship today. Next week is Palm Sunday and we then journey together in Holy Week towards the great celebration of our faith – Easter Day – the day of Resurrection! It seems to me that the scriptures have had a constant theme this Lenten season – RETURN TO THE LORD. For Paul in today's passage from his letter to the Philippians there is no doubt that the only thing of any value is 'knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.' Everything else is loss! May we together in this last part of Lent do as Paul did and 'press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.' Part of this is to recognise God's actions in our world today and like Mary in the Gospel passage bless them – get on-board with them! It's worth remembering that hands and feet were seen in the ancient Mediterranean world as representing action -- action with intent. While the Gospel of Mark's account of this story has the woman anointing Jesus' person, and by extension his actions, in John's story the woman is declaring Jesus' actions, Jesus' mission in the world, as anointed by God, and by extension his person. If we believe that God is at work in the world, after all -- if we want to anoint Jesus' feet, his action out there -- then we need to be looking for evidence of Jesus' work in the world. For if we look for and bless what Jesus is doing in the world, and as surely as Jesus is Lord of history, we will see the world healing, growing, and changing. Thanks be to God!

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

Sentence:

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. Psalm 126.6

Prayer of the Day

O God, the Redeemer of all who trust in you: heed the cry of your people, and deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 43.16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Psalm: 126

- ¹ When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:
then were we like those restored to life.
- ² Then was our mouth filled with laughter:
and our tongue with singing.
- ³ Then said they among the heathen:
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- ⁴ Truly the Lord has done great things for us:
and therefore we rejoiced.
- ⁵ Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:
as the streams return to the dry south.
- ⁶ Those who sow in tears:
shall reap with songs of joy.
- ⁷ They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:
shall come again in gladness, bringing their sheaves with them.

Second Reading: Philippians 3.3-14

³ For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the

law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 12, verses 1-8

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

For the Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Years Mind

Frances Joyner, Alma Locke, Irene Watson, Anne Johnston, Jess Hodges, Samuel Scott, and Barbara Morris, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Prayer Points

The Church: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Rockhampton (Bp Peter Grice, Clergy & People); Victorian Council of Churches (Dr Graeme Blackman, President, Ian Smith, Executive Officer); All Saints' Greensborough (Julie Blinco-Smith).

The Parish: Pray for the work of the Chinese Sunday School.

The World: Pray for all those who work for international co-operation.

The Nation: Pray for all the homeless and those who live in poverty.

Prayer of the Week

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: we pray that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his presence abiding in us he may raise us to joys eternal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Daily Readings

Monday	Susanna 41b-64	Ps 23	John 8.1-1
Tuesday	Numbers 21.4-9	Ps 102.18-22	John 8.21-30
Wednesday	Daniel 3.14-28	Song of 3YM (<i>APBA p.399</i>)	John 8.31-42
Thursday	Genesis 17.3-9	Ps 105.7-11	John 8.51-59
Friday	Jeremiah 20.10-13	Ps 18.1-7	John 10.31-42
Saturday	Ezekiel 37.21-28	Ps 85.8-13	John 11.45-57



If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing before Thursday at anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Buy and use stainless steel clothes pegs. They don't rust and last for years.

2022 LENTEN STUDY

Lenten Study is continuing this week on Saturday **April 2** at 10.00 – 11.30am

PRAYERS DURING LENT

There will be a special time for prayers during Lent in the church at 9.30-10.00am on Saturday mornings for those who wish to take part.

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

This operetta will be performed at St Peter's on Saturday, May 7 at 2.00pm by the Singularity choir. This will be a chance to have a delightful afternoon's entertainment while raising funds for our parish outreach at the same time. Tickets will be \$20 and available to purchase shortly. Put the date in your diary now! Queries: Hilary Blakeman cchrb@hotmail.com



ST PETERS UNDER COVID19: YEARS OF SORROW, YEARS OF JOY

Coming out of the lockdowns of 2020 and 2021, the book, *Years of Sorrow, Years of Joy*, is a wonderful collection of thought-provoking and enjoyable pieces of writing. It includes reflective and encouraging sermons from the vicar, beautifully written articles on a wide variety of subjects from Sophia Errey, as well as reflections from other parishioners. This was our parish during the time of Covid.

It is available now and will be printed to order. The cost is \$15. To order, simply put your name on the order list at the back of the church.

TESSELAARS BULB DRIVE Don't forget to order your beautiful bulbs before this fundraiser finishes!

It is an online order system. Please chat to Hilary who can order for you if you want. Final orders April 11.

The bulbs are delivered directly to your nominated address. \$6.50 delivery fee
Any queries to Hilary. Phone 0400 635 600 or 9899 7553



THE FIFTH ROBIN SHARWOOD LECTURE IN CHURCH LAW

Wednesday 18 May 2022 | 7.30pm

Law of the State and Religious Institutions. Cause for Concern or Reform?

A review of the impact of the law of the State on religious institutions. The lecture will examine the increasing intrusion of Commonwealth and State laws and the common law on religious institutions, and consider whether this should be cause for concern or an opportunity for reform.

The fifth Robin Sharwood Lecture will be delivered by **Mr Michael Shand AM QC**. Michael Shand has practised at the Bar since 1980 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1997. Mr Shand has served as Chancellor to the Anglican Primate of Australia and Chancellor of the Anglican dioceses of Melbourne and Ballarat. In 2019, Michael was appointed a member of the Order of Australia.

Where: Craig Auditorium, Gateway Building, Trinity College,
100 Royal Parade, Parkville

Light refreshments will be served following the Lecture. Attendance is free of charge but you are asked to register at <https://www.trybooking.com/BXJCF>
Enquiries to E: events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au T: 03 9348 7527 (Trinity College)

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A woman went to the beach with her children. Her four-year-old son ran up to her, grabbed her hand, and led her to the shore where a dead seagull lay in the sand.

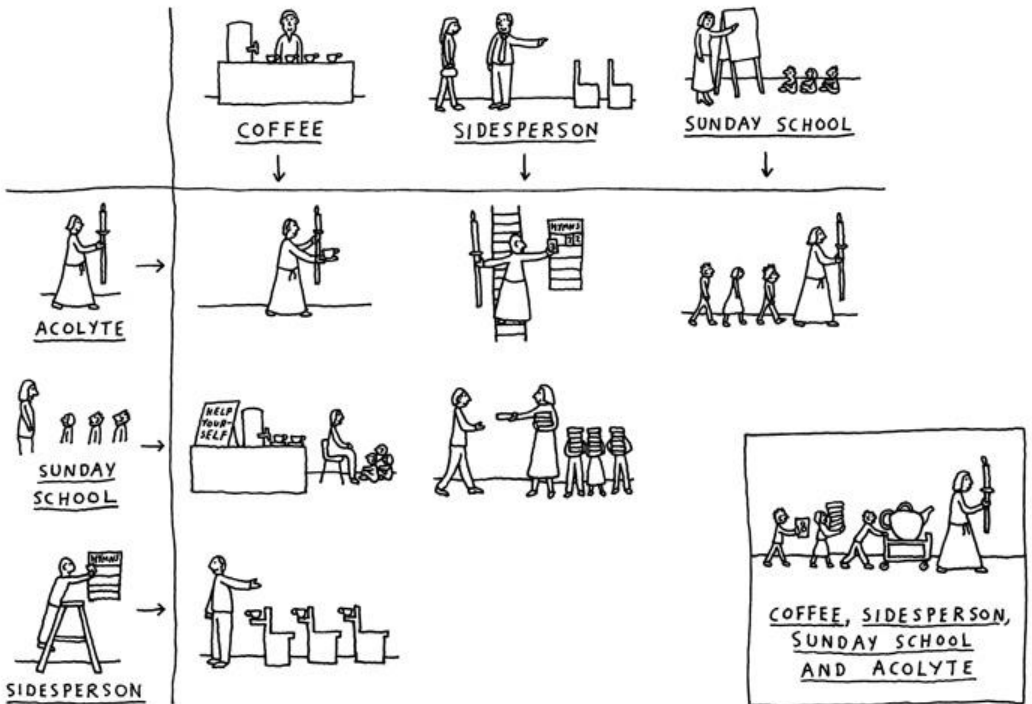
"Mummy, what happened to him?" the little boy asked.

"He died and went to heaven," she replied.

The child thought for a moment and said, "And God threw him back down?"

ROTAS

HOW TO COPE IF YOU ARE ALLOCATED MORE THAN ONE DUTY



Week Ahead

SUN 3.04.22

Fifth Sunday In Lent

8.00am Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist
9.30-11.00am Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*
11.30am Mandarin service
2.30pm Dinka service
2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin,
St Aidan's

MON 4.04.22

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*
6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

TUES 5.04.22

9.00-1.00am Men at Work
8.30am-12.30pm Office open
6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 6.04.22

10.30am Eucharist
10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*
7.30pm Eucharist
8.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 7.04.22

10.00am-2.00pm Office open
9.30-11.30 Play Group, *hall*
6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 8.04.22

7.30am Eucharist
5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 9.04.21

9.30-10.00am Prayers in church
10.00-11.30am Lenten study, *U/croft*
10am-1.30pm Saturday School, *hall* and
Undercroft

SUN 10.04.22

Palm Sunday

8.00am Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist
9.30-11.00am Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*
11.30am Mandarin service
2.30pm Dinka service
2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin,
St Aidan's

For the Diary

April 10

Palm Sunday
Bishop Genieve preaching

14 April MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm Celebration of the Last Supper,
and stripping of the altar

15 April GOOD FRIDAY

9.30am Liturgy of the Cross & Passion.
7.30pm Chinese Good Friday Service

17 April EASTER DAY

6.00am Lighting of New Fire,
Renewal of Baptismal Vows
& First Eucharist of Easter
9.30am Celebration Easter Eucharist
11.30am Chinese Easter Service
2.00pm Dinka Easter service

April 30 Sat

Flute Guild concert 3.00-5.30pm

May 7

Pirates of Penzance
Performance at St Peter's, 2.00pm

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OUR INFORMATION

FIRST AID KIT – Located in the office and kitchen.

TOILETS – Located in the Church Hall and in the church building through the church doors front right.

WHEELCHAIR – Located in the toilet for the disabled upstairs.

FIRE & EMERGENCY – Please make yourself aware of the nearest escape route in the event of an emergency or fire.

OH&S – Please ensure that any incidents/accidents are reported to the Vicar or Wardens and incident report completed.



ST PETER'S

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Tues 8.30am – 12.30pm

Thu 10.00am – 2.00pm

Mission Statement

Sharing the Good News

Telling the story afresh

Expressing God's love

Serving the community

Nurturing and sharing faith

Equipping to serve

Vision

To ensure that there continues to be a living, committed, communal Anglican presence of liturgical celebration, nurture and outreach in Box Hill.

Reporting Child Abuse

All child safety concerns must be reported to

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1800 135 246

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St Peter's

Roster for 9.30am service

	Today 3.4.22	Next week 10..3.22
SIDESPEOPLE	Rosemary S, TBA	Dianne A, Ted G
SERVERS	Michele M, Sophia E, <i>Garry M</i>	Judy J, Sophia E, <i>Garry M</i>
READERS	Linda B, Margaret D	Barbara P, Garry P
INTERCESSOR	Michele M	Sophia E
COUNTING	Ted G, Lyn B	Ken McD, Elizabeth B
MORNING TEA	Elizabeth B , Laurence L, Lyn B	Rosemary S , Peter W, Janet H