



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
19 February 2023
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Parish
Link

Fr. Alasdair writes...

Last week we read about, and heard Rev. Anne's reflections upon what it means to follow God's law. This week we take it a step further, reading about not just obeying the dos and don'ts of the law but taking it into our hearts to live the law, and to live the law of love. Leviticus 19: 18 cannot be more plain; *you shall love your neighbour as yourself*. The Psalmist also writes *Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart*. The gospel shows us that to live this love we must live it universally, even to the point of loving our enemies. The reason why we need to do all this is summed up in Leviticus 14; where God says to Moses, concerning the people of Israel, *You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy*. The call is to emulate God in his holiness, to take that holiness upon ourselves and show it to the whole world, through the way we love.

**"BUT I SAY TO
YOU, LOVE
YOUR ENEMIES
AND PRAY FOR
THOSE WHO
PERSECUTE
YOU"**

~matthew 5:44

Hymns: Introit 137 v 1-3, 6 • Psalm 119 • Gradual 614
Offertory 256 • Communion 578 • Final 650

4th Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach

Sentence: 'Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you,' says the Lord. Isaiah 49.15

Prayer of the Day

O God, before whose face we are not made righteous even by being right: free us from the need to justify ourselves by our own anxious striving, that we may be abandoned to faith in you alone; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer at the time of choosing an incumbent: 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 give to us warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

First Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2; 19.9-18

¹ The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ² Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. ⁹ When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰ You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. ¹¹ You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹² And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. ¹³ You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. ¹⁴ You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. ¹⁵ You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. ¹⁷ You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

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

Psalms: 119.33-40

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes: and I will honour it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, that I may keep your law:
that I may keep it with my whole heart.**

³⁵ Guide me in the path of your commandments: for therein is my delight.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to your commands: and not to selfish gain.**

³⁷ Turn away my eyes from looking on vanities:

as I walk in your way give me life.

**38 Make good your promise to your servant:
the promise that endures for all who fear you.**

39 Turn aside the taunts that I dread:
for your judgements are very good.

40 Lord, I long for your precepts: in your righteousness give me life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3.10-17

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw — ¹³ the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. ¹⁴ If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If the work is burned, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire. ¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 5, beginning at Verse 38

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

38 'You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." **39** But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; **40** and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; **41** and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. **42** Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. **43** 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." **44** But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **45** so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. **46** For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? **47** And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? **48** Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully

receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Years Mind

“Billie” Kennedy, Jim Wright, Norman King, Dot Bartlett, Kathleen Garvey, Susan Chamberlain, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer Points

The Church: St John the Divine Croydon (John Webster); The Diocese of Tasmania (Bp Richard Condie, Missioner Bp Chris Jones, Clergy & People); Ivanhoe Grammar School (Gerard Foley, Principal, John Sanderson, Chaplain)

The Parish: Pray for all those who are grieving or unwell.

The World: Pray for the rescuers and homeless in Turkey and Syria.

The Nation: Pray for our wisdom and tolerance in our federal leaders.

Daily Readings

Monday	Sirach 1.1-10	Ps 93	Mark 9.14-29
Tuesday	Sirach 2.1-11	Ps 37.35-41	Mark 9.30-37
Wednesday	Joel 2.1-2.12-17	Ps 51-1-17	Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30.15-20	Ps 1	Luke 9.22-25
Friday	Isaiah 58.1-9a	Ps 51-15-19	Matthew 9.14-15
Saturday	Isaiah 58.9b-14	Ps 86.1-7	Luke 5.27-32

ABM Pew Reflections

Sometimes, as Christians, we are asked to do what seems to be impossible. At least, what is impossible at first glance. Today, Jesus appears to do just that when at the end of our Gospel reading He says – ‘be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect’. Fortunately, the other readings for today, give us some context about being perfect as God is perfect and in that context the impossible becomes possible. Leviticus urges us to be holy as God is holy by opening space for the poor and the alien. In Corinthians we are urged to build our lives on the foundation that is Christ and making our life work consistent with that foundation. The Gospel goes on to urge us to recognise that none are to be hated for who they are – for God makes his sun rise on the evil and the good. Being perfect doesn’t mean every action and thought is fully heavenly and pure. Rather, in being willing to love our neighbours as God loves them, we take on the perfection that is our heavenly Father • Pray that we will recognise the face of Christ in those who irk us the most. • Pray that we will incline ourselves to God’s commands to give rather than seek personal gain. • Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of Pakistan.



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

LENTEN STUDY

10.30am Saturday morning Feb 25 – April 1

7.30 pm Thursday evening Zoom March 2 – March 23

2023 Lent Study by Bishop Bill Ray \$11.00

CLIMATE ACTION GROUP

The next meeting of the Climate Action Group will be held at **11.00am on 4th March** in the Parish Office. We are looking at ways to reduce the Parish's climate impact. Even simple things such as turning off lights and power points and recycling correctly make a difference.

If you would like to join us, please come to the meeting. Or any suggestions can be sent to Rosemary at harrah@tpg.com.au or 0421 050 635

KEYS

We are wanting to have any spare keys to St Aidan's returned as there is a shortage of them. These keys will have a "B" on them. Please return them to Cecilia or Rev'd Anne as soon as possible. Thanks!

MOTHERS' UNION

As our first meeting on **February 22** falls on Ash Wednesday we have decided to begin with attending the 10.30am service, followed by BYO lunch at 12.30. Tea and coffee supplied. A talk will be given by Reverend Hugh Prentice. All welcome to join us.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's World Day of Prayer Service has been prepared by the women of Taiwan. It will be held at 7.00pm on **Friday, March 3** at St Clare's Catholic Church, corner of Woodhouse Grove and Killara Street, Box Hill North. Supper will follow.

REFLECTION FROM SOPHIA

Loving your enemies has always been a radical act. The Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, a pastor in Birmingham, Ala., in the 1950s, was called by the historian Andrew Manis "one of the least known but most impactful figures in the civil rights movement." Shuttlesworth represents a way of being human that I find staggering. He was utterly shaped by the story of Jesus and sought to love his enemies, even as he clearly and repeatedly agitated to transform the social order. He saw an angry white man with a chain as a person capable of transformation. He railed against the evil of white supremacy but did not grow embittered in his fight against it. Holding justice and mercy together in this way is not natural to any of us and never will be. Loving your enemies is and always has been a radical act.

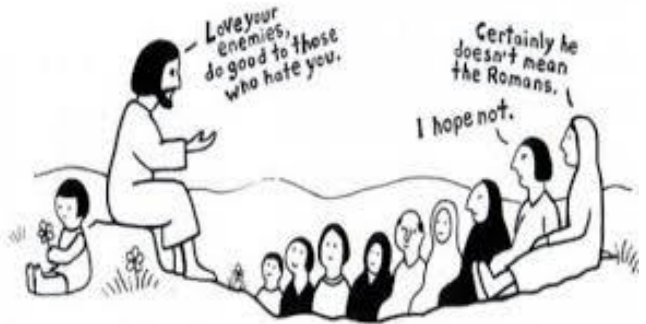
KNITTING FOR MISSION TO SEAFARERS

The MU are asking knitters to make knitted or crocheted beanies and scarves for sailors who travel to cold places. Actual wool is wanted and can be bought from \$2 shops or Spotlight, etc.

A speaker from Mission to Seafarers will come to MU later in the year to collect them. Queries: speak to Jan

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

Always hug your enemies ... Then you'll know what size the hole needs to be in your garden



AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS NOT YET COME: LENTEN GREETING CARDS



[Church Pension Group | Advent and Lent \(cpg.org\)](http://cpg.org)

For the Diary

February 22

Ash Wednesday
10.30am, 7.30pm services

February 22

Mothers' Union 10.30am service
Meeting and lunch afterwards, U'croft

February 25

Sat Lenten Study begins, 10.30am

March 2

Thurs Lenten Study by Zoom, 7.30pm

March 3

World Day of Prayer service, 7.00pm
St Clare's, Box Hill North

March 4

Climate Action Group Meeting 11.00am,
Parish office

April 30

Celebration of St Philip's Day

Week Ahead

SUNDAY 19.2.23

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St Peter's*

4.30-5.30pm Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*

MON 20.2.23

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

4.00-9.00pm Set up and concert:

TUES 21.2.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

9.00-1.00pm Men@Work

6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*

WED 22.2.23

10.30am Ash Wednesday service

9.30-11.30am Play group *kindergarten*

10-11.30am Wellways Tai Chi *hall*

7.30pm Ash Wednesday service

8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 23.2.23

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 24.2.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

SAT 25.2.23

10.30am Lenten Study, *office*

10.30am-1.30pm SAIL, *hall & Undercroft*

SUNDAY 26.2.23

First Sunday in Lent

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St Peter's*

4.30-5.30pm Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*

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 near 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.



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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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Roster for Sunday 9.30am service

	Today 19.02.23	Next week 26.02.23
SIDESPEOPLE	Michele M, Barbara P	Elizabeth B, Martin F
SERVERS	Rosemary S, Judy J, <i>Keith W</i>	Michele M, Rosemary S, <i>Garry M</i>
READERS	Garry P, Conrad H	Elizabeth B, Hilary B
INTERCESSOR	Keith W	Elizabeth B,
COUNTING	Charles B, Lyn B	Hilary B, Elizabeth B
MORNING TEA	Cecilia , Margaret R, Jan G, Jennifer F	Barbara P , Dianne A, Keith W

St Peter's is part of the Anglican Church of Australia and the worldwide Anglican Communion. St Peter's church is on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation and we acknowledge them as the traditional custodians of this land.