

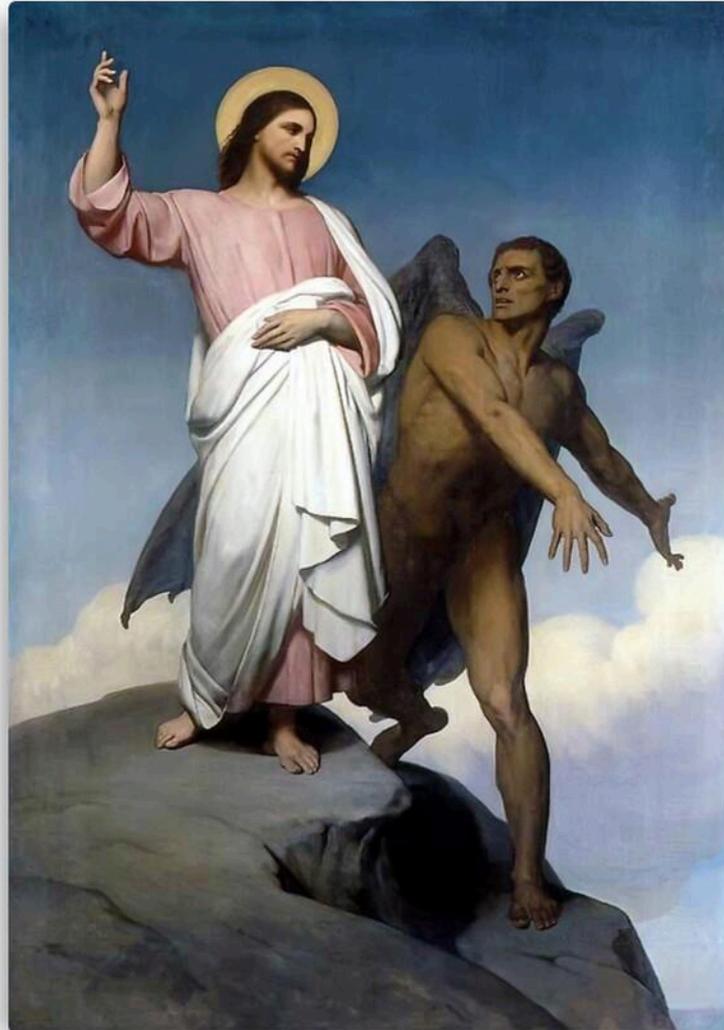


**St George's Anglican Church, Malvern**

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# **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

## **26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023**



*Jesus said, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'*

**8:00 am**

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*The people stand as a bell is rung.*

*The President greets the people:*

Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.  
**Whose mercy endures forever.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The President welcomes the congregation in suitable words then reads this sentence*

We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

*Matthew 4:4*

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.**

*We say together:*

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

*During Lent, the ancient Hymn of Praise, Gloria in excelsis, is omitted.*

*Instead, we say together another ancient refrain, the Trisagion:*

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

*The President says*

Let us pray.

*The people pray silently, before the President “collects” the communal prayer in the prayer of the Church for the day and for the season.*

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin:  
give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your will,  
that, as you know our weakness  
so we may know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made,  
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts,  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

*Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7*

A reading from the book Genesis

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden  
to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man,  
'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;  
but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat,  
for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'...

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden”?’

The woman said to the serpent,  
‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden;  
but God said,  
“You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden,  
nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”’  
But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die;  
for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened,  
and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’  
So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food,  
and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired  
to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate;  
and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.  
Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked;  
and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader      Hear the Word of the Lord  
**All            Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 32**

**Response: I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.**

1 Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile! **R.**

3 While I held my tongue, my body withered away  
because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. **R.**

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my guilt;  
6 I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord',  
then you forgave the guilt of my sin. **R.**

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you  
in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **R.**

9 'I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding,  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you. **R.**

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked,  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **R.**

## **SECOND READING**

*Romans 5:12–21*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the church in Rome:

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned — sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader      Hear the Word of the Lord.  
**All**        **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, O Christ, King of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
But on every word that comes from the mouth of God

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of endless glory!**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness  
to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights,  
and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him,  
'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of  
bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." '

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle  
of the temple, saying to him,  
'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,  
"He will command his angels concerning you",  
and "On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

Jesus said to him,  
'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the  
kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him,  
'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.'  
Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,  
"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." '

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Matthew 4: 1-11

For the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*A sermon is preached.*

*After the sermon, silence is kept.*

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

*All stand*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

*Prayers are offered for the world, the Church, for our local community, those sick or “in any other adversity”, and we remember the faithful departed.*

## **For the Anglican Church**

We pray for Christ Church Dingley; Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia; Korowa Anglican Girls' School.

## **For all in need**

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you especially: Ann, Coral, Keith, Erica, Peter, Leon, Josh, Vincent, John, Margaret, Joan, Thea, John, John and Judy, George, David, Nicoll and others we mention before God in the silence of our hearts.

## **For the Faithful Departed**

We pray for those whose anniversary of death occurs this week:

Barbara Edith Anthonisz, George Findlay, Heather Hume-Cook, Jeffrey William McKie, John Eric Hoy, Joyce Granger, Joyce Lyster, Katherine Webster, Keith Atkins, Mariannus (Mac) Cuming.

President: 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.**

Let us pray:

**We do not presume  
to come to your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that we may evermore dwell in him  
and he in us. Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,  
though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

*Silence is kept*

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.**

*The President pronounces absolution, and all respond*

**Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*All stand*

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

**We meet in his name and share his peace.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

NEH 69

*During the singing of this hymn, the altar is prepared and our offerings received.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## 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.**

*The President continues with a prayer recalling God's saving acts, culminating with:*

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.**

*The prayer continues recalling the Supper our Lord shared with his disciples, until we say together:*

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

*The prayer concludes with a triumphant song of praise:*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power,**

**are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

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**

We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world: **have mercy on us.**  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world: **have mercy on us.**  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world: **grant us your peace.**

*The President invites people to the Lord's Table in suitable words.*

*All who are baptized are welcome to receive the sacrament. Others may come to receive a blessing.*

*After all have received the sacrament, silence is kept.*

# THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The President offers a prayer, ending with*

Father,  
**we offer ourselves to you  
as a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

*We stand to sing a final hymn*

NEH 67

*Notices are given*

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*The President announces God's blessing, to which all respond*

**Amen.**

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

### Scripture Readings next week

Genesis 12: 1–4a  
Romans 4:1–17

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

Psalms 121  
John 3: 1–17

## NOTICES

### THANK YOU

to Father Matthew for presiding at all today's liturgies, while the Vicar is in Sydney attending a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party;  
to Ewan and Sandra Morgan (yet again and still) and all who provided supplies, palms and good company last Tuesday evening as we enjoyed pancakes and burnt palm crosses; from the Vicar to all for kind birthday wishes last week.

### LENT STUDY GROUPS

Began last Thursday after the eucharist, and will continue this coming Wednesday afternoon in the North Room, and Wednesday evening by Zoom, and again on Thursday after the eucharist.

**LENT** provides an opportunity not only for 'reading and meditating' (as in our Study Group), 'self-examination, prayer and fasting' (as we heard on Ash Wednesday), but also for 'self-denial and acts of generosity', including alms-giving! Thank you, therefore, to all

who gave so generously last Sunday to the collection for the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Resource Centre. There is an opportunity to continue your generosity with the monthly collection for St Alban's today.

Furthermore, as occurred last year, each week we will (from now until the end of Lent) publish the amount received in the last week, as well as the budgeted costs for running the parish each week of the year. These figures for last week are:

*Thanksgiving Pledges – \$905*

*Offertory Plate – \$420 covering all Sunday and Thursday services*

*Church Expenditure for the week – \$7,000+*

Contact Geraldine Powell: [dgpowell@internode.on.net](mailto:dgpowell@internode.on.net)/ 0414 831 968 for details.

### **Spiritual Cafe Tuesday 28 March**

Professor Peter Sherlock is an Australian academic and inaugural Vice-Chancellor, University of Divinity since 2012.

He topic is "Voice, Treaty, Truth: Thinking Theologically towards the Referendum".

Those attending are encouraged to engage with some of the excellent resources available through the Victorian Council of Churches: <https://vcc.org.au/statement-from-the-heart/> or this from ABM: <https://www.abmission.org/resources/the-voice-referendum/>

As usual, the speaker will follow dinner at Giorgio's at 6:30 p.m.

For bookings, please email the [office@stgeorgesmalvern.org](mailto:office@stgeorgesmalvern.org) or call 9822 3030.

### **A kind message from Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project**

Dear St George's Parishioners,

Thanks so much for your continued support of BASP. Your help with food and financial donations means we can offer help to those coming to us for accommodation and other basic necessities. We continue also to be able to give food to quite a large number of asylum seekers.

As you may know the Government has cut off the small income that these fold used to get so many are destitute.

With renewed thanks to all "givers" and to Charles who does a wonderful job delivering.

Blessings on you all, Brigid Arthur csb, Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project Coordinator.

### **ABC's TV Show, Q+A is filming on 13<sup>th</sup> March in Southbank**

The ABC is reaching out to churches to join the audience at their Southbank Studio.

There's a free shuttle bus from Malvern to the studio but hurry as there's limited seating! Please contact the parish administrator or register your interest at the link below <https://www.abc.net.au/qanda/studio-audience/> and in the last question, Q.15

"How did you hear about us" please write: ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH OFFICE, MALVERN

## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Weekdays Monday – Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer Evening Prayer</b>
<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Morning Prayer</u> in Chapel and by</b>	<b><u>Evening Prayer</u> Zoom (details below)</b>
<b>Monday, 27 February</b> <i>George Herbert</i>	Psalms 140 Genesis 39 Luke 11:14–28	Psalms 141; 142 Jeremiah 25:1–17 Hebrews 3:1–15
<b>Tuesday, 28 February</b>	Psalms 143; 146 Genesis 40 Luke 11:29–44	Psalms 119:153–176 Jeremiah 25:27–38 Hebrews 3:16–4:10
<b>Wednesday, 1 March</b> <i>David, Bishop of Menevia</i>	Psalms 1; 2 Genesis 41:1–36 Luke 11:45–12:7	Psalms 3; 4 Jeremiah 26:1–19 Hebrews 4:11–5:6
<b>Lent Study Group at 7:30 p.m.</b>	Via Zoom (details below)	
<b>Thursday, 2 March</b> <i>Chad, bishop of Lichfield</i>	Psalms 5; 6 Jeremiah 26:20–27:11 Luke 12:8–21	Psalms 7; 8 Genesis 41:37–57 Hebrews 5:7–6:8
<b>Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.</b> <i>followed by Lent Study Group</i>	Additions to Esther 14:3–14;	Ps. 138:1–3; Matthew 7:7–12
<b>Friday, 3 March</b>	Psalms 9 Genesis 42:1–17 Luke 12:22–34	Psalms 10 Jeremiah 27:12–28:4 Hebrews 6:9–18
<b>Saturday, 4 March</b>	Psalms 11; 12 Genesis 42:18–38 Luke 12:35–48	Psalms 13; 14 Jeremiah 28:5–17 Hebrews 6:19–7:10
<b>Next Sunday, 5 March</b> <b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Holy Eucharist &amp; Meditation</b>

### **Morning Prayer**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

**8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday**

### **Evening Prayer**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

**5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday**

### **Lent Study**

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=MlczZlJRempKL0hrQThORXBFeFFBdz09>

**7:30 p.m. Wednesday**

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*We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation  
as the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet.*

*We pay our respects to their Elders past and present,  
acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to Country,  
and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.*