

# Surf Report

## Fourth Sunday in Lent 10th March 2024

### BIBLE READINGS

Numbers 21.4-9 (Page 122)  
Psalm 107  
Ephesians 2.1-10 (Page 949)  
John 3.14-21 (Page 864)

#### Monday 11th March

8.30am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Craft Group  
2.30pm Conversation English

#### Tuesday 12th March

8.30 am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Paintpots  
3.30pm Pure Dance

#### Wednesday 13th March

8.00am Indoor Fitness  
8.30 am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Holy Communion  
3.00pm Pure Dance  
6.30pm Alpha (new session starts  
20th March 2024)

#### Thursday 14th March

8.00am Prayer Meditation  
8.30 am Morning Prayer

#### Friday 15th March

**(Jim's Day off)**  
9.30 am Mainly Music  
11.00am Pure Dance

#### Saturday 16th March

8.30am Indoor Fitness  
9:00am Music Practice

#### Sunday 17th March

**St Patrick's Day**  
7.30am Holy Communion  
9.30 am Holy Communion

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY

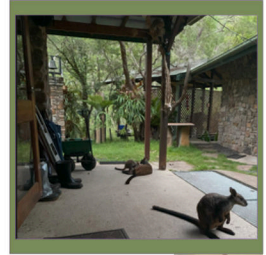
#### 17TH MARCH

Jeremiah 31.31-34  
Psalm 119  
Hebrews 5.5-14  
John 12.20-33



Hello Surfers!

This past week has been insightful and reflective. Being with the Little Brothers is always a challenging time for someone like me, as an extrovert, but it is worthwhile to stretch ourselves beyond our comfort zones at times. I reconnected with some friends in the local wildlife, who survived the recent bushfires in the area (see the photo insert).



There are a few things to note for this coming week also; Kelly Houston will be attending the office on Tuesday to assist Dee in transitioning into the new online system for us, we will also be having a meeting with some of the representatives from the Property Department in the Diocese to discuss the progress of the Salerno Street redevelopment. We will be undertaking 'Welcomer' Team training on Wednesday at 12:30, for those of us who welcome people, as they attend our church.



Our liturgical readings for today are an interesting grouping for us to consider as we continue our Lenten walk together... The Psalm reading today remembers the times where God's people became foolish and rebelled against Him, but the Lord heard their cries and distress and 'sent out His Word and healed them' (Ps. 107:1-3,17-22). God even rescued them from the grave! What an interesting thing to write about 1,000 years before Jesus was born of Mary.

In our Old Testament reading we learn about the strange encounter during the exodus from Egypt to the promised land where the people began to complain about God and Moses (Num. 21:4-9). Venomous snakes began biting the people and many of them died, but then after much prayer to God Moses was advised to make a bronze image of a snake and put it on a pole. When the people were bitten all they needed to do was look at the bronze snake and they would live.

Speaking of which, our gospel reading sees the Apostle John record Jesus' words about the bronze snake being raised up in the wilderness, and compares Himself with that same action (Jn. 3:14-21). We have that most famous of passages included in that dialogue; "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." More on this later today.

Our New Testament reading is from the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus, where he reminds those Christians that they were effectively 'dead' due to their sins, but now that Jesus has opened the way for us to be saved from that eternal punishment (Eph. 2:1-10). Paul reminds us all that we have been saved from the fate we have earned for a purpose: to do good works that God has prepared for us to do.

Don't forget that I have as many jams, honey and conserves that my little car can carry from the Little Brothers retreat for sale. First come, first served!

I pray you have a blessed week.

Jim Raistrick

Priest-in-charge



Stephanie Westwood (11.03.2024)  
Jan Bartlett (12.03.2024)  
Keith King (14.03.2024)



**Monday, 8th April 2024 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm**

**Surfers Paradise Anglican Church**

**Speakers:**

Bible - Rod Chiswell, Bishop of the Armidale Diocese

Mission - James Boardman, BCA Field Staff Ministry

Trainee, Bathurst and our BCA Link

BCA Spotlight - Mike Uptin, BCA QLD/NNSW Regional Officer

**Afternoon tea provided**

A Sign-on Sheet is available in the foyer, along with envelopes, to place your registration.

Fee of \$10 per person

Closing date – Wednesday, 3rd April

**JOIN A BIBLE STUDY GROUP in 2024**

Please phone/email the contact person to join a group:

**TUESDAYS**

12.30 pm Jane Parry 0403 369 467

3.15 pm Jim Raistrick jim@surfersanglican.au

**WEDNESDAYS**

10.00 am George Stuart 0407 741 669

11.00 am Judith Atkins 5532 0798

6.00pm ALPHA (Barry Doyle) 0414 931 010

**THURSDAYS**

7.00 pm Sandra Uptin sandrauptin@icloud.com

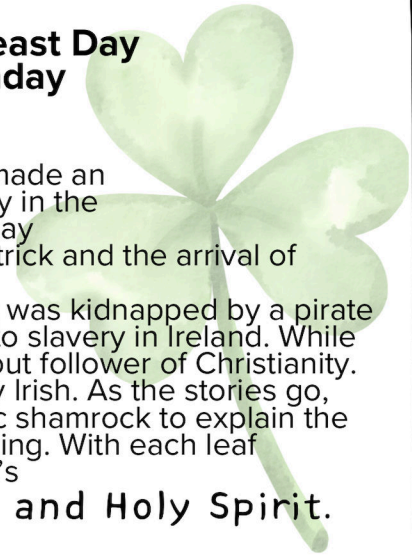
7.00 pm Robert Kelly 0439 339 395

**We celebrate the Feast Day of St Patrick on Sunday 17th March 2024**

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th Century. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland.

As a teenager, St Patrick was kidnapped by a pirate raiding party and sold into slavery in Ireland. While there, he became a devout follower of Christianity. St. Patrick wasn't actually Irish. As the stories go, St Patrick used the iconic shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity while preaching. With each leaf representing Christianity's

**Holy Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**



**Palm Sunday 24th March**

7.30 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Holy Communion

**Maundy Thursday 28th March**

6.00 pm

**Good Friday 29th March**

8.30 am Passion of the Cross

**Easter Sunday 31st March**

7.30 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Holy Communion



**In Remembrance**



Nalda McGill (10.03.2011)

Joseph Kness (10.03.2015)

Anton Van De Graaf (10.03.2015)

Frank McCuskey (14.03.2013)

Leslie Gilders (15.03.2014)

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