

SURF REPORT

Hello Surfers!

Welcome to the Fifth Sunday in Lent, which just happens to also be St. Patrick's Day. I hope you are going well with your Lenten studies so far. The end is in sight!

Our Psalm reading today is part of the longest psalm in the Bible, which is an acrostic poem used to teach people the Hebrew alphabet (Ps. 119:9-16). Our selection for today is aligned with the second letter in the Hebrew alphabet, Beth (ב). It speaks specifically to the challenge of being a young person trying to maintain righteousness with God.

Today's Old Testament reading is from the prophet Jeremiah, where he speaks of the revelation he received from God where God states He will make a new covenant with His people (Jer. 31:31-34). This promised new covenant is to be different than the ones God has made before, which indicates that God will send His Holy Spirit to help people to know Him. I particularly like the words of that comforting section in verse 33; "I will be their God and they will be My people." Christians believe this prophecy from Jeremiah, written around 600 years before Jesus was born of Mary and lived amongst us, speaks directly about what Jesus came to do.

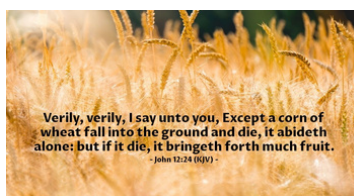
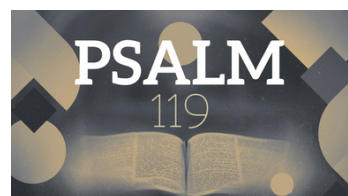
In our gospel reading for today Jesus speaks about what was about to happen to Him, and what it would mean for people from then on; that He would be glorified so that His followers would be drawn to Him and know God (Jn. 12:20-33). We will discuss this a little more in today's sermon.

The New Testament reading follows this same line of reasoning about Jesus; that He was glorified to prove who He was and also that by His obedient sacrifice on the cross He would rightly be considered our great High Priest forever (Heb. 5:5-14). As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, the Kione Greek in Hebrews is very dense and as difficult to comprehend as reading a lengthy legal contract, but it is also so exacting and precise to be understood directly as written.

We will be having a Special Parish Meeting later in this month to vote on the Budget for the next 12 months, so please watch this space for the details of when that meeting will be held. My aim is to have a copy of the proposal circulated to you all ahead of time so that we can all have time to digest it before voting.

I pray you have a blessed week.

Jim Raistrick,
Priest-in-charge.



BIBLE READINGS

Jeremiah 31.31-34 (Page 642)
Psalm 119.9-16 (Page 493)
Hebrews 5.5-14 (Page 973)
John 12.20-33 (Page 875)

MONDAY 18TH MARCH

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

TUESDAY 19TH MARCH

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Paintpots
3.30pm Pure Dance

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH

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

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH

8.00am Prayer Meditation
8.30am Morning Prayer

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH (Jim's Day off)

9.30am Mainly Music
11.00am Pure Dance

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH

8.30am Indoor Fitness
9.00am Music Practice

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH PALM SUNDAY

7.30am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 24TH MARCH

Liturgy of the Palms

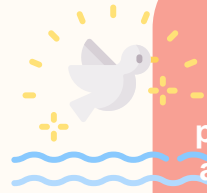
Psalm 118. 1-2, 19-29
John 12. 12-16
Isaiah 50.4-9a
Philippians 2. 5-11

CHURCH COMMUNITY NEWS

Walking the walk - Holy week 2024

Join us to welcome Bishop John Roundhill

Saturday 23rd March at 12:45pm



We joyfully welcome baby Alani and her parents, Ashleigh and Marcel as we celebrate Alani's baptism Sunday, 31st March, at 9.30am



LET'S CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS!

Marjorie Casey 18.03.2024, Colleen Andrews 19.03.2024, Faye Busch 21.03.2024 & Anthony Flower 23.03.2024

Parish Council Meeting
Monday, 25th March
at 6.30pm

Christian Meditation
Thursday's at
8.00am

Prayer for the Religious Life

Lord Jesus Christ, in your great love you draw all people to yourself, and in your wisdom you call us to your service. We pray at this time you will kindle in your hearts of men and woman, the desire to follow you in the Religious Life. Give to those whom you call, grace to accept their vocation readily and thankfully, to make the whole hearted surrender which you ask of them, and for love of you, to preserve to the end.

This we ask in your name. Amen

Little Brothers of Francis



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)
0412 818 083

THURSDAYS

7.00 pm Sandra Uptin
sandrauptin@icloud.com
7.00 pm Robert Kelly 0439 339 395

in loving memory

Lorrain Pilbeam
17.03.2021
David James Hamilton
19.03.2021

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