



HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

To grow in Christ together, to equip for service, to care for all

Weekly Bulletin 6 April 2014 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Let us travel together
with Jesus this Lent,
open to fresh encounters
with Jesus
and with each other,
God invites us to adventure!



TODAY IN THE PARISH

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| 8.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION | Celebrant and Preacher: | Revd Anne Dudzinski |
| 10.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION | Celebrant: | Revd Anne Dudzinski |
| | | Preacher: | Revd Sarah Gibson |
| 3.30 pm | GOSPEL REFLECTION | | Sue Dunbar |
| 12 - 2pm | PARISH PICNIC | | |
| 6.00 pm | TAIZE | | |



We welcome you to our worship and fellowship today. We offer a special welcome to visitors and new residents, and pray that you will feel at home in our community.

You are warmly invited to share Communion with us, either by drinking from or dipping the wafer in the chalice, or to come forward for a blessing.

Reflection after Communion – please feel free to light a prayer candle in the Chapel at the back of the Church following Communion.



Please join us for morning tea after the services.



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday	5.00 - 7.00 pm	24 Liverpool Street, Macquarie	Home Group for Parents – Lenten Study Group on The King’s Speech
Monday	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch
Wednesday	12 noon	Worship Centre	Holy Communion + BYO lunch
	2.00 pm	Worship Centre	Ever Active Exercise Class
	6.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	Meditation
	7:30 pm	Mushroom	Saving Jesus Redux
Thursday	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
	2.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	Book Club
	7.15 pm	Worship Centre	The Promise of Paradox
Friday	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Rainbow Playgroup
Saturday	4.45 pm	Rainbow Centre	Choir and musicians
	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus contemplative church

WEEK BEGINNING 13 APRIL - HOLY WEEK

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Please refer to insert in this Bulletin and the website.

Jesus told them plainly

Nikolai Blaskow

Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead..."

People who don't know us, and our good news well, think that as Christians we are (more than most human beings) inclined and addicted to false consolation. Nothing could be further from the truth, as Jesus' plain speaking attests.

He acknowledges something has happened – yes Lazarus my friend is dead – but in his general demeanour and conversation, he speaks and acts as if death were not – at least, not the final word on what is *actually* going on as opposed to what we *think* is going on.

Let's be honest: when you look at a dead person they look dead. It definitely looks, feels seems final. However, my last conversation with Nell, my mother-in-law was a prayer as I held her hand for the last time. Her eyes were this brilliant blue that belonged to another world: full of understanding, and love and joy. And the words that tumbled out of my mouth were like the quiet music of a Thredbo stream: *From God and through God and to God are all things ... In God we live and move and have our being... Your life is hidden with Christ in God.*

This poem by Pauline Matarasso, captures I think the mood with which Nell left us and the ambience in which she celebrates with us together in the communion of saints:

*Reaching her arms so high
she thrust them through
to peg love's laundry in the sky
and white against the blue
her banners flew.*



Tuesday seemed like Single Mum Day. I often forget how hard they have to struggle to make ends meet. The first one we helped, let's call her Mary, has two young boys at school. Mary is studying at the CIT so that she can get a qualification and hopefully a job that will give the family a better life, but at the moment it is a real struggle. We know that when she comes in the family is really short of food and money, but she only ever takes what she really needs. This morning what she really wanted were some snack items like muesli bars and poppers for the boys to take to school. She finds that it is very hard to get the boys to school when they don't have little lunch like their friends.

Today, which may have been part of the reasons she came in, she also brought along a friend of hers Meg, who is also in a difficult situation. Earlier this year the young woman's husband walked out of the relationship, so consequently Meg is really having problems making ends meet. She is trying to cope with house finances, school fees, and just general living expenses. She desperately wants to keep her five year old in the local Catholic School he attends, because the School has been so supportive of the family since the breakdown of the marriage. The little boy is very upset with the family situation and is constantly asking her where Daddy is? So she is coping with this as well.

Meg tries to supplement the family income and works a few hours a day house cleaning, but the last week or so she has been quite sick and has not been able to work. And as it is only a casual job, when she doesn't work she doesn't get paid, so this week has been very tough.

The third single Mum we saw has five children, four boys and a girl aged from six to twelve. She finds that the older boys are starting to eat her out of house and home. The weekend had been particularly bad as one of the older boys had a friend sleep over, which meant an extra mouth to feed. On Monday morning she rang another Welfare Agency and the first appoint she could get was for Thursday. Thankfully a friend told her about St John's Care being a "drop in centre" so she was able to get food when she needed it.

When you run out of food on a weekend it must be very hard to have to wait till Thursday to get some assistance! When the kids are hungry, the kids are hungry. Thankfully we were able to help these families with lots of food, which will make the situation a little more tolerable for these single Mums.

My wish list for this week: Some Gluten free foods, washing up liquid and laundry powder.

Many Thanks
Sue Jordan



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ◆ We pray for the people of Chile affected by the earthquake and tsunami this week.
- ◆ We continue to pray for the families of those lost in the Malaysian Airlines disappearance and for those involved in the search.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ We pray that our leaders will govern in a just and fair manner for all Australians, that vulnerable people in our society will be adequately cared for.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ◆ We pray for Anglican Communion in Japan and Korea.
- ◆ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the Diocese of Bendigo.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ◆ We pray for the clergy and people of Braidwood, Bungendore, Gunning and Crookwell.
- ◆ We pray for the Cursillo Movement - for Steve Daniels, Lay Director and Connie Gerrity, Spiritual Director.

IN MISSION

- ◆ We pray for the work of Compassion Australia working with local churches around the world developing child advocacy programs.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ We pray for Susanna as she leads the retreat this weekend and for those attending.
- ◆ We pray for all involved in our Lenten Study Groups and for all on a Lenten Journey.
- ◆ We pray for the following members of our parish family: Ruth, Tony and Colman Dunnicliff-Hagan; Ruth Durie; Marlene Edmondson; Andrew Feitz, Jodie Petrov, Oliver and Tobias; Karen Ferguson and Nicole Finch.
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Ros Nimmo, Anne Ranse, Phil Perman, Elizabeth Sillano, and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

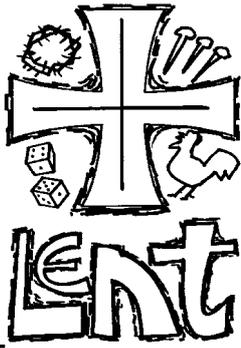
Friday: George Augustus Selwyn, (first missionary bishop of New Zealand

- ◆ ... and for all who have died in the faith of Christ, that they be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your eternal kingdom.

HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Phone Merri Bacon on 6251 1110 or email merri.bacon@bigpond.com



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY WEEK FIVE

TODAY: Gospel Reflection - 3.30 - 5.00 pm

Led by Sue Dunbar

April 13 led by Frances Mackay

WEDNESDAY: Saving Jesus Redux - 7.30 pm - last night
in the Mushroom, Rainbow Centre. Led by Nikolai Blaskow



BENEDICTUS
contemplative church

The Promise of Paradox - Poems for Autumn and Lent,
Thursday. Worship Centre. 7.15 pm

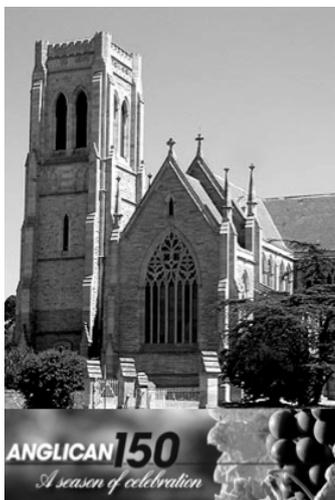
COME AND JOIN

in a BBQ **TODAY!**

12 noon – 2 pm at John Knight Park

If the weather is bad we'll picnic in the worship centre! Bring a salad/fruit/something sweet or a drink to share. Sausage sandwiches provided! BYO picnic set.

A great chance to catch up with Holy Covenant friends and make new ones!



Celebration Service at St. Saviour's Cathedral

commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the arrival of the diocese's first bishop—Mesac Thomas.

TODAY - 6 April 1.45pm.

Procession to Cathedral for Evensong leaves Mandelson's of Goulburn, 160 Sloane Street at 2pm.
Concludes with a bring and share afternoon tea.

IN THE PARISH

RALLY FOR REFUGEES

1PM, Garema Place
PALM SUNDAY - 13 APRIL
BREAK THE SILENCE



Maundy Thursday Service 17 April - 6pm - 7.30 pm

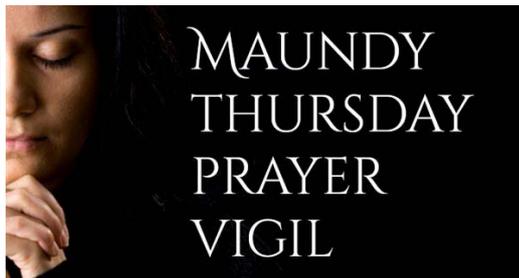
Our Maundy Thursday Service will be in the form of a meal. Bring food to share, including rocket or bitter herbs, eggs, flat bread, olives, lamb, wine, maybe dips.

We will wash hands or feet, eat a meal in the Hebrew Tradition, Eucharist at our tables, and strip the church of its ornaments. It will be a very simple and moving time before Good Friday. I encourage you to join us. Children welcome.

Please register on the sign up sheet so we know how many tables to prepare.

At 8pm an overnight prayer vigil will be held, which you are welcome to join through the night.

As a lead up to Good Friday, Holy Covenant will be hosting a vigil beginning at



MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER VIGIL

8pm with Compline. All through the night to the sounds of sacred music, silence, and communal prayers at midnight, 3am and 6am, you are invited to join us (as you can) to walk the labyrinth, participate at various stations to paint, or write or intercede for the nation and our broken world. If you cannot attend in person you may like to put

your name to the roster on the sign up board and pray with us at that time

- *Nikolai Blaskow*

ENCOUNTER GOD ... TODAY:

- Have the ears of my heart opened to the voice of God?
- Have the ears of my heart opened to the needs of my sisters and brothers?
- Have I been a good memory in anyone's life today?
- Have the eyes of my heart beheld the Divine face in all created things?
- Who do I know, but live as though I do not know?
- How have I affected the quality of this day?
- Have I been blind or deaf to the blessings of the day?
- Is there anyone, including myself, whom I need to forgive?
- When did I experience my heart opening wide today?
- Have I worked with joy or drudgery?
- Have I waited with grace or with impatience?
- What is the one thing in my life that is standing on tip-toe crying, "May I have your attention please?" What needs my attention?



From Seven Sacred Pauses by Macrina Wiederkehr

BREATHING SPACE NEWS

Two events begin shortly:



A SPIRITUALITY FOR THE TWO HALVES OF LIFE

Wednesday evenings, 7.30-9pm in the Rainbow Centre May 7- June 11

This 6 weeks series is based on Richard Rohr's *Falling Upward* in which he proposes a developmental 'map' for the 2 halves of life based on wisdom derived from sacred texts, Jungian psychology and world literature. If the first half of life is concerned with establishing our identities, the second half of life might be seen as coming to terms with our limitations and failures. Rohr suggests, 'We grow spiritually more by doing it wrong than by doing it right'. I find that a hopeful idea!

You will need to buy a copy of *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, currently available from The Book Depository for between \$16 & \$18. The Companion Journal at \$15 is optional.

I shall order 8 copies of the book (not the Journal). Please let me know if you want to reserve one for you.

Facilitator: Frances MacKay (61560876; franmackay@optusnet.com.au)

REMINISCENCE: Life Review for the Later Part of Life

Just as Moses led the people of God on a journey - which was to bring them to the land God had promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, so too our lives are a journey - a spiritual journey. In exploring the earlier stages of life, we will find affirmation and wisdom to journey forward to find peace, acceptance and enrichment for the later part of life.

This six week course commences on

Friday 9TH May - 10.30am to 12.30pm and concludes on 13 June 2014

(note: commencement date a week later than advertised)

I am looking forward to being companions on the journey with you.

Glenys Wimmer, Facilitator.

There are sign-up sheets for both these groups



**THE BELONGING AND CARING TEAM
INVITE YOU TO
A CARING MEETING WITH SUE JORDAN
10 May 2-4pm**

Everybody in the parish has the opportunity to be involved in a Caring ministry. And many do – often through informal contacts, showing Christian concern for others.

The Belonging and Caring Team wants to strengthen this already strong culture in the parish, and to that end has asked Sue Jordan to join us. Most people read Sue's report from St John's Care in the weekly bulletin, which records the intense and inspiring activity of caring for people who are so often in dire straits.

With her experience at St John's, Sue will be able to reflect on wider aspects of caring, helping us to grow in caring for others within, and beyond, the parish. St John's Care is blessed with many volunteers, some from Holy Covenant. Two of our volunteers will speak from their experience, at St John's Care and elsewhere, sharing what motivates them.

The afternoon gathering will have room for questions and discussion, aiming to discover new ways in which we can foster our collective caring mission within the parish.

**And of course there will be food and drink.
All are welcome. We'd love you to join us!**



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The Entertainment Books will be available for purchase from Sunday 13 April @ \$60 per book. So please let Hilary know if you'd like her to put one of the pre-ordered books aside for you. Alternately, you can order your book or digital membership online (you'll be able to choose 'six bonus offers' to print and use straight away!). To order and pay securely online please visit: <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/247m23>. For further details or information, please call Hilary 6251 8166.

AND . . .

OFFERTORY envelopes commencing on 1 April are now available for collection from the back of the church.



THE CHOIR and musicians rehearse Saturday afternoons at 4.45 pm in the Rainbow Centre. Newcomers are always welcome!

INFO FOR WEEKLY BULLETIN.

All emails with information for inclusion in the Weekly Bulletin now go to:

hcweeklybulletin@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE: 19-21 September
Parish Retreat. " Beloved of God"
Led by Sue Dunbar.

Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank
Branch: Jamison Centre, ACT
BSB: 062 907
A/C No: 802 588
Name: Holy Covenant Anglican Church

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Yesterday: Janet Williams
Today: Eileen Sykes
Wednesday: Hamish Gibson
Thursday: Sophie Gibson

If you'd like your name in the Birthday Book, please tell the office.

Induction of Revd Mark Beresford

Mark will be inducted as Priest-in-Charge of St Barnabas, Charnwood and St Michael and All Angels, Hall

6:30pm on Tuesday, April 8th

at the St Barnabas Church, Charnwood (10 Charnwood Place, Charnwood).

All welcome.



NEXT SATURDAY 12 APRIL

The recent rain has had it's affect on the church grounds and let's make sure our Worship Centre is ready for Easter Services. Not all work is in garden!

From 9am - come when you can and leave when you have to.

Your reward is excellent morning tea

Anyone interested or thinking about being confirmed, please contact Susanna, as classes start after the school holidays.

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 13 APRIL 2014 - Palm Sunday

8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Celebrant: Preacher:	Revd Susanna Pain Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard
10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Celebrant: and Preacher:	Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard
6.00 pm	Taize	

TODAY

SENTENCE: “I am the resurrection and the life”, says the Lord; “whoever lives and believes in me shall never die”.
John 11:25-26

READINGS:

Ezekiel 37: 1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8: 6-11
John 11: 1-45

8 am HYMNS Matthias

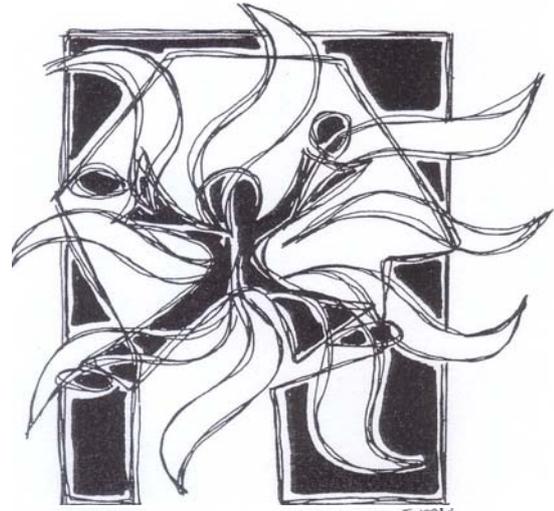


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PRAYER:

Life-giving God,
your Son came into the world
to free us all from sin and death:
breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,
and serve you in holiness and righteousness
all our days;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

AMEN



*I will put my spirit
within you . . .*

	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Elizabeth Grant Tony Willis	Dorothy and Neville Hurst
Readers	Tony Willis Mary Lynn Mather Anne Ranse	Jey Hoole Dorothy Hurst Neville Hurst
Intercessor	Jennifer Collier	Connie Gerrity
Organist	Kath Arthur	Ruth Dunnicliff-Hagan
Word and Prayer	Paul Shelley	Sally Mordike
Deacon	Anne Ranse	
Cup	Paul Shelley, Anne Ranse	Sally Mordike, Dylan Mordike, Phyl Holmes, Neville Hurst. Extra bread: Sarah/Anne
Morning Tea	David and Margaret Meggs	Alison Campbell and Michael Allen
Children's Church		Katherine, Maurice, Richard Mel. M. Tea: Jodie Petrov