

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 21 MARCH

Seating limited to 75 people per service.

Sign in using Check In CBR App required

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Celebrant : Reverend Anne Dudzinski

Preacher: The Venerable Dr Wayne

Brighton

5pm Twilight Conversations

SUNDAY 28 MARCH

PALM SUNDAY

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8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

5pm Twilight Conversations

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SUNDAY 21 MARCH 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

DYING TO LIVE (JOHN 12: 20-33)

The juxtaposition of images of life and death are common in John's Gospel. In today's Gospel reading Jesus refers figuratively to the grain of wheat which needs to 'die' to flourish and produce many seeds. Counter-intuitively Jesus proclaims that we need to die to live and flourish. This is not the message of the marketing of self absorption and self obsession operating today.

Last week's encounter between Jesus and Nicodemus emphasized the same message about dying and rebirth. Today's setting is the Passover Festival when God spared the first born Israelites. The first born Egyptians were not so lucky. In John 11 Jesus has miraculously raised Lazarus from the dead. Word has got out and everyone wants to meet Jesus. His notoriety made the Pharisees both jealous and contemptuous. Notwithstanding this fame and celebrity status and the signs performed by Jesus, there is never a word of praise in the Gospels for Jesus. However those in authority want him dead. Jesus knows it. His death is immanent through a publicly humiliating martyrdom. This is hardly the story of a great hero. He is about to die, but new life comes as a result. So it is with us and those who follow Jesus.

Facing death is never easy. It was not for Jesus. He declares that his soul is troubled. Jesus' death is the culmination of the work that the Father has sent the Son to do. It is revealed by John, as with the other Gospels, that Jesus experiences

struggle. He is in severe sorrow and pain. Yet he does not shirk his forthcoming death. Rather he seeks to glorify the Father. Because the Father and the Son are one, both are glorified, as Jesus' death is the means of God's salvation. God will raise Jesus and glorify him, and the world will know the true meaning of salvation.

As I reflect on this it is so important to see that death is not the end. It is through death that life comes. The agricultural symbol of the grain dying reinforces this image. New life emerges from death. It is through the self giving-self dying that true life comes, that brings a life that is imperishable and honoured by God. This is highly paradoxical and against the way the world privileges or practices its honouring of the self.

How then do we come to recognise and accept this counterintuitive way of salvation? Our Old Testament reading from Jeremiah 31 provides a clue. It makes clear that the new covenant is predicated on God's forgiving, teaching and helping Israel to become the people God intends them to be. In the Psalm for today (Ps 119) the Psalmist stresses the importance of the love of God's statutes and the need to meditate on them. In Hebrews 5 Jesus is put forth as the model of total submission to a new order of being: as a result God bestows on him the honour of an eternal priesthood in the order of Melchizadech. Meditating on these passages on this fifth Sunday in Lent may help us accept such a radically different way of understanding life.

Clive Rodger

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Michael Galovic Icons & Contemporary Art Exhibition



12-21 March 2021
10.30am-3.30pm daily

The Chapel
Australian Centre for
Christianity & Culture
15 Blackall St. Barton

Parking available P2 Car Park

www.acc-c.org.au



Further details about this exhibition can be found at:
<https://about.csu.edu.au/community/accc/events/single/2021-enets/michael-galovic-exhibition>

CAN YOU HELP? MORNING TEA 8AM

We need a few more people to help with morning tea at 8am.

If you can help please let the office know and we will roster you for one Sunday a month.

PALM SUNDAY REFUGEE RALLY

The Canberra Refugee Action Campaign has received approval to hold its annual Palm Sunday rally in support of more compassionate policies towards refugees.

The rally will be on Sunday 28th March, beginning at 1 pm in Garema Place in Civic. Speakers will include Roberta Hamilton (Anglican priest from Goulburn) and Jack Waterford (columnist and former editor of *The Canberra Times*).

MARCH ANGLICAN NEWS

The March Anglican News is now out and is available on our website for any printing required.

To the page:

<http://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/>

Straight to the pdf on the website (larger size for printing):

<https://anglicancg.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Anglican-News-March-2021.pdf>

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

During Holy week there will be a series of Reflective Meditations. These will be held on:

- Monday 29 March 6.30pm
- Tuesday 30 March 6.30pm
- Wednesday 31 March 6.30pm

Maundy Thursday (1 April) there will be a Footwashing Service at 6.30pm

Good Friday (2 April) there will be services held at 8am and 10am.

Easter Saturday (3 April) there will be Kid's Easter Service at 4pm, with an Easter Egg hunt.

Easter day (4 April) there will be services held at 6am, 8am and 10am, with champagne and croissants for the hardy souls that start the day early!

Exploring Faith Matters for 2021 - last opportunity

Would you like to join a small learning community to explore faith in a deeper way?

A new EFM group is being formed now on the northside of Canberra at Holy Covenant Jamison.

We are meeting on Thursday evenings, 7:30pm in the Rainbow Centre next to the Worship Centre and we would love to welcome anyone who would like to join us.

EFM has a 4 year cycle with first year looking at the Old Testament, 2nd year New Testament, 3rd year Church History and 4th year Christian Ethics. We read and discuss the text, learn to think theologically, share worship and fellowship and grow in community together.

You can come for a taste this Thurs night or email Merri on merri.bacon@bigpond.com or call Merri on 6251 1110.

More information about EFM is also available at <https://www.efmaustralia.org/>

DINNER GROUP AT SOUTHERN CROSS CLUB

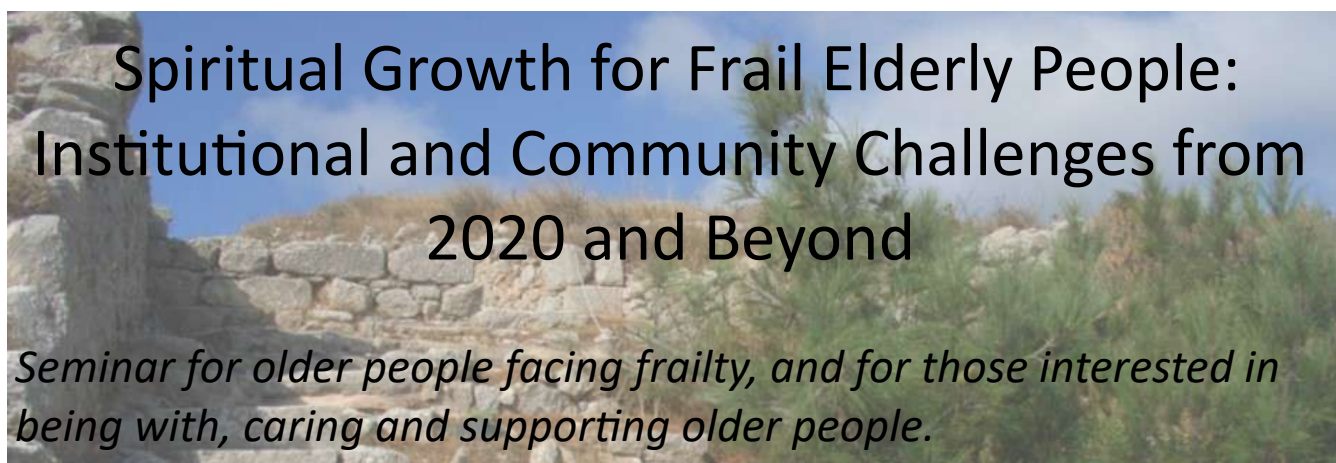
The "First Tuesday of the Month" dinner is meeting on Tuesday 6 April at 6 pm.

Please confirm that you are coming so I can let the Southern Cross Club Jamison know our numbers.

Thank you Hilary 6251 8166

CAR BOOT SALE

Kippax Uniting Church (Luke St, Holt) will hold the first in a series of CarBootSales on Saturday April 10th, 8am-12 midday. It will be accompanied by a sale of clothing and manchester (linen, etc.) in our hall. Enquiries to carbootsale@kippax.org.au



Included in the seminar:

Findings of Practical and Contextual Theology (PaCT) project – Finding meaning in the lived experience of frailty

To inform care practices of frail older people in aged care and the community:

What are the Institutional and community challenges eg. fires and climate change?

Infection control in a pandemic:

Resources for pastoral care and frailty

Current and changing perspectives pastoral care:

Speakers: Elizabeth MacKinlay AM, Ann Harrington, Ilsa Hampton and Sally Mordike

Monday 19th April, 2021. Full day seminar, 9am-5pm.

Venue: The Pavillion, ACC&C 15 Blackall Street, Barton, ACT and by Zoom.

Cost: Corporate & Ageing Industry Workers: \$150

Workers self-funding: \$100

Carers and Concession: \$80

If you are having any difficulty with funding this please call on 6272 6201.

Registration to open soon.





KEYS TO A BETTER FUTURE

WB had spent most of her life in Australia working as a cleaner, earning enough to support her unwell mother. Due to Covid-19, WB's hours were

significantly reduced before she was put out of work early last year.

She decided she would visit St John's Care and seek some assistance applying for employment. Unfortunately, with very few employment opportunities available, she took on the full-time role of caring for her mother.

As there were now two people living in her house, WB's utility bills and living expenses began to rise to a point that was no longer sustainable. Unsure of what to do, she visited the Centre once again for some guidance and support.

We sat down with WB and discussed her situation. We planned how we could best support her. SJC provided her with fresh food, we subsidised her mother's medical costs, and arranged assistance getting her mother to and from appointments.

Together with WB, we constructed a plan for her to save the funds that she was spending on food, medical costs, and transport.

She was excited by the prospect of being able to save money and was eager to get started. Since then, WB has visited our Centre every month, for fresh groceries and financial assistance. She always provides an update on her financial situation.

Yesterday, she visited St John's Care with a big smile across her face – and a set of keys in her hands. She could not contain her excitement as she led me through the carpark to her newly purchased car.

This was the result of many months of saving and it was clear it meant a great deal to her. Having a car allowed WB to transport her mother to all her medical appointments and to visit some of her friends whom she had not seen for over a year.

WB was referred to the SPARK Program – A program that aims to transition women back into the workplace. She is booked in to attend and will begin the sessions over the coming weeks.

We will continue to support WB and her mother. Here at SJC, we are all inspired by the positive results we have helped her achieve.

Robbie Speldewinde,
Programs Coordinator

Items required: children's lunchbox items, spreads, biscuits, large tuna, cereal

PARISH DIRECTORY

A new Parish Directory is available. Please contact Phil in the Office to get one.

KID'S EASTER SERVICE

The kid's Easter service will be held on Easter Saturday at 4pm.



As part of the interactive service, we will be having an Easter egg hunt. We are looking for donations of chocolate eggs for the hunt.

There is a collection box at the back of the church. If you know of any children that would like to be involved in the service please let Wendy know: warobertson4@gmail.com

Our Father

Our Father
Mother of all life
living in timeless beauty
your name is sacred
always to be praised
and adored

you created our world
and continue to transform
the wonder of your creation

we thank you each day
for having given us
your son

forgive our wrong behaviour
as we forgive the wrongs
of others

you know us intimately
guide our lives
and protect us from harm

*(for you are all good
pure love
and perfect
all honour,
power,
and glory are yours
now and forever)*

Richard Scutter

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY - WEEK 5 – GOING

What do you notice when you come to church? What stands out most are things that go wrong. A wrong note. A lost page. A mangled blessing. So much happens during the service that we can miss the point or the forest for all the trees.

The pattern goes something like this. We walk in with our hearts and minds filled with all that has happened to us. All our frustrations, disappointments, hurts, and arguments come with us like an invisible backpack.

Suddenly a different reality emerges.

The story of freedom, compassion and justice is told through scripture, the sermon, prayer and the sacrament. As we TURN and LEARN, we are fed and nourished by God's story. Our hearts, minds and spirits are opened through PRAYER and WORSHIP. The work of transformation begins sometimes with a rush but often times more like water wearing a stone smooth. At the end comes a BLESSING. It's one last reminder about God's character and presence with us, regardless of what comes our way in the week ahead.

The way of love works when we then GO back out into the world taking all that we have received and putting it into practice within our

family, our leisure, our work and our city life. The way of love enables us to live differently than before.

This can be hard. Some Christians understanding GOING as though it is a licence to tell others what to believe, do or feel. Other Christians seem overwhelmed at the idea of making disciples (Matt 28.20) as though this is their personal responsibility (it isn't). As disciples we are to listen and practice everything that Jesus' commanded namely to love God and our neighbour (Matt 22.34-40).

The way of love is an invitation to trust in the strength of God's love and not our own. It is about listening to Jesus rather than imposing our own religious requirements. Thankfully, the beatitudes bring a little more clarity to the way of love (Matt 5.3-10). We start by making room for others. We commit to listening more. We learn to swallow our pride. The desire to see freedom, compassion and justice flourish more grows slowly. Being merciful, straightforward peacemakers takes practice because being judgmental, slippery and argumentative just comes effortlessly.

It's comfortable to keep this all stuff in the worship centre. But that's like buying a car and leaving it in the garage. The Christian life is given for the sake whole world. What will make for real and lasting change is when we walk the way of love together.

Wayne



A LIVING SACRAMENT

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies
TIS 137*

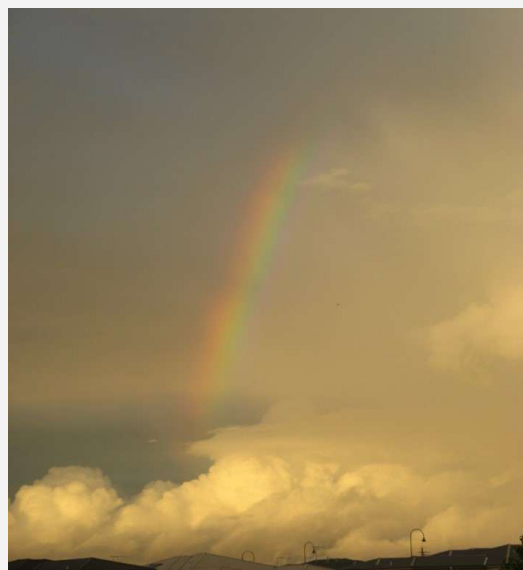
If we look to the left or to the right there is always something of beauty to see. It might be a glorious hue painted sunset or sunrise. It might be the changing leaves of autumn. It might be a for-get-me-not amidst a bed of weeds. It might be the still waters of a river pond.

Lord, let the beauty - of the earth be a sacrament to me of your beauty and holiness that speaks of a loveliness that doesn't fade.

Grace and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Anne, servant of the Lord.

<https://comewalkwithme-reflections.blogspot.com>



For the beauty of the skies.

NEW MUSIC AT THE 10AM SERVICE

Once in a while we introduce a new song or two at the 10am service. It's always great when a few people know them already so if you'd like a bit of a sneak preview of anything new coming up, email Jodie or put your name on the sign up sheet and she'll send you a link to the video and a copy of the sheet music of anything that might be on the horizon. Let's all make a joyful noise together!

Jodie: anjoali@hotmail.com

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ For respect and support for women.
- ⇒ For all whose hope is lost, who feel cut off from life, for refugees and displaced peoples, for all who flee from oppression and tyranny, for all who are made homeless, for all who have suffered abuse or violence, Come Lord, restore renew.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ In your kindness watch over refugees and asylum seekers, those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost, and those who have been exiled from their homes. Bring them safely to the place where they long to be, and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Rockhampton
- ⇒ Parish of Holbrook
- ⇒ Parish of Gundagai
- ⇒ Diocesan Candidates training for ordination at St Mark's and elsewhere
- ⇒ Licensed Lay Ministers in Parishes and Ministry Units throughout the Diocese.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ Congregations – 5pm Sunday
- ⇒ Belonging and Caring
- ⇒ Monastery of the Heart—As we start on our new book 'On the brink of everything' we pray for open minds and open hearts
- ⇒ Work Health and Safety
- ⇒ Curate and Community Worker
- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Audrey and Stuart Wells; Janet Williams; Tony Willis; and Raphael, Belinda, Kate, Lucy and William Wood.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button, Elizabeth Grant, Judith Ann, Bev Barnes, Anne and Peter Bazeos, Violet Hart and Lucia Horciu and anyone known to us personally.

COLLECT for 5th Sunday in Lent

O God, our Redeemer,
in our weakness we have failed
to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope:
renew us by your Holy Spirit,
that we may follow your commands
and proclaim your reign of love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

READINGS

Jeremiah 31.31-34

Psalms 119.9-16

Hebrews 5.5-14

John 12.20-33

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

March 15: **Rob Maron**

Sunday: **Hugo Walker**

Wednesday: **Andrew Feitz**

Thursday: **Libby Warren, Rhonda Thorpe,
Des Pain**

Saturday: **Hannah James**