

Ordinary Sunday 8 27th February 2022



8am Presiding and Preaching: Rev'd Prof Dorothy Lee (Associate Priest)
10am Presiding: Rev'd Prof Mark Lindsay (Associate Priest)
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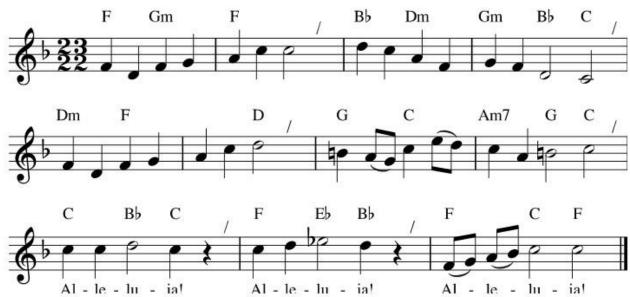
Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne. Thank you for joining us in worship.

Please join in saying the text marked in **bold** and singing the musical responses and hymns.

INTRODUCTION

Today is the last Sunday before Lent and so we prepare ourselves for the coming season by reading about Jesus' Transfiguration on the mountain. This Transfiguration is a prefiguring of what is to ultimately happen to Jesus. Peter wants to remain on the mountain but Jesus leads his disciples down to the plain so they can continue their journey towards the cross. We join with them on that journey during the Season of Lent.





- 1. Christ upon the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing; let us, if we dare to speak, with the saints and angels praise him Alleluia!
- 2. Trembling at his feet we saw
 Moses and Elijah speaking:
 all the Prophets and the Law
 shout through them their joyful greeting —
 Alleluia!

- 3. Swift the cloud of glory came,
 God proclaiming in its thunder
 Jesus as his Son by name!
 Nations, cry aloud in wonder —
 Alleluia!
- 4. This is God's belovèd Son;
 Law and Prophets sing before him,
 First and Last, and only One:
 let creation now adore him —
 Alleluia!

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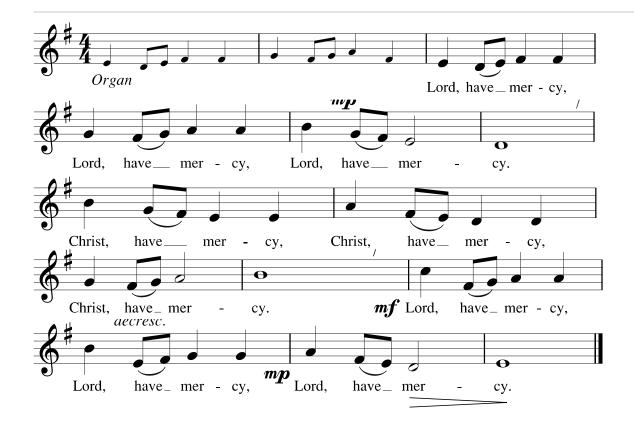
PRAYER OF PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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.

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



The assistant introduces the confession

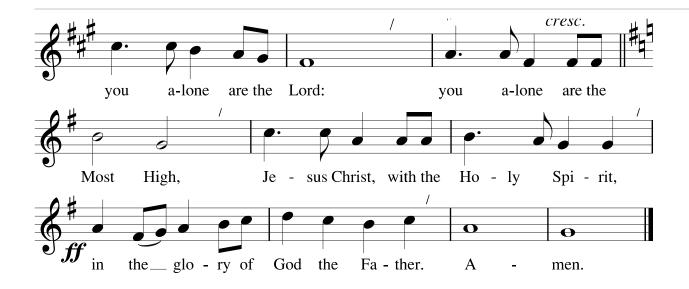
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

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. Amen.

The celebrant pronounces the absolution

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





The celebrant reads or sings the prayer of the day

Let us pray:

O God, glorious and faithful, you reveal the beauty of your face to those who seek you with a sincere heart: strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open our hearts to its transforming power, so that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the reading

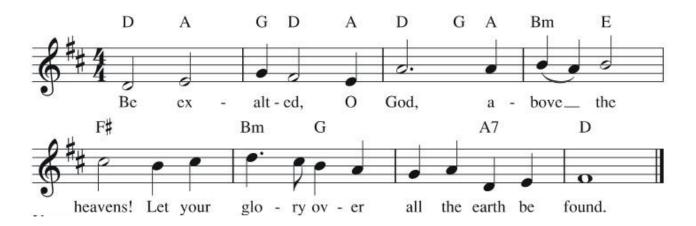
A reading from the book of Exodus:

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Exodus 34.29-35

PSALM 99 TIS 58

Response:



- 1. The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- 2. The Lord is great in Zion, and is exalted over all the peoples. *Response*
- 3. Let them praise your great and wondrous name! Holy is the Lord!
- 4. Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. *Response*
- 5. Extol the Lord our God.Worship at the Lord's footstool!Holy is the Lord!
- 6. Moses and Aaron were among God's priests,
 Samuel also was among those who called on God's name.
 They cried to the Lord, who answered them,

- 7. who spoke to them in the pillar of cloud. They kept God's testimonies, and the statutes God gave them.
- 8. Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; Surely the Lord our God is holy! *Response*

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SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

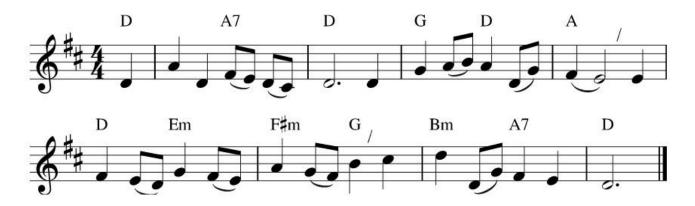
Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN 234



- 1. How good, Lord, to be here! your glory fills the night; your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.
- 2. How good, Lord, to be here, your beauty to behold, where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.
- 3. Fulfiller of the past, promise of things to be: we hail your body glorified, and our redemption see.
- 4. Before we taste of death, we see your Kingdom come; we still would hold the vision bright, and make this hill our home.
- 5. How good, Lord, to be here! yet we may not remain; but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

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THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **Alleluia**Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Alleluia**

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke:

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Luke 9.28-36

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

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.

After each section:

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

And at the end:

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

THE GREETINGS OF PEACE

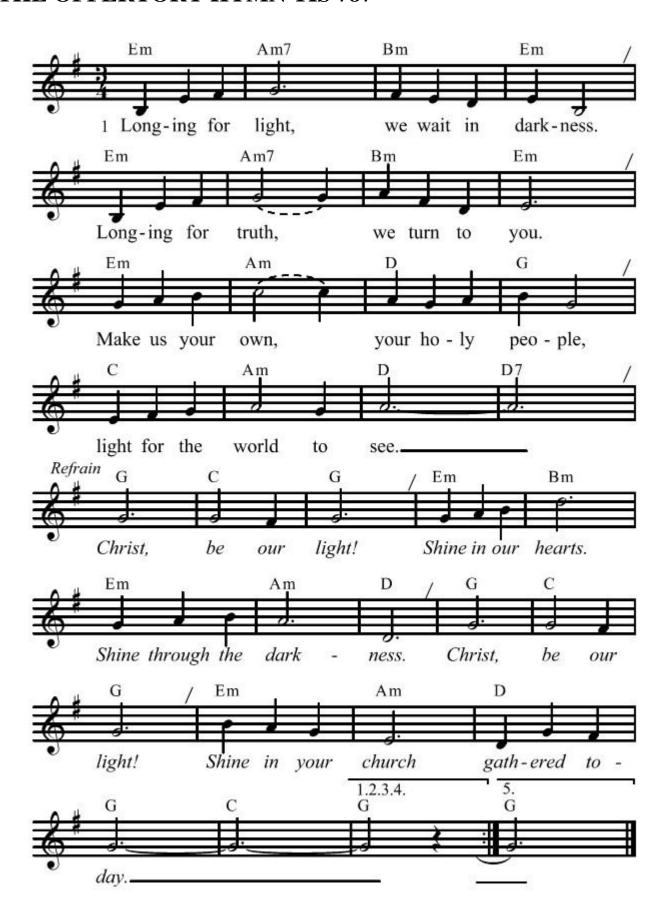
We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 787



1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

- 2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
 Longing for hope, many despair.
 Your word alone has power to save us.
 Make us your living voice.
 Christ, be our light.
- 3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
 Longing for water, many still thirst.
 Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.
 Christ, be our light.
- 4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
 Longing for warmth, many are cold.
 Make us your building, sheltering others,
 walls made of living stone.
 Christ, be our light.
- 5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. *Christ, be our light.*

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THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

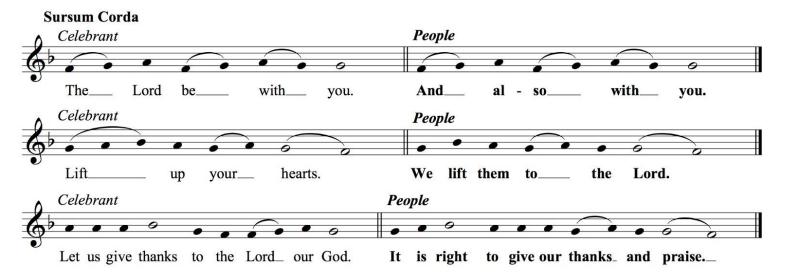
Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessèd be God for ever.

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessèd be God for ever.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



It is right to praise you, faithful God,

Always and everywhere,

For with your only begotten Son

And life-giving Spirit,

You are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing

A universe of beauty and splendour,

Bringing light from darkness

And order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in your image,

And endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.

You called us by name and searched us out,

Making a covenant of mercy,

Giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,

Joining with your faithful people of every time and place, Singing the eternal song:



When the fullness of time was come,
You sent your Son to be born of Mary.
Bright image of your glory,
He learnt obedience to you in all things,
Even to death on a cross,
Breaking the power of evil,
Freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.
You raised him from death,
Exalting him to glory,
And the new day dawned.

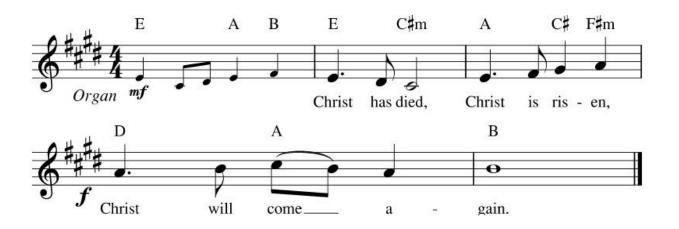
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As 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 for ever. Amen.

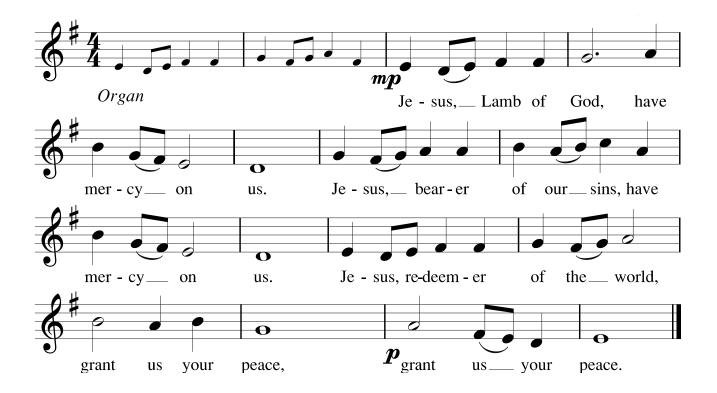
The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI



THE INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

THE ANTHEM

'My eyes for beauty pine.'

Herbert Howells (1892-1983) Text Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

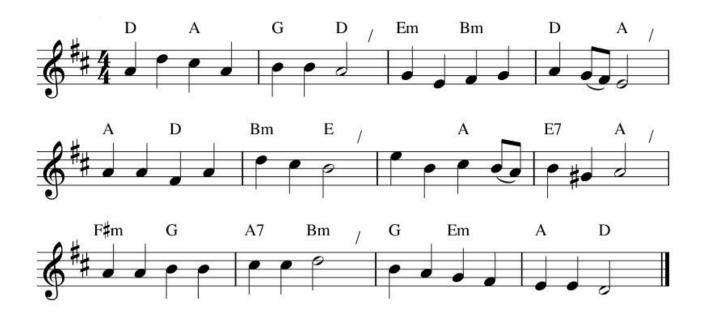
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God,
We see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
May we who are partakers at his table
Reflect his life in word and deed,
That all the world may know
His power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

TIS 212



- 1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only light, sun of righteousness, arise, triumph over shades of night; dayspring from on high, be near; day-star, in my heart appear.
- 2. Dark and cheerless is the morn if you seem not close to me; joyless is the day's return, till your mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3. Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief; more and more yourself display, shining to the perfect day.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.

Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of the Spirit.

THE BLESSING

May the peace of God which is beyond all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Please feel free to stay or leave as you please during the Postlude.

PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need, including Deepa, Susan, Barbara, Pat, Jocelyn, Mandy, Jenny, Sasha, Martin, Pamela, Mavis, John, + Andrew and Paul.

Please pray for the recently departed.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Dawn Hoy, Stan Archer, Minnie Irene Uren, Eunice Jones and Lilly Conlan.

If there is a name that should be included, please advise the Parish Office by email office@stmarys.org.au

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The Roster		
	February 27th	March 2nd
8:00am Reader	Judie Bainbridge	ASH WEDNESDAY
10:00am Readers	Fabian Nunes Rebe Taylor	Susan Gribben Marion Poynter
Serving Team	Peter O'Donoghue TBC	Andrew Murray TBC
Welcome	Michael Golding	Anne Sunderland
Introduction & Intercessions	Geoff Jenkins	N/A
Video/AV	Adam Wing	Adam Wing
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Harriet Jenkins	N/A
Morning Tea	Margaret Nobel Michael Nobel	N/A
Collection Counting	Parish Council +1	Parish Council +1
Flowers	Christine Storey	N/A

ST MARY'S PARISH NOTICES

ANGLICAN OVERSEAS AID'S TONGAN APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the appeal for Tonga. A total of \$1290 was raised.

2022 ST MARYS PARISH FAIR

On the first Saturday in May, the day before Mother's Day, the Kindergarten and Church are planning to hold a Fair. The first in three years!

The Kinder will have its usual stalls, while we will put on Devonshire Teas and have a Mother's Day Stall on which we will sell preserves, and cakes and handcrafts. We are calling on everyone who can to help by:

- making preserves—jams, chutneys, cordials, etc. now while vegs. and fruit are available cheaply at market. (Father Jan can get good priced ingredients if needed.)
- making gifts that are suitable for mothers' day giving— e.g. lavender bags, clove oranges, cushion covers, scarves, etc.
- Can you help on the day setting up, or serving on the stall? Or helping with the Devonshire teas?

Please let Marion Poynter know if you have any other ideas. You may be able to help set up on the day, or serve on the stall, or help with the Devonshire teas?

For more information, please contact Marion Poynter 0417 364 431

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Dates for Lent:

Wednesday, 2 March 2022 - Ash Wednesday. Service Times: 8.30am, 12.30pm, and 7pm Sunday, 6 March 2022 - 1st Sunday in Lent Sunday, 13 March 2022 - 2nd Sunday in Lent

Sunday, 20 March 2022 - 3rd Sunday in Lent - Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, 27 March 2022 - 4th Sunday in Lent and Laetare Sunday -

Stewardship Sunday, followed by a Mothering Sunday morning tea with Simnel Cake

Sunday 3 April 2022 - 5th Sunday in Lent with a Service of Tenebrae will be held at 7pm.

Lenten Study times and dates will be announced later.

Holy Week dates and times:

Sunday 10 April 2022 - 10am Palm Sunday Procession and Liturgy of the Passion

Thursday 14 April 2022 - 8pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist

Friday 15 April 2022 - 10am Good Friday Service

Saturday 16 April 2022 - 10am Holy Saturday working bee

Saturday 16 April 2022 - 9pm Great Paschal Vigil

Sunday 17 April 2022 - 10am Easter Day Eucharist

AVE EASTER EDITION

Contributions are very welcome from all parishioners, seasoned contributors and those who've been too busy or shy before. It could be the thing you take on in Lent. All contributions to Rhondda by the Sunday after Mothering/Refreshment Sunday so that Darrell isn't trying to organise the printing before all those Holy Week and Easter pew sheets.

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church worker, past or present. The Diocese of Melbourne is committed to doing all that is possible to ensure that abuse does not occur. All complaints of abuse are taken very seriously, and we do all we can to lessen harm. We offer respect, pastoral care and ongoing long-term support to anyone who makes a complaint. St Mary's Statement of Commitment to Child Safety is on our noticeboard and can be downloaded from our website www.stmarys.org.au.

PLEASE REPORT ABUSE CALL 1800 135 246

MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne is an inner-city Christian community that strives to be faithful, inclusive and sacramental.

God inspires us to worship in daily celebration; to be caring, thoughtful and inviting.

In response to God's call, in the next three to five years we aim:

- To grow substantially in faith and numbers
- To create an inter-generational culture that values all age groups children and adults equally
- To express our faith in active engagement within and beyond our own community
- To deploy our property and financial assets in strategic support of the ministry needs of the parish for the long term
- To become more open to change as we learn to grow

