



Welcome to St Mark's!

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Lent 5

17 March 2024

Liturgical Colour: Violet

*Lent is a season of
preparation for Easter*

Today:

7:30am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher:
The Rev'd Gary Blundell

9.15am Holy Communion

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We have a
hearing loop
available. Please
turn hearing aids
on to "T" switch.



Sentence of the Day

'This is the covenant I will make with them,' says the Lord God: 'I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people.'
Jeremiah 31.33

Collect

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.**

Acknowledgement of country

As we gather in this Church, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Turrbal and Jagera people, and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.

NOTICES

Morning Tea

Please join us for Morning Tea in the hall after both Services.

Morning Prayer

Join us for Morning Prayer each Thursday morning at 8.30am via Zoom.



Kids@Church—Play Church!

We will gather again on **Thursday 21 March** at 9.30am
For all little people and their carers.

GFS Youth Group

GFS meets every 2nd, 4th & 5th Friday night of each month in the hall. This group is for girls in high school and older.

Everyone is WELCOME Here

WEEKLY OFFERING

DIRECT DEBIT DETAILS

Bank: NAB
Account Name: St Mark's Clayfield
BSB 084-004
A/c 50-838-9619



Donation

Search for St Mark's Anglican Church Clayfield— Like our page, watch the Sunday sermons at your leisure!



PRAYER

FOCUS

for this week

For St Mark's
Outreach and
Mission:

The Holy Trinity Pantry at the Valley — for those in need in the inner city.

The Sick: Please use the Intercessions Book for those who you know would like to be named in our Prayers of Intercession.

Anniversaries of the Faithful Departed:

George Goodwin
Irene Foote
Ian Livingston
Dorothea Harrison
Denise Garney
Bill Coburn
Roland French Snr
Ruth Thompson
Evelyn Anderson

Wider Mission Focus for this Month:

Bush Church Aid (BCA). For ministry in rural Australia.
www.bushchurchaid.com.au.

TENNIS COURT

You can book the tennis court online
<https://stmarkstennis.com/>

\$15 per hour

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.

³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 119:9-16

⁹ How shall the young keep their path pure:
unless they hold to your word?

¹⁰ **I have sought you with my whole heart:
let me not stray from your commandments.**

¹¹ I have treasured your words in my heart:
that I might not sin against you.

¹² **Blessed are you, Lord God:
O teach me your statutes.**

¹³ With my lips I have been telling:
all the judgements of your mouth;

¹⁴ **And I find more joy in the way of your commands:
than in all manner of riches.**

¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts:
and give heed to your ways;

¹⁶ **For my delight is wholly in your statutes:
and I will not forget your word.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:5-14

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; ⁶ as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

¹¹ About this we have much to say that is hard to explain, since you have become dull in understanding. ¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic elements of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food; ¹³ for everyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is unskilled in the word of righteousness. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, for those whose faculties have been trained by practice to distinguish good from evil.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Postal Tubes
Does anyone have any large postal tubes (min 10cm diameter) they would like to donate to the Church? If so could you please leave them at the office. Many thanks.

Question Box
(for sermons during April and May)
What is the Collect? Why do we light candles? What is meant by mutual perichoresis?
Add **YOUR questions** to the box at the church door for clarification during Easter-tide sermons :)

NOTICES

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Service

Thursday 28 March at 6pm

RSVP essential on Sign up sheet, include dietary requirements, helpers needed, evening includes communion with meal and finishes with stripping of the Sanctuary in church.

Garage Sale is Coming

To be held on the 20 April in the hall. Start cleaning out your cupboards for clean unwanted goods and drop them into the hall during office hours. NO goods after 14 April please.

Please NO clothes or shoes this year.



Pizza & Palm Crosses
This coming Friday

Come and join GFS for pizza and then palm cross making on

Friday 22 March at 6.00pm in the hall. Everyone welcome!

If you are able to join us, please write your name on the list at the back of the church.

Lenten Mission for Anglicare – raising funds for backpacks for kids in Foster Care

During Lent we are raising funds to create filled backpacks to provide children and teens who are being removed from their homes and transferred into foster care.

Please take an envelope for your donation or you may donate online noting "backpacks".



GOSPEL READING - John 12:20-21

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 3, beginning at the 14th verse.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

²³ Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

²⁷ 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' ³⁰ Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Church & Hall Cleaner Needed

Our present cleaner is no longer able to clean for us. If you know of someone who would be able to clean the church and hall each week, please ask them to call the office on 3862 2221 between 7am-12pm Mon-Fri. The cleaning takes around 2-3hrs and we are able to pay around \$43.00 per hour..

Easter Saturday Campfire— Open Space Sanctuary

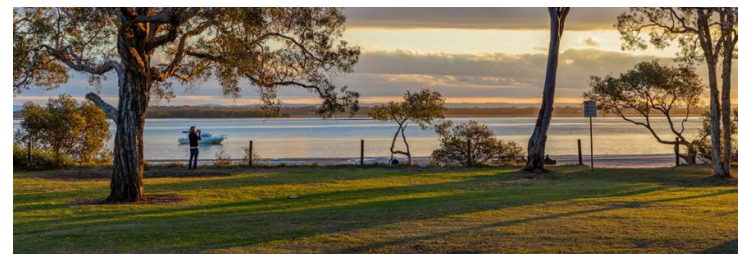
Gather around the campfire on Easter Saturday night for nibbles, drinks, reflective moments and the chance to walk our Holy Week Labyrinth in the still of the night of vigil.

BYO drinks
BYO favourite camp chair

Saturday 30 March 6-8pm
St Mark's Carpark



Parish Retreat—Expression of Interest



**Banksia Beach, Bribie Island,
Friday 14 June – Sunday 16 June**

(an hour's drive north of Brisbane, 2 neighbouring houses right at the beach, day option, bedding available for up to 16 people)

Names/s:

Best email:

Interested in full retreat
or just on Saturday 15 June?