

**Reflection for Second Sunday in Lent:**



Abraham was thrown a curve ball by God. – You will be the father of a multitude of nations! Really? He was no spring chicken and had no children at all!

St Paul in his letter to the Romans reflected that it all worked out well - not because Abraham followed the religious rules to the letter, but because he believed what God told him. He simply believed and trusted.

On the other hand, when confronted with strange ideas or information that we can't deal with because it is so contrary to the way we see the world, we often try to suppress it, it is too much for us to bear. That's what Peter did, didn't he? He had a wonderful realisation that Jesus was indeed the Messiah, the one who had come to help them be free and rid of the Roman invaders. When Jesus begins to talk about his death and suffering, Peter can't stand it and tries to stop him from talking about it.

When you feel your emotions rising at the thought of a change in church, or in the way we worship, this could be an AHA! Moment. Have another look at the situation, am I allowing my assumptions of the world get in God's way? That's a tough question to be faced with, and your emotions, if you take a step back, will guide you. Just take another look before deciding to complain, write a letter, or plain not take part. Change is scary, but without movement and change, we turn to stone.

This Lent, I invite you to challenge yourself, to deepen your faith, perhaps by changing a habit yourself. I know that some brave parishioners have started on this journey. Are you game to come on the journey this Lent too?

God bless you and all for whom you pray.

*Elizabeth*

*Jesus, the disconcerter, help us to be prepared to question our beliefs and assumptions even when this is unsettling; may our own deeply cherished ideas never stand in the way of the ones you want us to understand; and may we always be ready to look, and look, and look again until we see clearly the path you are trying to show us.*

*Amen*

**Pew Sheet:** Material for inclusion in Pew Sheets should be given to Alf. by Wednesday evening..



*Shining Christ's Light on the Peninsula*

*Welcome  
to  
Worship in Our Parish*

**February 25th 2018**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**Service Times**

**Sundays**

8:00 am St Mark's Leopold & St Paul's Whittington  
10:00 am St Mark's Leopold & St Barnabas' Newcomb

**Wednesday - 10:00 am**

1st & 3rd Wednesdays @ St Barnabas'  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ St Mark's  
5th Wednesday @ St Paul's

**Morning Prayer @ St Barnabas'**

Monday - Saturday 9:15 am

**Parish Identity**

*BGAP : A community who loves God and everyone else.*

**Mission Statement**

Our mission is to enable individuals to recognize and carry out their ministries as Christians. Through this, we strive to become a model company of faithful people who both honour their varied traditions and actively share in building the family of Christ.

## MINISTRY TEAM

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### Today's Readings

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:24-32  
Romans 4.13-25  
Mk 8:31-38

### Next Week's Readings

Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22

### Parish Prayer

*'Lord you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Guide us in our worship and life together: transform us into whatever you would have us do. Help us to be deeply connected with the world around us and strengthen us to proclaim the good news in word and deed in this community, for the glory and for the growth of your kingdom.. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.*

**Known Happy Birthdays:** None

(Please contact me if I miss any important dates so that I can up-date my records. Alf)

**Prayers for Healing:** Please pray for the healing of body, mind and spirit of the following people who are on our hearts: Jo, Audrey Miles, Barb, Barbara S, Pam, Heather R, Arthur, Enid Hughes, Cassie & family,

### Bible Relection:

'Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord: and let all the families of the nations worship before him.' This week, as Lent continues, remember to turn towards God. Invite family members to come to church with you.



Pray that people around Australia will see God's love in their lives and be converted by it.  
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**Geelong Bible Museum & Resource Centre:** Are you interested in having a Christian bookshop, resource centre and bible museum in Geelong? A meeting to discuss this concept will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm in the Belmont-Highton Baptist Church. See poster on notice board for more details. Any enquiries contact Graham Higgerson, [graham.higgerson@gmail.com](mailto:graham.higgerson@gmail.com), 0458 482 047

**Welcome** to our services today - the Second Sunday in Lent. We hope you find your time worshipping God enjoyable and enriching. Please stay after the services for a cup of tea/coffee, biscuit and fellowship.



### For your diary:

Today

Wednesday 28th

Friday March 2nd

Lenten studies at St Barnabas' @ 2 pm

Fellowship afternoon tea (see below for details)

World Day of Prayer @ Lumen Christi (details below)

**Fellowship Afternoon tea:** The Group's first outing for 2018 will be next Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Meet at Geelong Botanical Gardens at 1.30 pm to enjoy afternoon tea together. All are welcome: **male and female, young or old.**



Hope to see you there. Any queries, contact: Wilma Farrell 0401 978 446 or Margaret Dickson 5248 5842.

**Thank You:** A sincere 'Thank you' to all who helped prepare the churches and halls, made sandwiches, cakes, slices etc, served drinks and food or whatever you did at Colin Robinson and John Lee's funerals this week. It was appreciated by the families. Approximately 200 people attended John's funeral. And we didn't run out of food. A special 'Thank you' to Graham Barker who at the last minute stepped up to the plate and played the organ at John's funeral.

**For sale:** Japanese maples, 30 cm (12") tall, \$6  
Contact Phyll Serpell 5250 1461



**World Day of Prayer:** This year's service will be held at Lumen Christi on Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, commencing at 10 am. The service has been prepared by the people of Suriname. The Republic of Suriname lies on the northeastern coast of South America. It is named after the Surinen tribe, one of the indigenous peoples of the land. The theme is 'All God's Creation is Very Good'. All welcome – including men. Morning tea will follow.

**Music at the Basilica:** Free lunchtime reflections for the season of Lent; Easter Concert presented by Windfire Chamber Choir and Strings (Tickets \$35/30) See notice board for full details.

**Building a better life:** One wants happiness and doesn't want suffering, and on the basis of that, one enters into good actions and avoids bad actions.