

Reflection for Fifth Sunday in Lent:



“Sir, we wish to see Jesus” said the curious Greeks to the disciples.

We wish to see Jesus. I think that is a longing that all Christians have.

You could say, well, after you die, then you will indeed see Jesus, but hopefully that will be a long time to wait.

We wish to see Jesus.....what can we do today?

Jesus gave the disciples, and us, a commission, he said to them; “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Today, we will follow that instruction and baptise Kahlia into the worldwide community of Christians.

But, how will Kahlia know and see Jesus as she grows up? That will depend upon everyone of us that meets in church today, regular and visitor. We need to follow the most important instruction from which everything else springs – Love the Lord your God with all your being and love your neighbour as yourself. If we truly act and speak in love to each other, then the work of Jesus will be evident for all to see. And yes, we shall indeed see Jesus; in the face of the lonely, the outcast and the refugee.

We may not see that classical image of the man in a long robe, long hair and sandals, but we shall see recognise God’s love all around us, and then, and then we shall see him!

It isn’t easy, learning to love and see Jesus, that’s why there is church each week, to encourage us when we stumble and cheer when it goes well. Church isn’t for those who think they have it all sorted, church is for us trying to make sense of this crazy world, and all are welcome.

God bless you and all for whom you pray.

Elizabeth



Shining Christ’s Light on the Peninsula

*Welcome
to
Worship in Our Parish*

March 18th 2018

Fifth 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.

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Today's Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-14
John 12:20-33

Next Week's Readings

Zechariah 9.9-12a
Ps 118.1-2,19-29
Philipians 2.5-11
Mark 11.1-11

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: Wilma Farrell 19th, Sandra Taylor 20th

Known Happy Anniversaries:

Dorreen & Kevin Malone 18th, Rosemary & Murray Hooper 19th

(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,



Special Services Calendar: A revised Holy Day and Combined Service calendar was enclosed in last week's Pew sheet and is also on notice boards in each centre.

Palm Sunday Readers: Please note the readings for Palm Sunday have been changed and are as listed above.

The abandoned car saga at St Mark's has been resolved.
And the car was gone by Friday afternoon!!!



Welcome to Kahlia Palackovic, who is getting baptised today, her parents and their friends. Kahlia has brought along her mum and dad, Jacinta and Drasko and 30 of their closest friends.
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	Lenten studies at St Barnabas' @ 2 pm
Wednesday 21st	Palm Cross making (see insert for details)
Sunday 25th	Palm Sunday - normal service times
Sunday 25th	Palm Sunday - march & studies (details below & insert)
Thursday 29th	Maundy Thursday
Friday 30th	Good Friday
Sunday April 1st	Easter Day
Saturday April 7th	Men's Breakfast, Leopold U.C. @ 7.30 am

Walk for Justice for Refugees - Palm Sunday Anglicans Walking Together

The SRC (Social Responsibilities Committee) invite parishioners to march on Palm Sunday, carrying banners and palm branches from our churches as we ask for justice and mercy for refugees. We are inviting people to gather at the Cathedral at 1:30 pm. We will walk together to the State Library at 1:40 pm to join the walk which begins at 2 pm.

BGAP parishioners could go as a group on the train. (Refer to insert)

Maundy Thursday:

Sign up sheets for the worship and meal on Maundy Thursday 29th March, 7pm in St Mark's hall are now available.

The past shared meals have been very popular, so secure your space in that Upper Room as soon as you can!

Have you remembered to?

Sign up to help: Sign-up sheets are available in each centre for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Day Vigil and Easter Day. Would parishioners please have a look at them and begin to think about what they may want to do to help make Easter a wonderful time for all. There are many opportunities to help. Good Friday help tba

Check the draft Parish Directory: A draft of the updated Parish Directory is available for parishioners to check that details are correct. Add any missing information. If your name and details are not there, and you have not been contacted, please complete an information sheet or write your details down somewhere. Finally, please tick the box to indicate details are OK.

Lenten Journey:

Thank you to all who braved "Life of Brian" last week. In between the poor sound and curious accents from the British Isle, there were some moments of sharp satire that I picked up on and made use of this week. Instead of agreeing to discuss an issue at a later date, the Parish Council was encouraged to take action and be bold!

This week's Lenten Journey will be held again at 2pm at St Barnabas.

Next week, on Palm Sunday, we will have a choice of actions for the Lenten Journey group.

** Rev'd Ann Key will be hosting the final Journey's End at St Barnabas at 2pm.

** Rev'd Elizabeth will be accompanying a group of parishioners who wish to join the Diocese representatives on the Palm Sunday Walk for Refugees.

The train that leaves Geelong South station at 12.06 for Melbourne would arrive in time. If interested, please contact Rev'd Elizabeth.

Palm Cross making: The Eucharist Service on Wednesday 21st March will be changed to a service of community palm cross making outside Gloria Jeans in the Newcomb shopping centre.

Starting at 10am, come for as long as you are able. Free hot drink vouchers will be available.

If any one has a spare palm branch, to add to those already donated by the generous Pat Evans, that would be most helpful.



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Dear God,

My mummy is very beautiful. She wears lovely clothes and has red lips and black hair, like Snow White.

When we have a babysitter, she wears special clothes to go out with daddy to the cafe where children aren't allowed to go.

She wears nice perfume, and I'm not allowed to kiss her goodbye but I love her a lot.

Love

Glinda

(From Children's Letters to God)