



**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**21 March 2021**

Easter Services

28<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday 9.30am Joint service  
with Farewell to Greg Ellsmore

1<sup>st</sup> April Maundy Thursday Service 7.30pm

2<sup>nd</sup> April Good Friday Service 9.30am

3<sup>rd</sup> April Easter Vigil 7.30pm

4<sup>th</sup> April Easter Day Services 8.00am & 10.00am



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, the people of the Kulin nation, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

This parish is committed to Child Safety and complies with Diocesan and State requirements.  
This is a shared responsibility of staff and parish. Please see the back of pew leaflet for contact details.

## At Worship Today:

8.00 am

Preaching & Presiding: Revd Greg

**Hymn: TIS 382 'Now the Green  
Blade Rises'**

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.

10.00 am

Presiding:

Ven Dianne

Preaching:

Revd Greg

Cantor:

Sophie Clapperton

Liturgy Setting:

Dudman

Processional:

**TIS 382 'Now the Green Blade Rises' vv.1, 2 & 3**

Sentence:

**'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.'**

First Reading:

Hebrews 5.5-14

Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel:

John 12.20-33

Offertory:

**'The Light of Christ'**

Communion Song:

**'O Let the Son of God Enfold You.'**

- words and music by John Wimber

Post Communion Meditation:

**'Prayer for Peace'** - David Haas v.1,2,3 & 6

Recessional Hymn:

**TIS 248 'When Christ was Lifted from the Earth'**

## **Mt Waverley Chadstone Inter Church Council's 'Way of the Cross'**

The service will commence at 11.15am on Good Friday in the St John's UC car park in Virginia Street, Mt Waverley. The walk will follow the usual route around nearby Sherwood Park and return to St John's car park.

Unfortunately because of Covid we are not able to meet in the church and there will be no morning tea to follow the walk.

First 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.

Gospel Reading: John 12.20-33

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.

Able to provide transport?

We have two parishioners from our former CE service who are wanting to attend our services but unable to because of lack of transport. They live in Aveo Fountain Court in Burwood. If anyone is able to give them a lift even it is once a month they would be most appreciative. Please contact Rev'd Greg if you are able to serve in this way.



**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

Would you like to become a partner in assisting families in Papua New Guinea?

**Mother 's Union is raising funds to support Positive Parenting** a community-based and culturally appropriate program.

This has run successfully in the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, reducing domestic violence, improving educational outcomes for families and increasing community harmony. You are welcome to join us at our next meeting ...get to know our nearest neighbours!

Monday March 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1-30pm in the Parish Centre.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN  
'Now the green blade rises'

1. Now the green blade rises  
from the buried grain,  
wheat that in the dark earth  
many days has lain:  
love lives again,  
that with the dead has been:  
*Love has come again,  
like wheat that springs up green.*

2. In the grave they laid him,  
Love whom hate had slain,  
thinking that he never  
would awake again,  
laid in the earth,  
like grain that sleeps unseen.  
*Love has come again, ...*

3. Up he sprang at Easter,  
like the risen grain,  
he who for the three days  
in the grave had lain,  
raised from the dead  
my living Lord is seen:  
*Love has come again, ...*

John MacLeod Campbell Crum 1872-1958 alt.

OFFERTORY HYMN  
'The Light of Christ'

*The light of Christ has come into the world,  
the light of Christ has come into the world.*

1. We must all be born again to see the kingdom  
of God;  
**the water and the Spirit bring new life in God's  
love.**  
*The light of Christ has come into the world,  
the light of Christ has come into the world.*

2. God gave up the only Son out of love for the  
world  
so that all who believe in him will live forever.  
*The light of Christ has come into the world,  
the light of Christ has come into the world.*

3. The light of God has come to us so that we  
might have salvation;  
from the darkness of our sins we walk into  
glory with Christ Jesus.  
*The light of Christ has come into the world,  
the light of Christ has come into the world.*

Donald Fishel

RECESSIONAL HYMN  
'When Christ was Lifted from the Earth'

1. When Christ was lifted from the earth  
his arms stretched out above  
through every culture, every birth,  
to draw an answering love.

2. Still east and west his love extends  
and always, near or far,  
he calls and claims us as his friends  
and loves us as we are.

3. Where generation, class or race  
divides us to our shame,  
he sees not labels but a face,  
a person and a name.

4. Thus freely loved, though fully known,  
may I in Christ be free  
to welcome and accept his own  
as Christ accepted me.

Brian Arthur Wren 1936-

**Are YOU doing your bit?**

**Well you can on Palm Sunday...**

- ☺ Try our new compostable coffee pods
- ☺ No-guilt 'no. 2's' with recycled loo rolls!
- ☺ Banish plastic wrap - beeswax is better
- ☺ Veggies don't like plastic: try our nets
- ☺ Ditch your plastic bin bags today

Don't need anything? Buy a little gift for  
your friend & help them do their bit!



**Shop and Share with Care!**

*An initiative of the Social Justice & Mission Group*

From your Assistant/Curate

In this fifth Sunday of Lent, we again revisit our baptismal promises as we seek further growth in our faith. Part of growing as a follower of Christ means going through trials, just as our Lord did, as God has determined for us beforehand to refine our character.

**But sometimes life just isn't easy. Sometimes it's downright difficult. So it may be all well and good for Christ to be reigning in heaven where we will one day be...but what about today? How is he present with us in our struggles here and now?**

The book of Hebrews sheds some light here. We see a Christ who is especially our high priest. We **neglect this aspect of Christ's role to our own detriment, as understanding him as high priest offers much solace and comfort.**

**Hebrews 4:15 tells us that we don't have a high priest who is distant or apathetic to us, but in him we** have confidence to approach God in penitence and faith so we receive his wonderful mercy and grace. Christ is able to empathise with us, and he deals gently with us (Heb 5:2). So a Christ in heaven is absolutely crucial for us here and now, in our struggles and difficulties. For it means that he is uniquely qualified as our great high priest to help us and come to our aid when we call on him. We have a friend on the other side. We have a man on the inside. We have a family member on the throne of God himself. No other name will be able. No other name will do.

This Lent may we grow in genuine appreciation of being able to draw near to the throne of mercy and **grace in times of need, all because of who Christ is, and what he's done on the cross. As we face** temptations, struggles, and suffering, may we look into the face of Christ. May we remember that we have the greatest privilege and profound joy that in him we have one in heaven who has been through it all, and therefore, is able to empathise with us in our times of need.

Grace and peace, Rev'd Greg

### THANK YOU

Many thanks to two of our artisans -- John Leaver and Horst Retschko. John meticulously restored four small tables, which were made by John Hobbs many years ago. An exacting task as the tables had fallen into disrepair. Horst used his special knowledge of varnishes and lacquering to restore the narthex table and lectern. These had been damaged by the sanitising alcohol solution.

Thank you gentlemen -- The Wardens.



### Advance Notice

The Ladies Guild will be operating The Lions Club Opportunity Shop in Wadham Parade, Mount Waverley from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Could you please put aside any saleable items for delivery to the shop on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April.





# 2021 Lenten Actions for Social Justice

## Week 5 – Social Inclusion

*“Social Inclusion is a cornerstone of modern society, yet many members of our community don’t have a sense of belonging. They are often lonely and in their isolation become unwell, unhappy and may even give up on life. This is especially so for members of the community who are living alone, are poor, elderly, homeless, living with a disability or coping with family breakdown”* Dr Jonathan Welch AM (Source: Foreword to Social Inclusion Week 2021)

Inclusive and welcoming communities value each and every member, and offer everyone the opportunity to participate. There are many ways we can contribute to making our Parish and our community groups more inclusive.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Unity	Attitudes	Access	Sharing Resources	Welcoming	Diversity	Actions
<p>Rather than seeing our differences as something that keeps us apart, let us embrace them, celebrate them, and let them unite us.</p> <p>Our diverse congregation is united in faith. Identify other connections (eg love of music, sport, travel, bushwalking, art) you may have with parishioners of different ages, abilities, cultural backgrounds etc. and talk with them about these.</p>	<p>You may have a positive attitude towards social inclusion but do the groups you belong to back that up with actions?</p> <p>Initiate a discussion about practical ways in which your group could learn about ways to be more inclusive.</p>	<p>Do you know of someone who would like to come to church but doesn’t have access to transport?</p> <p>Offer them a lift every now and again.</p> <p>Are you a computer wizard? Could you offer to help a fellow parishioner learn how to access zoom, email, the Parish web page etc.?</p>	<p>Contribute to the weekly alms baskets</p> <p>Goods in our Alms baskets go to The Asylum Seekers Resource Centre in Dandenong and Mount Waverly Community Information and Support Inc. Find out more about these organisations and how you can help.</p>	<p>Welcome new (and old) Parishioners!</p> <p>Invite and include new parishioners and someone you don’t often speak to in your group conversations at morning tea.</p>	<p>Watch the film When Mary met Mohamed. It is a wonderful story about a Christian woman and the friendship she develops with a Muslim asylum seeker.</p> <p><a href="https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/when-mary-met-mohammad/">https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/when-mary-met-mohammad/</a></p>	<p>Learn more about Social Inclusion Week 2021 November 20 – 28 <a href="https://www.socialinclusionweek.com.au">https://www.socialinclusionweek.com.au</a></p> <p>This year’s theme is Connect, Collaborate, Celebrate Encourage the groups you belong to plan activities for this week. Great resources are available to help.</p>

# Dates to put in your diary ...

## Sunday Fifth Sunday in Lent

- March 21, 2021

8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Eucharist with Kids Church
11.30 am	Lenten Study (Old Church)
<u>Monday</u>	22
1.30-4.00pm	MU (Parish Centre)
4.00 - 8.45 pm	Karen Margaret Dance (PC)
7.15 - 9.30 pm	TCCV (Church)
<u>Tuesday</u>	23
2.00 - 3.00 pm	Lenten Study (Old Church)
<u>Wednesday</u>	24
10.30 am	mainly music (Old Ch)
<u>Thursday</u>	25
10.00 am	Thursday Eucharist
6.30 - 7.30 pm	Karate (Parish Centre)
7.30 pm	Meditation (zoom)
<u>Friday</u>	26
10.30 am	Lenten Study (Old Church)
<u>Saturday</u>	27
9.00 am - 2.00 pm	TCCV (Old Church)
3.00 - 10.00 pm	Chinese Church (Ch/PC/OC)
<u>Sunday</u>	28 Palm Sunday
9.30 am	Eucharist with Kids Church
11.30 am	Lenten Study (Old Church)
3.00 - 8.00 pm	TCCV (Church)

## Next week: Palm Sunday

- March 28, 2021 (9.30 am)

### Readings:

Isaiah 50. 4 - 9a

Philippians 2. 5 -11

Mark 15.1 -39

Welcomers: Sugan Blanchard  
Arunthy Blanchard

Readers: Elaine Fasken  
John Leaver

Intercessor: Rowena Ferguson

## Covid Cleaning Roster

### Sunday 21st March

8am	Sugan Blanchard Arunthy Blanchard
10am	Margaret Crawford Nirmolini Flora

### Thursday 25th March

10am	Val Dyke Lyn Ryan
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### Sunday 28th March

9.30am	Darryl Liewersz Shanti Liewersz Hannah Lo Stephen Lo
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Galakookemu: Following the path of Benedict in modern life.

We will meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7pm at Mitcham until further notice. We welcome newcomers. Visit and see if this is for you. Contact Christine Mallouhi



mainly music continues to engage with young families.

You are always welcome to come along and see what we do on Wednesdays 10.30am -

12 noon, Old Church, during school term.



mainly music

Tamil Christian Church services

2nd and 4th Sunday from 3pm

Joyriver Chinese Church

Saturdays from 3pm

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<b>Priest</b> (Day off - Monday)	The Venerable Dianne Sharrock
<b>Assistant Curate</b> (Day off - Monday)	The Revd Greg Wong
<b>Children's and Families' Minister</b>  (Tues 10.00 am - 3.00 pm, Wed 9.30 am - 2.30 pm, Sun 10.30 am - 12.30 pm)	Lisa Eames
<b>Child Safety Compliance Officer</b>	Elaine Fasken
<b>Covid19 Compliance Officer</b>	Sugan Blanchard
<b>Music Director</b>	Brian Copple
<b>Treasurer</b>	Helen Warren
<b>Office Manager</b>	Katherine Rushby
<b>Churchwardens:</b>	Graeme Dellora John Foster Sue Retschko
<b>Parish Council:</b>	Sugan Blanchard, David Bruce, Margaret Crawford, Rowena Ferguson, Judith Gibson, Jennifer Gracie, Nathan Kelly, Sherredan Maher, Helen Warren, Joan West
<b>Pastoral Care Ministry:</b>	
<i>Hospital Visiting:</i>	Clergy
<i>Funeral Ministry:</i>	The Vicar
<i>Contemporary Eucharist Contact:</i>	Rowena Ferguson
<b>Spiritual Directors:</b>	Cath Connelly Val Dyke
<b>Prayer Chain contact</b>	Margaret Syfret
<b>SERVICES:</b>	
	<b>Sunday 8.00 &amp; 10.00 am</b>
	<b>Thursday 10.00 am</b>