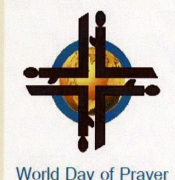



**COMING UP**

9th February— Sunday Mass 6.00pm St George with Fr Hermi Rafada  
 11th February—Our Lady of Lourdes  
 —World Day of the Sick  
 15th February— Baptism of Hudson Morris (son of Reagan & Jessica)  
 16th February—Sunday Mass 6.00pm St George with Fr Hermi Rafada  
 20th February— Fr Salvador returns to St George  
 23rd February— Launch of Project Compassion  
 25th February—Shrove Tuesday  
 26th February—Ash Wednesday (Day of Fast and Abstinence)  
 29th February—Diocesan Pastoral Council in Roma  
 1st March — First Sunday of Lent  
 6th March— World Day of Prayer (Anglican Church 10.00am Friday)  
 11th June— Confirmation with Bishop in St George 5.30pm (Thursday)



March 2020  
**Pray for Zimbabwe**  
 Date: *Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.*



Location of local service: *Anglican Church of St. George*  
 Time of local service: *10am.*

*Everyone is welcome to attend.*  
[worlddayofprayeraustralia.org](http://worlddayofprayeraustralia.org)

**JUNIOR WORDSEARCH**

**You are like light for the whole world**

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**Children's Corner**

Can you find these words from today's Gospel?

city disciples  
 food hidden  
 hill house  
 lamp light  
 one pot  
 salt top

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**Chair Liturgy:** Stella Baxter;

**Chair St Vincent de Paul:** Patrick Kilroy

**Organist :** Anne Brimblecombe,

**Children's choir :** Amelia Sevil

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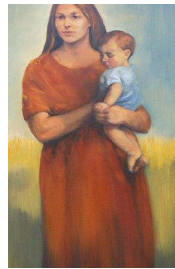
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**St George-Dirranbandi Catholic Parish**

includes St George, Dirranbandi, Hebel, Thallon, Bollon.



**Welcome! It's Sabbath - Day of the Lord !**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A- 9th February 2020**

*Welcome back Fr Hermi Rafada.*

*Thank you for travelling to celebrate Mass with us in St George 6.00pm Sunday 9th and 16th February.*

*We appreciate having you with us.*

**First Reading** Is 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

**(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.**

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**
2. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 8:12

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!**

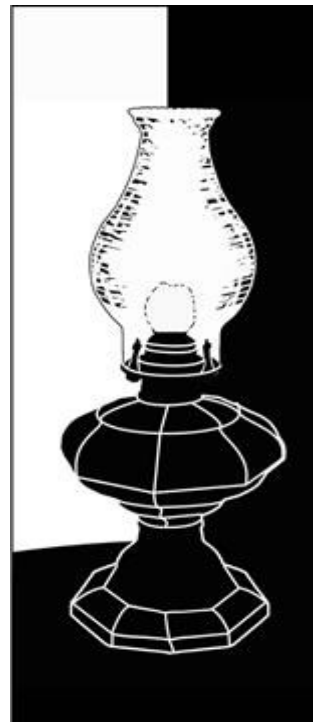
**Gospel** Mt 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

**'You are the light of the world.** A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'





**Gospel Reflection—**by Fr Michael Tate  
***Salty and Radiant***

You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the cosmos. 'You' is in the plural. So these descriptions are meant to apply to us as a Christian community. Salt in the ancient world was a preservative for food. So, we are the ones who are to preserve the earth, to prevent its deterioration, to keep it life-giving. Salt has to penetrate food to have an effect. We have to penetrate the world with our Sermon on the Mount values. Staying self-contained as a perfect little band of Christians is about as useful as salt remaining in the saltshaker. In Our Lord's scary opinion we would quite rightly be trampled underfoot. How are we light for the cosmos? By 'good works'? No, a truer translation is by 'beautiful works'. These are those things we do which have grace, elegance and proportion and are therefore pleasing to observe: beautifully-good-works. We could pause for a moment to pray that we remain salty and tangy, doing good beautifully and elegantly.

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE XXVIII WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2020 11 February 2020**

***"Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28)***

Dear brothers and sisters who are ill, your sickness makes you in a particular way one of those "who labour and are burdened", and thus attract the eyes and heart of Jesus. In him, you will find light to brighten your darkest moments and hope to soothe your distress. He urges you: "Come to me". In him, you will find strength to face all the worries and questions that assail you during this "dark night" of body and soul. Christ did not give us prescriptions, but through his passion, death and resurrection he frees us from the grip of evil. (extract from Pope Francis letter)

***The Eucharist...is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.***  
Evangelii Gaudium (2013) 47

**LET US PRAY FOR**

**Those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week.**

**The Newly Baptised:**

**The Newly Married :**

**Those gone to Eternal life recently :**

Patricia Hayes (nee Waterson) sister to Margaret Hutchinson, Walter Sting

**The Requiem Anniversaries in February (our record)**

Rev Msgr Michael Potter-1944, Fr.Robert O'Shea-1940 Mary Lindores, Tom West, Margaret White, Jack Smith, Mary Elizabeth Loveday, Eillen Kathleen Wilson, Jillian Mason, Cecelia Brosnan-2019, Lilly-May Shelley-2012, Luke Roberts, Fr Raymond White-2000, Mary Cronin, Gladys May O'Sullivan-1975, Michael Carrigan, Marie Langton, Alice Houston, Most Rev James Byrne DD-1938, Tess Murphy, Fr Derrick Furness-2013, David Pillman, Mary Jane Murphy, George P.B. Hargreaves-1963, Marion Helen Meacle, Hazel Talbot-2015 Clarrie Mitchell Rev Msgr John Bergin, Fr Michael Hayes-1960, Fr Michael Cronin-1992, Fr Henry Macfarlane-1946, Micky Tattam-2016, Rev Fr. Brian O'Dwyer-2016, Terence Wilson-2016, Max Constable-2017, Malachy (Michael) McCaughey-2017, Ben Thurlow-2019 Fr Michael Sheehan-1947, Shirley Morris-2016, Pat Brummell-2012, Mary Waterson-1977, Leslie Gilby, Noela Bunch-1985, Bill O'Hare, John Mills-2018, Kenneth George Kime-1996 Glenn Murphy (2011), Mary Klinge (2011) Max C onstaqble (2017)

**The sick:**

Mary Siddins, Mitchell Lindores, Sarah Lorimer, Amanda Chandler, Denise Lindores, Kate Macmillan, Leo Barrett, Genevieve Jenkins, Chris Rainbird, Ann Saal, Jenny Waters, Gay Webster, Tom Turvey, Maureen Hutchinson, Lynette Macmillan, Josie Dwyer, Benji Golder, Pam Kilroy, Pat Lister, Len Mengel, George Lister, Ashley Codrington, Dianne Connolly, Jenny Gillespie, Irene Hourn, Mick Barbe, Rhonda Barbe, Margaret Mills, Russell Keats, Glenda Murphy, David Kellock, Jim Worboys, Jocelyn Moloney. Ron Mollison (priest)—Cheryl Brimblecombe's uncle.

*We pray for all those ill at home, in hospital and in Warrawee.*

**Note:** If your family member has recovered to good health or you need to add a sick person's name, please call the Parish office 46253021

**PRAYER FOR RAIN :** God our Father, You created our earth to nourish us and give us life and Jesus told us to ask and it will be given to us. We ask now in Faith, Hope and Love that you look with favour on our drought stricken land, our starving animals and failing produce. Sustain, strengthen and give new heart to our farmers and all those affected by this drought. In your loving providence send abundant rain soon and renew the faith of your people and the face of our land. We make this prayer with many, through Jesus Christ who gives new life to all living things. Amen. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pray for us. St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, Pray for us.

**Faith Circles**

Looking for a small group resource after Lent? *Faith Circles* small groups bring people together so that they can share their lives and encourage each other in their walk with Jesus. We assist small groups with a free weekly reflection resource that contains the upcoming Sunday Gospel reading as well as a reflection on the Gospel (usually by Pope Francis) accompanied by questions for discussion and prayer points which we encourage groups to use as they pray with, and for, each other.

The weekly *Faith Circles* resources (as well as a guide on how to launch a *Faith Circles* small group in your parish) can be downloaded at [faithcircles.dow.org.au](http://faithcircles.dow.org.au) You can also sign up to have the weekly resources emailed to you each month.

*Faith Circles* small groups are a great way for parishioners to be known individually, loved, nurtured and cared for. Come on the adventure in deepening your relationship with God today.

**FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME, I AM THERE AMONG THEM. Matt 18:20**

**Volunteers for February 2020**

**Hymns choice:** Stella / Maryan  
**Musicians:** Anne / Stella  
**Laptop use:** Maryan  
**Welcomer:** Maryan  
**Readers:** Mark & Di Morris  
**Communion Ministers:** Mark & Di Morris  
**Money Counters:** Mark & Di Morris  
**Church Cleaning:** Amelia Sevil  
**Flowers:** Veronica  
**Linen Washing :** Maryan  
**Children's Liturgy :** Belinda  
**Thanks to all our Volunteers.**

Date	Town	Loose	Envelopes
2nd Feb	St George	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00

**Fr Salvador on holidays**  
**Fr Hermi Rafada ( Ph 0435006513 )** will celebrate only **Sunday masses in St George** on  
**9th February 6pm St George**  
**16th February 6pm St George**  
Please contact him for any Liturgical celebrations. No weekday masses or liturgy.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES in St George-Dirranbandi-Thallon-Bollon- Hebel 8th Feb—16th Feb 2020**  
**Mass on 9th and 16th February will be 6pm Sunday only, in St George only, with Fr Hermi Rafada.**

**SAT** 8th Feb —**No Mass**  
**SUN** 9th Feb— Mass 6pm St Patrick's Church, St George Fr Hermi Rafada  
No Weekday Mass from Monday 10th— Friday 14th February

**SAT** 15th Feb— **No Mass**  
**SUN** 16th Feb—Mass 6pm St Patrick's Church, St George Fr Hermi Rafada

The **Sacramental Program** will continue in 2020 with your child. They will complete Confirmation & First Communion. Please lock in ; **Thursday 11th June at 5.30pm** Confirmation with the Bishop. There will be further information towards the end of Term One.