

COMING UP

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 Fri) See below.
 11th June— Confirmation in St George 5.30pm –Bishop McGuckin

Lenton Booklet have arrived.

\$10.00 each.

Lois or Veronica are able to accept your payment.

Thank you.



World Day of Prayer

March 2020
Pray for Zimbabwe

Date: *Friday 6th March.*



Location of local service: *Anglican Church St. George*

Time of local service: *10am.*

Everyone is welcome to attend.

worlddayofprayeraustralia.org

Hi everyone,

This year the **World Day of Prayer** is being hosted by the Anglican Church of St George on Friday 6th March at 10am. Your church members and friends are invited to attend this service. This year the service has been written by the Christian women of Zimbabwe. All are welcome at the service. As is the custom we invite church members to please bring along a plate to share for morning tea following the service. Thanks for spreading the word.

Yours in Christ,

Desley Buchan 0408253620



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St George-Dirranbandi Catholic Parish

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



Welcome! It's Sabbath - Day of the Lord !

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A- 16th February 2020

Fr Hermi Rafada.

As this is your last visit to St George, may we take this opportunity to thank you for celebrating mass with us during February. We appreciate your time here with us.

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
 God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

First Reading Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **(R.)**

2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **(R.)**

3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **(R.)**

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **(R.)**

Gospel Mt 5:17-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. **(Gospel continued on next page)**

Gospel continued;

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Reflection by Jenny Close

Reflection by Artist
Jesus advises his disciples to be authentic: let what you are on the inside dictate how you act on the outside. If we take this to heart, our celebrations of eucharist will be true expressions of the peaceful relationships within our community.



LET US PRAY FOR

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week.
Michael & Glenda Harrison (nee Faessler) 1986

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)

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

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
You can also sign up to have the weekly resources emailed to you each month.

Dear Parents

In 2020 we will continue the Sacramental Program with your child/children. They will complete Confirmation & First Communion. We are in the process of sorting the program dates out but could you please lock in ; **Thursday 11th June at 5.30pm** Confirmation with the Bishop. The Bishop's Office has confirmed this date with us. There will be further information towards the end of Term One.

Thanks. Majella

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
9th Feb	St George	\$ 66.45	\$ 70.00

Fr Salvador will return from holidays on Thursday 20th February. Welcome back Fr Salvador. We hope you had an enjoyable holiday with family and friends.

CATHOLIC SERVICES in St George-Dirranbandi-Thallon-Bollon- Hebel 15th Feb—23rd Feb 2020
Mass on 16th February will be 6pm Sunday only, in St George only, with Fr Hermi Rafada.

SAT 15th Feb— **No Mass**

SUN 16th Feb—Mass 6pm St Patrick's Church, St George Fr Hermi Rafada

Mon 17th Feb—Thurs 20th Feb- No weekday Mass.

Fri 21st Feb— 7.00am Mass. Welcome back Fr Salvador.

SAT 22nd Feb—No Mass

SUN 23rd Feb—8.30am Mass St Patrick's Church, St George. (Launch of Project Compassion)