

Notices

Ladies Fellowship meets this Tuesday 13th at 1:30 pm.

There will be a **working bee** this Wednesday 14th March at 9 am for those able to attend. Please see Alan or Stephen for more information.

Prison Fellowship Easter Biscuit Bake The Easter biscuit appeal is on again and they are trying to achieve 75,000 biscuits. If you can donate biscuits they must be given to Alan or Beth next Sunday the 18th. They can also help with any other enquiries.

Please introduce yourself to Zec (Zac) Foo who will be employed on a part-time basis for one day a week to help us transition to a more diverse parish. Zec is completing a M.Div at the Melbourne School of Theology (which is at Wantirna). **Don't forget to wear your name tags.** This will make it easier for Zec to learn who you are as well as for those visiting St Edward's.

Lenten studies on Sunday evenings continue at 6 pm. This year's theme: "The art of contemplation in a noisy world. Seeking Christ through silence." No, contemplation is not for professionals or hermits but for everyday people too.

Prayer requests –Please let Beth Gibbs or Liz Helmond know.

Prayers of the people

- Lillian Sheppard as she recovers from keyhole surgery.
- For Liz Helmond who is making good progress following her knee replacement operation. She thanks everyone for their cards, calls, etc that have encouraged her. She is resting at home now.
- Please pray for Dawn's granddaughter Alysha who has been diagnosed with a brain malformation which is the cause of her epilepsy.
- Max MacCann has moved to the Peter James Centre, West Ward, where he will remain for the next three weeks. Ph: 9881 1888.
- For Peter, the brother of Liz, who is undergoing treatment for stomach cancer.
- For Peta Foote's daughter Lorna who has developed lung cancer.
- For Des Andrews whose ulcer on his leg is slowly healing.

Please pray for the work of Michael, Melanie & Aaron Viljoen – Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Welcome to St Edward's

There is a division which runs through the people of this world.

It is not the division between rich and poor; between men and women; white and black; educated and uneducated; the religious and non-religious; those who identify as Christian and those who don't. It is a division which began in the past, is being made now in this very city and will one day be made manifest. This division is made by us, often without our awareness that we are making it. Sometimes the division is unintentionally made by those angry and feeling justified to blame others for the condition they find themselves living in.

This division is not one which God wants; nor is it one which the church community will rejoice in or leaves it feeling smug, assured of its superiority because it believes it stands on the right side of the division which runs through all humanity. Quite the reverse; often God's people work hard to prevent this division from occurring. In hope and against the reality they know it will occur, they work tirelessly to ensure that all will have the opportunity to be aware of why the division occurs and a person's participation in it.

John's Gospel describes the division as one between light and darkness; death and life; evil and truth. (John 3:14-21) What is this division? It is the division over Jesus Christ which occurs in the heart of every person. No-one can remain sitting on the fence, indifferent, postulating that some other religious figure or political philosophy will save us. The coming of Jesus into this world, brought with it a division, the awareness that without Christ, we are lost, unless we look to him to save us.

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4th Sunday Lent

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Verse of the Day

“Jesus said, “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself. He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.”

(John 12:32-33)

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God

**in whom we live and move and have our being,
you have made us for yourself,**

and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you:

give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,

so that no selfish passion may hinder us

from knowing your will,

no weakness prevent us from doing it;

that in your light we may see light,

and in your service find perfect freedom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	Ephesians 2:1-10	(p. 1174)
Psalm	107:1-3, 17-22	(APBA, 337)
Gospel	John 3:14-21	(p. 1086)

Hymns

245 (Tune: Fulda) “We have a gospel to proclaim”

342 “When I survey the wondrous cross”

246 “Christ is the world’s light”

10 AM (Holy Communion, 2nd Order, APBA, p.119)

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn: OHP (MP 990) “I will offer up my life”

Prayer of Preparation (APBA, p. 119)

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Gospel John 3:14-21 (p. 1086)

Sermon

The Nicene Creed (APBA, p. 123)

Hymn: 342 “When I survey the wondrous cross (New tune from MP 1126)

Notices

Prayers of the people & the Lord’s Prayer (p. 124)

Confession and Absolution (pp. 125-127)

Hymn: OHP (MP 1129) “With a prayer”

Holy Communion – Thanksgiving 1 (p 128) + Lent Preface page 151.

Prayer after communion:

“God of mercy,
may we who have shared in this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring your reconciliation to others,
and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.”

Hymn: 517 “Hallelujah! sing to Jesus”

Sending out of God’s people