



**Anglican Parish of Kilmore,
Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook**

**Sunday 25th February 2018
Second Sunday in Lent**



Walking in Faith is Growing in Faith

*Welcome to all, especially newcomers and visitors. Please introduce yourself to one of our welcomers, who will be able to offer you some help in feeling at home. Please join us for Morning Tea after the Eucharist. **Our service starts on page 119 of A Prayer Book for Australia.***

HYMNS: 224, 342, 349, 569

SENTENCE

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him. *Mark 8.34*

THE COLLECT

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life: grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A Reading from the book of Genesis, Chapter 17.1 – 7, 15 – 16

17When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, ‘I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. 2And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.’ 3Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 4‘As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 5No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 6I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. 15 God said to Abraham, ‘As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.’

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow each reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 22.24 – 32

Response: *For the kingdom is the Lord’s, and he shall be ruler over the nations.*

O praise the Lord all you that fear him, hold him in honour O seed of Jacob, and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him. For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery, nor did he hide his face from him, but heard him when he cried. From you springs my praise in the great congregation, I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you. The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him, may their hearts rejoice for ever!

R....

Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord, and let all the families of the nations worship before him. How can those who sleep in the earth do him

homage, or those that descend to the dust bow down before him? But he has saved my life for himself, and my posterity shall serve him. This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation, and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn that he has done it. **R...**

Silence may follow each reading.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Romans, chapter 4.13 – 25

Paul writes, ¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations’, according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’ ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ ²³Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him’, were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Hear the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow each reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark chapter 8 beginning at verse 31

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?'³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Our prayer responses are: God of hope, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of promise and hope, we bring to you our prayers believing that with you all things are possible; hear our prayers we offer.

You promised to make Abraham the father of nations and through Sarah and Hagar your promise came to birth: hear our prayers for the nations of the world. We pray for peace among nations, especially Israel, Palestine and the Middle East; for an end to violence, cruelty and oppression; for just and responsible sharing of resources of the world; for the leaders of nations and all with responsibility of government; for all who commit their lives to the pursuit of justice; for all who work for the preservation of the earth. (pause)

God of hope, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You promised a Messiah to bring salvation to your people, and through the obedience of Mary your promise came to birth: hear our prayers for your holy, catholic church. We pray for a servant church where your gospel is proclaimed in deed and in word; for all leaders of churches, theologians and teachers; for those who take the gospel to distant or dangerous places; for all who witness is met with apathy, ridicule or persecution; for unity and trust between Christians of different traditions; for understanding and respect between Muslims, Jews and Christians. (pause)

God of hope, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You promised to send a Comforter to your people, and in the coming of the Holy Spirit your promise was fulfilled: hear our prayers for all who are in pain or distress. We pray for relief, comfort and healing for your suffering people; for the poor, the hungry and the homeless; for the lonely, the forgotten and the unwanted; for all who grieve the loss of loved ones; for the sick and those who care for them; for the dying and those who watch with them. We pray for Lorraine Lipson, Karen Goodger, Belinda Shannon, Jenny Curry, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Joy Rowe, Fay Muddyman, Rob Muddyman, Elaine Haddock, Francis Piva, Sharron de Battista, Iris Haywood, Tania Morgan (Norman & Ann's daughter), Barry Watts (giving thanks to God for his degree of recovery.) Chris (friend of Edie in Broadford), Fr John Young, Peter Jones, (Caroline Burge's father), Ray Daly and Christ Dumaresq. We give thanks for where healing blessings have been received.

(pause)

God of hope, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You promised that from death would come new life and in the resurrection of your Son your promise was fulfilled: remember, we pray, your faithful servants of every age. We give thanks for all who received and believed your promises; for those whom we love who have gone to your heavenly presence. We pray for the anniversary of death of Robert Keath, Mabel Wittingslow, Raymond Leigh 'Bill' Boulton (25th), John Robert Brown, Rex Collett (26th), John Edward Smith, Cecil Edge, Douglas Boulton (28th), Mieczyslaw Kazuro, Walter Stanbridge Homewood, Beverley Anne Meldrum (1st), Ernest Bidstrup (3rd). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

(pause)

In a time of silence let us pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day... (pause)

Inspire us with the faith of Abraham, the trust of Sarah, the courage of Hagar, the obedience of Mary and the lives of the saints and fill us with your grace, that in us and through us your promises may be fulfilled.

God of hope, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers: **Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may, by your grace receive through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monthly Parish BBQ: The March (11th) will be held at the home of Norman and Anne Rose, Fitzroy Street. All welcome, please join us in fellowship bring your

own meat with salads, sweets and drinks to share! It is usual second Sunday of the month. If you would like to help or want more information, please contact Caroline.

Baptism of Ivy Pauline Saunders on Sunday 4th March 2018 at St Matthew, Broadford at 11.00pm

Kids or Young People's Church: Today 25th February at 5.00pm. Christ Church Kilmore, followed by Dinner. Please join us, bring the kids, young people and the young at heart. Bring and share.

Mitchell Shire Suicide Prevention Network invitation for a community walk, on Sunday 25th February from 10am to 2pm at Kilmore Racing Club.

Opportunity Shop:

- We have a backlog of unsalable furniture which needs to be removed. We have some tip tickets and are willing to reimburse any fees at the tip. This backlog has forced us into turning away other more saleable furniture due to a lack of space. If you are able to or know someone willing to remove these items please let us know. We have tried to find commercial removalists (at a commercial rate) but they all seem too busy!!!
- Since our first call for assistance 6 months ago, around 20 new volunteers have come forward, they all have different skills to offer and probably need one person to coordinate them, if that is you please let us know.

Next Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm Wednesday 21st March, **Broadford.**

Direct Debit /EFT Offerings - Account details: BENDIGO BANK - Account Name 'Anglican Parish of Kilmore'; BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921. Parishioners using direct debit or electronic funds transfer please use these bank details when making offerings.

PARISH DIARY [Regular Meetings and Events]

2nd Sun of the month: Parish BBQ - 12.30pm.

3rd Tues of the month: St Matthew's Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm
contact Edie Simpson ph. 5784 1246 for details.

3rd Wed of the month: Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm. 21st March 2018

Wednesdays 10 am: Knitting Group at Christ Church.

PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK

Thursday 1st March

Blue Cross Nursing Home - cancelled this week
10.00am – Eucharist at St Matthew, Broadford,
12.30am – Res Eucharist at Caladenia

4.00pm – Eucharist at Dianella

Friday 2nd March

10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 3rd March

10.00am - 12.00pm Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday 4th March – Third Sunday in Lent Readings: Genesis 17.1 – 7, 15 – 16; Ps 22.24 – 32; Romans 4.13 – 25; Mark 8.31 – 38		
Christ Church, Kilmore	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
St Matthew's, Broadford	11.00am	Eucharist with Baptism
St Stephen's, Tallarook	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration, Pyalong	4.00pm	
Christ Church, Kilmore	5.00pm	Young people's Service

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Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 137.1 – 6 ; 138	Ps 139
26 February	Jeremiah 29.1 – 19	Genesis 43.1 – 15
	Luke 12.49 – 59	Hebrews 7.11 – 25
Tuesday	Ps 140	Ps 141; 142
27 February	Jeremiah 29.24 – 30.9	Genesis 43.15 – 34
	Luke 13.1 – 9	Hebrews 7.26 – 8.6
Wednesday	Ps 143; 146	Ps 119.153 – 176
28 February	Jeremiah 30.10 – 22	Genesis 44.1 – 17
	Luke 13.10 – 21	Hebrews 8.7 – 13
Thursday	Ps 1; 2	Ps 3; 4
01 March	Jeremiah 31.1 – 14	Genesis 44.18 – 34

	Luke 13.22 – 35	Hebrews 9.1 – 10
Friday	Ps 5; 6	Ps 7; 8;
02 March	Jeremiah 31.15 – 26	Genesis 45.1 – 15
	Luke 14.1 – 14	Hebrews 9.11 – 22
Saturday	Ps 9	Ps 10
03 March	Jeremiah 31.27 – 40	Genesis 45.16 – 46.7
	Luke 14.15 – 34	Hebrews 9.23 – 10.4

Parish Website for information: www.anglicankilmore.org.au

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