



# 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## Fifth Sunday in Lent



### 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.’ (*Jeremiah 31:33*)

### The Collect

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.**

### First Reading

*A reading from the book of Jeremiah, chapter 31, beginning at verse 31.*

‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,’ declares the Lord. ‘This is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time,’ declares the Lord. ‘I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbour, or say to one another, “Know the Lord,” because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,’ declares the Lord. ‘For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.’

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

## **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 119: 9-16*

**R: Let me treasure your word in the depths of my heart.**

How shall the young keep their path pure: unless they hold to your word? I have sought you with my whole heart: let me not stray from your commandments. I have treasured your words in my heart: that I might not sin against you. **R...**

Blessed are you, Lord God: O teach me your statutes. With my lips I have been telling: all the judgements of your mouth; And I find more joy in the way of your commands: than in all manner of riches. **R...**

I will meditate on your precepts: and give heed to your ways; For my delight is wholly in your statutes: and I will not forget your word. **R...**

### **Second Reading**

*A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, chapter 5, beginning at verse 5.*

In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, 'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.' And he says in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, in the order of Melchizedek.' During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek. We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

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

## The Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

Whoever serves me must follow me; for where I am, there my servant will also be.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 3, beginning at the fourteenth verse.*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. 'Sir,' they said, 'we would like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. Jesus replied, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me. 'Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.' The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. Jesus said, 'This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. 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.

*For the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## Prayers of the People

God of all wisdom, when the time came, you revealed yourself to the Gentiles as with your own people; in our varying degrees of belief and unbelief, hear the prayers of those who seek after truth.

We pray for your holy church throughout the world; for keepers of tradition, and for fresh expressions of worship. For a greater unity and collaboration amongst denominations and amongst people. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all ministers, pastors and evangelists, who seek to make your word known in speech and in deed; especially those who are struggling to keep their faith alive. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for teachers and students; for a greater sense of vocation, rather than obligation or duress, in those who teach and those who learn. May education, understanding and empathy be prioritised amongst all ages and cultures. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for sufferers of mental illness; for all in the grip of depression, anxiety, paranoia or addiction. For all who may need help but cannot seek it, and for the patience and compassion of their friends and loved ones. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the poor, the needy and the unloved. For those pushed to the fringes of society, we pray for peace and renewed resolve in their hearts and minds. And for those who push them there, penitence, remorse and humility. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need of healing in body, mind or spirit, particularly those known to us: *Gail Piechowiak, Father John Young, Fran Cohn, Jeanne Jones, Bill Edge, Sharon and John Simpson, Anni Grimwade, Madeline Allen, Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Jim Chatz, Barry and Val Watts, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Beryl and Geoff Kirby, Fiona Mctier, David Valentine, Peg and Ken Raeburn, Bishop John Parkes, Edie Simpson, Bruce Seaman, Thomas De Sousa, Mary Cassar, Vince Fazio, and Adeline Bickley.*

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for souls of the departed, that they might find rest in the eternal kingdom, and for comfort to those who grieve their loss. We remember those whose year's mind occurs at this time: *Jean Rice, Jean Corrigan, Irwin Land, Dorothy Elson, Jessie Faulks, Norman Mahle, David Begley, Raegan Meehan, and Jack Cockroft.* Lord, 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.**

## **Notices**

### **Lenten Study**

The sessions this week will be Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at St Matthew's Broadford at 10am, and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at Christ Church Kilmore at 7.30pm.

## **Seder Meal**

As part of Holy Week, we will be holding a Seder Meal at Christ Church Kilmore, on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, at 6.30pm. There is an RSVP list at the back of Christ Church and St Matthew's, if you could please put your name down if you are coming, or otherwise inform Fr. David, as it is crucial to know the numbers in attendance for catering purposes. If you would like to help with the preparation of the meal, please speak to Norman or Anne Rose for details.

## **Holy Week and Easter**

The program of services will be as follows:

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** Palm Sunday Mass, Christ Church Kilmore, 9am.

Palm Sunday Mass, St Matthew's Broadford, 11am.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March:** Tenebrae Service, St Stephen's Tallarook, 7pm.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Seder Meal, Christ Church Kilmore, 6.30pm.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Mass with Foot Washing, St Matthew's Broadford, 10am.

Mass with Foot Washing, Christ Church Kilmore, 7.30pm.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March:** Good Friday Service, Christ Church Kilmore, 9am.

Good Friday Service, St Matthew's Broadford 11am.

Good Friday Service, St Stephen's Tallarook, 3pm.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March:** Easter Vigil Service, St Matthew's Broadford, 5pm.

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Combined Parish Easter Mass, Christ Church Kilmore, 10am.

## **Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show**

This event takes place at the Royal Exhibition Building in Carlton, from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. The Kilmore Art Society, including Fr. David, will have a number of wonderful artworks on display. The show is open from 9pm to 5pm from the Wednesday to the Sunday, and til 9pm on the Friday. Well worth a day out!

## **Painting Workshop**

Due to popular demand, another painting workshop with Fr. David is being planned. Depending on people's keenness and availability, this may be in March or April after Easter. If you would be interested in attending, please indicate to Fr. David when you'd be available, so that we can cater to as many people as we can.

**Direct Debit /EFT Offerings** – Account details: BENDIGO BANK – Account Name 'Anglican Parish of Kilmore;' BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921.

Reference: Offertory. An EFTPOS machine is available at Kilmore.

## This Week in the Parish:

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March:** 10am-12pm Op Shop Trading

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March:** 10am: Lenten Study, Broadford

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** 7:30pm: Lenten Study, Kilmore

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** 10am Mass, St Matthew's Broadford (RED)

10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** 10:30am Blue Cross RACF Service

10am-4pm Op Shop Trading

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** 10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

<b>Next Sunday: Palm Sunday: Isaiah 50:4-9; Ps 31:9-18; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:27 (Passion Narrative)</b>
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Christ Church, Kilmore	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthew's, Broadford	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephen's, Tallarook	---	---
Transfiguration, Pyalong	---	---

### Weekly Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Ps 41; 44:1-9	Ps 44:10-27
<i>Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	Jeremiah 40:1-12	Exodus 7:8-24
	Matthew 21:23-26	Galatians 6:11-18
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Ps 1	Ps 92; 101
<i>Joseph, Husband of Our Lady</i>	Joel 2:27-32	Hosea 11
	Ephesians 6:1-4	Matthew 2:13-23

<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Ps 48	Ps 49
<i>Cuthbert of Lindisfarne</i>	Jeremiah 41:11-42:6	Exodus 8:20-9:12
	Matthew 22:34-23:12	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Ps 50	Ps 119:41-64
<i>Thomas Cranmer</i>	Jeremiah 42:7-22	Exodus 9:13-35
	Matthew 23:13-26	Ephesians 2:11-22
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Ps 51	Ps 52; 53
<i>Thomas Ken</i>	Jeremiah 43	Exodus 10:1-20
	Matthew 23:27-24:2	Colossians 1:18-23
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Ps 54; 55:1-12	Ps 55:13-28
	Jeremiah 45	Exodus 10:21-11:10
	Matthew 26:1-16	1 John 5:3-12

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### **Thoughts for the Week**

Your job is to be available. It's one of the more profound things a mentor has ever told me. We have an obsession with being busy, and yet nothing ever really gets done. We think we need to take on too much to keep up with the Joneses. We feel the need to tread water furiously to keep our head above the tide, not realising that by various means, for various reasons, our neighbour secretly wields an outboard motor. Your business is your business. Your ability is your ability. There is no such

thing, really, as 'typical'. You are you. And you need the time and the space to be so. You must be available to be authentically you. Not putting on the armour of agenda, for it will either exhaust you from overuse, or rust from eventual and unwitting neglect. Keep the floor of your mind tidy, for many people will come in and dump their stuff all over it, and you'll end up with no space to walk without tripping over something. And it is not a chore to tidy the mind's floor, but an exercise of liberation. If you can't see your mind's floor, you won't have anywhere to sit and just be. Practice availability above all else. Practice having as much space on your mind's floor as you can, before going about your week and accumulating the inevitable mental clutter. Sometimes even nothing can be something; an empty imagination is an absence of passion. It is like having no bookcases or shelves in which to place or file things. Ironic, really, that the practice of having nothing fills us with superfluous stuff anyway. Don't always just remove, but organise; prioritise. Add the shelves and bookcases that help in the process; that is, discern the spiritual practices that are most helpful to you. Someone will read, someone will paint, someone will jog, someone will violin. Whatever makes you available. Whatever makes you, not anxious, but thankful to have someone sit on your mind's floor with you.