



# ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST MARK'S DROMANA

"LIVING FOR JESUS; LOVING LIKE JESUS; LEADING TO JESUS"

31 MARCH 2024

EASTER DAY

## EASTER DAY REFLECTION

As we walk through the events of Holy Week, we can be overwhelmed by the enormity of the crucifixion and the heavy price paid for our freedom from sin and death. We can find we've been here so many times that it seems to have lost some of its meaning. We can be focussed on the resurrection and just skim over the cross as something which is a 'necessary evil' so we could have life. Yet this is the most important moment in human history so far. Without this moment in time, we would be 'dead in our sins', as Paul puts it, with no release from guilt, no hope for eternal life, no prospect of seeing our loved ones again, no healing power of the Holy Spirit, and no Christian influence on the values of our society. Volunteerism, humility, sharing, caring for those less fortunate, government which upholds its people with welfare for the poor, schooling for all regardless of their abilities, hospitals for the sick accessible for anyone, and many more things came from this one moment in history because Christians, seeking to love one another as Christ loved them, and to love their neighbour as themselves, began to change the culture of their societies to reflect that self-giving love which Jesus showed ultimately on the cross. Many people in our society don't realise these things are part of our lives because of Jesus, but it's true, so Easter is truly a holiday worth celebrating, even for those of no faith. The human condition is such that we can be extremely selfish and extremely kind, it depends on which nature we are listening to - the fallen one or the image of God within. How will we respond this year to the gifts of Jesus' death and resurrection and of the Holy Spirit? What choices for the good of the world and those around us can we make? As a church, how can we be part of this movement across the years which has done so much good beyond the walls of church buildings? How can we choose to be kind when we would rather walk on? How can we choose to speak peace and love when we would rather speak anger or impatience? Will we submit ourselves to Jesus and earnestly repent, seeking his power and grace to change our thinking that it might be more in line with his thinking so that our witness reflects the power of the cross? Easter is here and Christ is risen and alive! Let's celebrate his victory and seek to share the good news in the grace we have received through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

JANICE

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<b>READINGS FOR TODAY</b>	<b>First Reading:</b>	Acts 10 : 34-43
	<b>Psalm:</b>	Hymn to the Risen Christ (APBA p6)
	<b>Second Reading:</b>	1 Corinthians 15 : 1-11
	<b>Gospel:</b>	John 20 : 1-18

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## THIS WEEK : 31 MARCH - 7 APRIL

**EASTER DAY:** **Easter Celebration on the Beach**, 7.00am  
**Family Easter Celebration**, 10.00am

**MONDAY:** **Public Holiday**

**TUESDAY:** **Zoom Bible Study Group**, 7.00pm  
Contact Graeme (0490 664 843)

**WEDNESDAY:** **Bible Study Group**, St Mark's, 11.00am  
"Walking through Israel - a journey in pictures"  
Contact Keith (0419 551 082)

**Cuppa, Craft & Chat Group**, St Mark's, 12.30pm  
Contact Robyn (0409 425 044)

**THURSDAY:** **Men's Coffee & Chat**, Blackthorn Café, 10.00am  
Contact Steve (0437 984 679)

**FRIDAY:** **JANICE'S DAY OFF**

**SUNDAY:** **Holy Communion**, 8.45am  
**Family Service**, 10.30am  
**Healing Service**, 5.00pm  
Topic: The Healing Ministry of Jesus: the role of faith.  
Preacher: Janice.

### PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

**Monitored contact points:** 0493 280 691  
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**Pastoral Care Coordinators:** Kevin and Anne  
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**Facebook page:** [stmarksdromana](https://www.facebook.com/stmarksdromana)

**For Parishioners Only** Janice's contact number: 0401 717 435

Please call Kevin if you need to contact Janice on her day off (Friday)

## NOTICES

Daylight Saving ends at 2am on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Put your clocks back 1 hour before you head to bed on Saturday night so you're not super early for church!

A big thank you to all who have contributed to our Holy Week activities. A great team effort! If you would like to be on a roster for anything from welcoming to reading to prayers, or if you are currently on the rosters for our worship services, there will be a training time following the 10.30 service on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> so we can keep growing in our skills and encourage one another. The suggestion is that we bring something for lunch and eat together while we train. This will also give us a chance to make sure everyone is up to date on our Child Safety requirements.

Please note that the Tuesday 1.30pm Zoom Prayer meeting will not be held during the school holidays.

### **Bishop Paul Barker is visiting us on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

We will be having a combined service at 10am which will include two baptisms and two confirmations. The invitation is still open for anyone else who would like to commit themselves to The Lord Jesus for the first time or recommit themselves to him. We will follow the service with a Morning Tea. If you are interested in contributing food please see Kevin Cranwell or Susan Buckman.

### **FENCING & SECURITY PROJECT**

As you all know we are upgrading the fencing and security around St. Mark's. Rev. Janice has spoken about this and we would welcome any contributions.

If you would like to make a donation towards this project, please put any cash into an envelope marked "Fencing/Security" and put it in the offering bag on a Sunday. We will provide you with a receipt and keep these monies aside for the project.

If you wish to give to this project electronically, please speak to Janice as we are keeping these monies in a special account.

Set up an online Direct Debit for your weekly/monthly offering  
St Mark's banking details: **633-000 140772872**

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

### In our country and the world:

- ❖ For those facing homelessness, hardship, anguish and despair amid rising costs.
- ❖ For all in Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine.
- ❖ For families affected by violence.
- ❖ For those affected by natural disasters in around the world.
- ❖ For King Charles III, the UK and the Commonwealth.
- ❖ For peace and unity in countries around the World.
- ❖ For aid agencies such as "Save the Children", Oxfam, CARE, UNICEF, World Vision.

### In our community:

- ❖ For teachers and students.
- ❖ For doctors, nurses, paramedics, Coast Guard, the CFA & SES.
- ❖ For local community outreach groups such as the Dromana Community House and "Food for All".

### In our Diocese and beyond:

- ❖ For Archbishop Geoffrey Smith's ministry as Primate of Australia.
- ❖ For Archbishop Philip Freier's ministry in the Diocese of Melbourne.
- ❖ For the ministry of Bishop Paul Barker in the Jumbunna Region and for Archdeacon Helen Phillips in the Frankston Archdeaconry.
- ❖ In our Deanery, we pray for the Parish of Holy Trinity Hastings and their Vicar, Rev'd Tim Anderson.
- ❖ For the work of the Church Missionary Society and Wei-Han the Victorian Director.
- ❖ For Anna Radkovic our CMS Link Missionary in Watamu, Kenya.
- ❖ For Christian churches around the world to be free to worship and be witnesses of the love of God as shown through the coming of His Son.

### In our Parish:

- ❖ For our leadership and ministry teams.
- ❖ For Rev'd Janice O'Gorman our Vicar.
- ❖ For the finances of our Parish.
- ❖ For our Parish, its people and those we reach out to every week.
- ❖ For the success of the new Family and Children's Ministry.
- ❖ For the 9am at home prayer time for the Parish, Dromana, & Mornington Peninsula.
- ❖ For Chloe, Betty Madeley and family, Ted, Monica, Joy, Jessica, Audrey, Joan, Backy, Margie, Fred, Robert, Jan, David, Guy.

*(Betty is in palliative care and not expected to live through this coming week).*