



ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST MARK'S DROMANA

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

6 OCTOBER 2024

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

REFLECTION

Last Sunday our Acting Vicar Alan quoted part of Isaiah 12:2 "I will trust in him and not be afraid" and asked whether we had anything we were afraid of. There were a couple of responses, before Alan spoke of his fear of death. He then stated that putting his trust in Jesus was the remedy for his fear. Alan's openness was admirable, and I suspect if we're honest, others share this fear!!

So, I offer what follows in the hope that it deepens our understanding of what the Lord Jesus has achieved for us and encourage trust in Him. "Because God's children are human beings - made of flesh and blood - the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying" (Hebrews 2:14-15) NLT
When Adam and Eve believed Satan's lie - "you will not surely die" - and ate the fruit, death entered our world. Adam and Eve did die and ever since we too have been, as Hebrews says, subject to a lifelong slavery because of our fear of death (2:15)

How amazing then is the good news that Jesus is alive! Hebrews 2 explains how Jesus freed us from our slavery to death: Jesus became flesh and blood, so that he could fully enter into our life and fully enter into our death. When the Innocent One gave himself for the sins of the world, the power of death was broken. Jesus's life, death and resurrection destroyed the one who has the power of death - the devil - and set free those who look to Jesus in faith.

When we face death we have the same choice before us as we have in every area of life: Who will be our Shepherd? Those who trust In Jesus have a Good Shepherd through the valley of the shadow of death into the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23).

Joy and peace, Kevin

READINGS FOR TODAY	First Reading:	Job 1:1;2:1-10
	Psalm:	26
	Second Reading:	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
	Gospel:	Mark 10:1-12

THIS WEEK : 6 - 13 OCTOBER

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME COMMENCES 2.00AM
REMEMBER TO ADVANCE YOUR CLOCKS
1 HOUR BEFORE YOU GO TO BED SATURDAY**

- TODAY:** **Holy Communion, 8.45am**
 Family Service with Holy Communion, 10.30am
 Healing Service, 6.00pm
 Theme: *Praying in faith : and seeking God in earnest*
- MONDAY:** **Prayer Group, St Mark's, 9.15am**
 Contact: Kevin (0438 234 457)
 Bible Study Group, St Mark's, 4.00pm
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- TUESDAY:** **Zoom Prayer Meeting, 1.30pm**
 In recess during school holidays
 Contact John (0421426156)
 Zoom Bible Study Group, 7.00pm
 Contact Graeme (0490 664 843)
- WEDNESDAY:** **Holy Communion, 10.00am**
 Bible Study Group, St Mark's, 11.00am
 "Women of the Bible"
 Contact Kevin (0438 234 457)
 Cuppa, Craft & Chat Group, St Mark's, 12.30pm
 Contact Robyn (0409 425 044)
- THURSDAY:** **Women's Bible Study, St Mark's, 9.30am**
 "Becoming a Woman of Strength"
 Contact Fay (0401 404 280)
 Men's Coffee & Chat, Blackthorn Café, 10.00am
 Contact Steve (0437 984 679) Keith T (0413 319 327)
- SUNDAY:** **Holy Communion, 8.45am**
 Family Service, 10.30am

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

Monitored contact points: 0493 280 691
 contact@stmarksdromana.org.au

Pastoral Care Coordinators: Kevin and Anne
 (0438 234 457 Kevin)

Parish Web Address: www.stmarksdromana.org.au

Facebook page: 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

Acting Vicar today is Rev'd Ron Peterson

Our Vicar, Rev'd Janice, has been on 8 weeks Long Service leave and will return to work next Tuesday 8th October.

For urgent Pastoral Care please contact the Wardens:

Kevin Cranwell 0438234457, Richard Watson 0490404563 or

Mike Brown 0425736843; who will then call the appropriate Locum.

ALPHA

The next Alpha course commenced last Thursday 3rd October

Are you able to bless us with some food ?

Please contact Carol Parkinson if you can assist.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Please provide any reports of your group's/ministry's activities from 1st October 2023 to 30th September 2024 to Keith Thomas before 21st October 2024. Microsoft Office formats preferred if you can please.

CHURCH FETE - SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 10AM - 2PM

(Melbourne Cup Weekend)

Stalls - Cakes, Preserves/Jams, Plants, Craft,
BBQ, Morning Tea & Scones.

Start thinking of what you can make or add to the day.

Cakes = Jen Watson, **Preserves** = Ellen Brindley,

Plants = Robyn Falconer, **BBQ** = Mens Thursday Group,

Morning Tea = Carol Parkinson, **Craft** = Craft Group.

Kids - crafts and Face Painter, **Music** - Ukulele Group invited.

SAVE THE DATE

The 2023 Parish AGM will be held on 10th November
more details to come.

Philharmonia Cologne concert at St Mark's will be on

Wednesday 15th January 2025.

Ticket information to be advised.

OP SHOP

Our Op Shop is still in need of helpers!

If you can assist for a few hours and have done your Police Check and Level 1 training, please talk to Cheryl King.

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 and Myanmar.
- ❖ 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 Archdeacon Rev'd Sam Bleby, in the Frankston Archdeanery.
- ❖ In our Deanery, we pray for the Parish of St George's Red Hill and their Vicar Rev'd Fiona Goy.
- ❖ 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 shown through the coming of His Son.

In our Parish:

- ❖ For our leadership and ministry teams.
- ❖ For our Vicar Rev'd Janice O'Gorman as she returns to work.
- ❖ For our Acting Vicar Rev'd Ron Peterson.
- ❖ 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 next Alpha program, the leaders and all who will attend.
- ❖ For the 9am at home prayer time for the Parish, Dromana, & Mornington Peninsula.
- ❖ For Pat, Lorna & Peter, Keith S, Harry, Jen, Bernice, Mike, Joan R, Chloe, Ted, Monica, Jessica, Audrey, Backy, Fred, Robert, Jan. David, Guy.

Please send items for Pew Sheet to Maggie Dodu by Wednesday:
margaretdodu@me.com