



**ANGLICAN PARISH
OF
ST MARK'S DROMANA**
LIVING FOR JESUS;
LOVING LIKE JESUS;
LEADING TO JESUS

READINGS FOR TODAY

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm: Song of Zechariah
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2nd Reading: Colossians 1:11-20
Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

23 NOVEMBER 2025

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

REFLECTION

When Paul wrote to the Colossians he was writing to people he had never met in a place he had never been to. Colossae was somewhere he had wanted to go to, but it seems he never got there. He was writing so that they would be encouraged in their faith because he had 'heard of their faith and their love for all the saints'. The source of this knowledge was a man named Epaphras who had been part of Paul's team and seemed to have clear connection with Colossae. In our reading from Colossians today we read Paul's prayer for these people he has not met but knows as brothers and sisters in Christ. Across the miles between where Paul sits imprisoned and Colossae the Holy Spirit bridges the gap with the words of Paul's prayer conveyed in this letter and helps us, almost 2000 years later, to understand one of the great eternal truths of our faith. There is no distance between one Christian and another, no gap between each beating heart and the next which truly beats in faith in Jesus Christ, because we are all one in Jesus. Holy Spirit is God within each of us and we are one because of that great gift. It is beyond understanding in so many ways. How can each of us have the fullness of Holy Spirit to draw on yet be separated? Even so, we are one in that same Spirit, through faith in the one Son, Jesus, by the grace of the one Father God. These three are eternally one, and so by extension are we. So on this Sunday which is the Feast of Christ the King, we celebrate with Christians across the world the one true God. We also pray together for those who are suffering for this same faith. As these are suffering, so the body of Christ itself suffers. Their faith in adversity brings us strength. Our prayer for their deliverance from persecution gives them strength. This mystery is one which circles the globe and stretches into eternity and yet is truly present when we simply pray together. Join with me in Paul's prayer: May we be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that we may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as we bear fruit in every good work and as we grow in the knowledge of God. Amen.

Janice

THIS WEEK : 23 - 30 NOVEMBER

- TODAY:** **Holy Communion**, 8.45am
 Family Service, 10.30am
- MONDAY:** **Prayers for the Parish, St Mark's**, 4.00pm,
 Contact: Janice
- TUESDAY:** **Zoom Bible Study**, 7.00pm
 Contact: Graeme (0490 664 843)
- WEDNESDAY:** **Holy Communion**, 10.00am
 Bible Study Group, St Mark's, 11.00am
 Contact: Janice
 Cuppa, Craft & Chat Group, St Mark's, 12.30pm
 Contact: Robyn (0409 425 044)
- THURSDAY:** **Men's Coffee & Chat**, Blackthorn Cafe, 10.00am
 Contact: Steve (0437984679) Keith T (0413 319 327)
 Women's Bible Study Group, St Mark's, 9.30am
 Contact: Carol (0411 405 597)
- FRIDAY:** **Janice's Day Off**
- SUNDAY:** **Holy Communion**, 8.45am
 Family Service, 10.30am
 Installation of Archbishop Ric Thorpe, 4.00pm
 St Paul's Cathedral - see notice below
 Sorrento Anglican Church Advent Carol Service, 6.30pm

St Paul's Cathedral will hold the
**Installation of The Right Revd Dr Ric Thorpe as
Archbishop of Melbourne** on Sunday 30 November at 4pm
All are welcome to join in online:
[youtube.com/live/W957vtVI50Q](https://www.youtube.com/live/W957vtVI50Q)

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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

NOTICES

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all to contributed in so many ways to the success of our Fete yesterday.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Please note there is a shortfall of 3 Councillors and 1 Warden. To ensure there is a quorum at each Council meeting we need these positions to be filled.

Nomination forms can be obtained from Keith Thomas and nominations close on 16th December.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Once again we are wanting to make up Christmas Hampers for distribution to families in need through Dromana Primary School. Food items would be appreciated before the end of November. Anyone who would like to donate cash for us to purchase other items, please put it in an envelope marked "Christmas Hampers" & place it in the offering bag.

SORRENTO ANGLICAN CHURCH ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

John Rogers will be conducting the choir for the Sorrento Anglican Church's Advent Carol Service which will be held at 6.30pm on Sunday 30th November. A number of our congregation will be singing in the choir. All welcome.

FRONT GARDEN SPECIAL SERVICE

On Tuesday 2nd December at 11am we will be holding a "Holding the Light" Service in the front garden. This is a service of remembrance for victims and survivors of family violence. It's a very gentle service and aims to bring hope into the place of grief.

Flyers are available and anyone can attend.

CHRISTMAS AT ST MARK'S

Sat 13th December 10am - 11.30am Carols at IGA
Sat 20th December 5pm BBQ, 6pm Family Christmas service
Wed 24th December 11pm Carols, 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist
Thurs 25th December 9.30am Christmas Celebration

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 all needing support following home invasions and all other violent attacks.
- ❖ For Government action to address the out of control protests and crime in Melbourne.
- ❖ For the Government plans to address the rise of antisemitism in Australia.
- ❖ For families suffering as a result of violence and home invasions.
- ❖ For all facing homelessness, hardship, anguish & despair amid rising costs.
- ❖ For all in Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine and Myanmar.
- ❖ For those affected by natural disasters 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 Melbourne Archbishop-elect Right Reverend Dr Richard (Ric) Thorpe as he prepares for his installation as Archbishop of Melbourne on 30 November.
- ❖ For Archbishop Geoffrey Smith's ministry as Primate of Australia.
- ❖ 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 John's Sorrento with St Andrew's Rye and their Vicar, Rev'd Stephen Dent.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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 Alpha program, the leaders and all who attend.
- ❖ For the 9am at home prayer time for the Parish, Dromana, & Mornington Peninsula.
- ❖ For all members of the Parish Council.
- ❖ For Hope25. That the Good News of Jesus will be known in Dromana.
- ❖ For Jan T, Wallis family, Cheryl K, Jeff Carter and family, Karen, Mary, Jan K, Steve (not Parkinson) and family, David, Belinda, Joan R, Lynda & Ian, Robyn, Phillip, Nikki, Jason, Rhiannon, Richard, Pat, Lorna & Peter, Keith S, Harry, Jen, Mike, Chloe, Ted, Monica, Jessica, Audrey, Backy, Fred, Robert, David.

Please send items for Pew Sheet to Maggie Dodu by Wednesday:

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