



**ANGLICAN PARISH
OF
ST MARK'S DROMANA**

LIVING FOR JESUS;
LOVING LIKE JESUS;
LEADING TO JESUS

READINGS FOR TODAY

1st Reading: Acts 1:6-14
Psalm: 68:1-10,32-35
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 5
Gospel: John 17:1-11

17 MAY 2026

EASTER 7

REFLECTION

As we come to the end of the Easter season, we reach the feast of the Ascension, which falls on the Thursday 10 days before Pentecost Sunday. It was on the 40th day after the resurrection that Jesus ascended into heaven. He had spent those 40 days alongside his disciples, appearing to at least 500 of those who believed in him. He commissioned us and them to continue his work and ministry in the world and told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received power from him. For those 10 days the 120 prayed and waited in Jerusalem. 10 days of prayer. 10 days of anticipation. 10 days of uncertainty about what this would look like and how they were to go ahead now without Jesus bodily with them. 10 days waiting. They had no idea what Holy Spirit coming would look like, but they knew they were looking into a future filled with promise. Like many of us who arrive at the airport and wait at the gate for our plane to come in. We know where our ticket tells us where we're going but we are powerless to make that gate open, to make the plane take off; to keep it in the air or to make it land at the right destination. Everything is in the hands of those who are employed by the airline we have chosen. The price is paid and the ticket is in our hands. Now to wait on others to make it happen. So it was with the disciples. So it is often in our lives now. Perhaps the Lord has put a dream in your heart and you have worked for it and come to the place where it is ready to take off. Perhaps you have done the schooling, got the degree, done the training to qualify but now others will decide if the job is given to you. The Lord does not set us on a path without bringing the fulfilment. He who has called us is faithful to the last, but we also must be faithful as we wait. Faithful in prayer, in surrendering each step to him as the one who has called us, in worship and in reading the word. The disciples were faithful in their prayers day and night over those 10 days. They were ready in every other way, but now they needed to be fully surrendered to receive the Holy Spirit who was coming to them. As we wait for Pentecost let's also pray daily asking Holy Spirit to open the gate.

Janice

THIS WEEK : 17 - 24 MAY

- TODAY:** **Holy Communion**, 8.45am
 Family Service, 10.30am
 Parish Council, 1.30pm
- 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, St Mark's, 11.00am
 Contact: Janice
 Cuppa,Craft & Chat Group, St Mark's,12.30pm
 Contact: Robyn (0409 425 044)
 Biggest Afternoon Tea for Cancer, St Mark's, 2.00pm
- THURSDAY:** **Women's Bible Study Group**, St Mark's, 9.30am
 Contact: Carol (0411 405 597)
 Men's Coffee & Chat, Blackthorn Cafe, 10.00am
 Contact: Steve (0437984679) Keith T (0413 319 327)
 Men's Bible Study, Mark's Place, 11.00am
 Contact: Kevin (0438 234 457)
 ALPHA, 6.00pm
- FRIDAY:** **Janice's Day Off**
- SATURDAY:** **Violence Against Women Prevention and Response Training**
 St Mark's, 9am - 4pm
- SUNDAY:** **Pentecost Sunday**
 Combined Service, 10.00am

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 please contact Jan Glass 0421 047 513 or Keith Thomas 0413 319 327
if you need to contact Janice on her day off (Friday)

NOTICES

ALPHA

Alpha is now more than half way through. Thank you to those who have contributed slices and meals. Please don't underestimate the blessing this is to our evenings and how much it is appreciated.

Are you able to join us in growing the kingdom of God with prayer and the gift of hospitality. A salad, loaf of bread or slice or part of a main meal I will really help. There are funds available. Please speak to Carol or Helen.

BIGGEST AFTERNOON TEA FOR CANCER.

The Craft Group are holding a "Vintage style Afternoon Tea with scones, cream and jam" on **Wednesday 20th May at 2pm to 3.30pm** in the church.

John and Helen will provide a musical interlude with song.

All funds raised will go to The Cancer Council, Australia.

Suggested donation \$5 (cash preferred).

FUNDRAISER FUNCTION

Flyers are now available to be put up around Dromana for our next fundraiser for the Hall: A Jazz Concert with Simon Pilbrow and Ron Gillett.

A peninsula-based jazz unit, Ron (alto and tenor saxophone, flute) and Simon (piano). Come and enjoy great jazz music here on 20 June 2026 – 7:00pm-9:00pm. Tickets \$30 available via Try booking <https://www.trybooking.com/DLTHC> some tickets will be available at the door but it is advisable to book ahead. Speak to Anne for details.

Volunteers needed: with Ellen Brindley unwell we are short for people to staff the Op Shop. At the moment Janice is covering several shifts on Thursdays and Saturdays to make sure we can stay open over this time. If you can step up and take one of these shifts please speak to Vicki or Janice asap. Training will be provided. You just need to have your current Police Check and completed Level 1 Training.

DIARY DATES - MAY

Saturday 23rd May: 9am to 4pm **Violence Against Women Prevention and Response Training** at St Mark's Dromana. Registration is free. Lunch is provided. See Janice to register.

Sunday 24th May: 10am **combined service for Pentecost Sunday**

Sunday 31st May: 5pm **Evensong** at St Mark's Dromana

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 20th June: 8.30am **Men's Breakfast** - speaker Craig McClelland

Saturday 15th August: 8.30am **Men's Breakfast** - speaker Neil Johnson

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 de-escalation of the Middle East war.
- ❖ For the people of Israel and Iran and Middle East countries
- ❖ For the victims and those who are mourning after the Bondi terrorist attack.
- ❖ 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 like 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 Right Reverend Dr Richard (Ric) Thorpe as Archbishop of Melbourne.
- ❖ 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 Flinders with St Mark's Balnarring, their Vicar Rev'd Keiron Jones and Deacon Rev'd Christine Barren.
- ❖ Keiron, Vicar of Flinders/Balnarring.
- ❖ 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 the success of our building permit application.
- ❖ 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 the Christianity Explored seminars and those participating in them.
- ❖ That the Good News of Jesus will be known in Dromana.
- ❖ For Doris B, Ellen, Ted & Monica, Lorna, Louise, Jen, TJ and family, Karen, Mary, Jan K, David, Belinda, Joan R, Robyn, Phillip, Nikki, Jason, Rhiannon, Richard, Pat, Keith S, Harry, Mike, Chloe, Jessica, Audrey, Backy, Fred, Robert.

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