



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

READINGS FOR TODAY

Reading: Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm: 17:1-7, 16
2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-16
Gospel: Matthew 9:35-38

2 AUGUST 2026

PENTECOST 10

REFLECTION

Our sermon this Sunday will be from our Archbishop, Ric Thorpe, on Matthew 9:35-38. It is a follow on from the draft vision which is being formed for the next 10 years called, 'For the Harvest'. Abp Ric is reflecting on Jesus' words 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few, ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field'. The harvest began on the hills and in the plains of Israel among the Jewish people. As the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ spread, so the church grew, and the Jewish leaders became unhappy with this. They did not want to accept that Jesus was the Messiah. They actively tried to squash the news of the resurrection, and when that didn't work, they persecuted the church. As a pharisee named Saul looked on the Jewish leaders stoned Stephen. This same pharisee would one day become the Apostle Paul, converted by a personal encounter with the risen Lord Jesus on the road to Damascus. Paul stepped enthusiastically into spreading what he now knew to be the truth about Jesus as the Messiah and we have the many letters he wrote to prove this, as well as Luke's meticulous recoding of his missionary journeys in Acts. Yet Paul longed always for his fellow Jews to turn to Christ as he had done. He always preached first in the synagogue in a town before moving out into wherever the Christians were gathering. Many did come to Jesus, but many did not. Paul says he has 'great sorrow and unceasing anguish' even feeling he could wish himself 'accursed and cut off from Christ' for the sake of his own people. He can see how lost they are even though they have all of the Old Testament promises, the covenants, the law, the patriarchs – everything which is theirs through their kinship to Abraham – but they do not have the Messiah by faith. They are not children of Abraham by faith in Jesus, adopted by grace into the family of Christ. They have blood relationship with Jesus and Abraham but inheritance into the kingdom of God is not by DNA, it is by grace through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For many of us we have family who are not yet our Christian family. Perhaps if we are to start praying for the harvest, we might begin our prayers there as together we ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers to our kin that they may also be saved. For whom will you pray this week?

Janice

THIS WEEK : 2 - 9 AUGUST

- TODAY:** Holy Communion, 8.45am
Family Holy Communion, 10.30am
Healing Service, 5.00pm
Topic: 'The self-care, self-sacrifice seesaw'
- TUESDAY:** Zoom Bible Study, 7.00pm
Contact: Graeme (0490 664 843)
Healing Service Planning, 12.15pm
- WEDNESDAY:** Holy Communion, 10.00am
Op Shop Open, 10.00am - 3.00pm
Bible Study, St Mark's, 11.00am
Contact: Janice
Cuppa, Craft & Chat Group, St Mark's, 12.30pm
Contact: Robyn (0409 425 044)
Paul Barker online Old Testament Bible Study, 7.30pm
via <http://www.gwac.org.au/livestream>
- THURSDAY:** Women's Bible Study Group, St Mark's, 9.30am
Contact: Carol (0411 405 597)
Op Shop Open, 10.00am - 3.00pm
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)
- FRIDAY:** Janice's Day Off
Op Shop Open, 10.00am - 3.00pm
- SATURDAY:** Op Shop Open, 10.00am - 2.00pm
- SUNDAY:** Holy Communion, 8.45am
Family Service, 10.30am
Beachside Youth at St Peter's Mornington, 4.00pm

OUR PARISH CONTACT NUMBER HAS CHANGED

Please replace the old number in your contacts with the new one
0494 654 685. Thanks.

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

Monitored contact points: 0494 654 685
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Interim Pastoral Care Coordinator: Janice 0401 717 435
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

'The LORD: slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love'

Old Testament talks by Bishop Paul Barker on the Character of God
These talks will take place over 3 Wednesday evenings on July 22, 29 and August 5 at 7.30pm in person at GWAC but can be live streamed via the link
www.gwac.org.au/livestream Well worth the watch!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

August 15th at 8.30 to 10 am Our speaker is Neil Johnson
\$5 for egg and bacon roll, tea and coffee. BYO gf bread.
RSVP Steve by SMS on 0437984679 and take away the guesswork for shopping.

OP SHOP

If you have a 1/2 a day spare once in a while and would like to assist us in the shop, we have a variety of ways in which you can help out including :
Tip Runs, working B's. Weekly sorting, cleaning, sewing, counting jigsaw pieces!, or going on the shop roster once a month.
Every little helps and we would love to hear from you. Vicki. 0425770197.

National Grandparents Conference on Saturday 29th August 9am to 4.30pm
livestreamed online at St Mark's direct from the conference happening in NSW.
Please let Graeme King know asap on 0490664843 if you are planning to be there so registrations can be finalised. Cost \$30 (discounted for a group of 10 or more).

STEP BACK IN TIME: A SIMPLE BIBLICAL MEAL EXPERIENCE

You are warmly invited to share in a special evening inspired by the simplicity and spirit of meals in Biblical times. Gather around a table where food is shared, not rushed-where conversation, connection, and quiet reflection are part of the experience. Rather than recreating a perfect historical feast, this evening offers a gentle step back in time-an opportunity to experience how people once gathered, ate simply, and connected deeply with one another. All welcome.

Saturday 5th September 2026 6pm to 9pm here at St Mark's

Cost \$33 per person. Bookings via <https://www.trybooking.com/DNRM>

AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR 2027

These are now available at a cost of \$18 each plus postage of \$5.80.
Please contact Keith Thomas by late August if you wish to buy one.
Bulk orders incur reduced costs (depending on numbers ordered).

Building Appeal Donations are not Tax Deductible

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BSB – 703 122 Account Number – 05010814

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 All Saints Rosebud with St Katherine's McCrae and their Acting Vicar.
- ❖ 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 Beachside Youth program.
- ❖ For those preparing for baptism.
- ❖ For the 9am at home prayer time for the Parish, Dromana, & Mornington Peninsula.
- ❖ For all members of the Parish Council.
- ❖ That the Good News of Jesus will be known in Dromana.
- ❖ For Kevin, Anne, 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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