



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

READINGS FOR TODAY

Reading: Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm: 78:1-4, 11-16,
2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-13,
Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

27 SEPTEMBER 2026

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REFLECTION

Having just come from my mother's funeral, I find my mind in interesting places. Gratefulness to our Lord for leaving her with us for so long, especially because we have told many times that she would not survive things, only to see her defy the odds. Awe at the grace of God which gave us such a wonderful person to raise us, and to teach us about his faithfulness. A sense of peace and real joy to know that she is now with the Lord she loved so deeply for all of her adult years, and the sense of loss that is inevitable in that same recognition because she is no longer physically with us. Yet I would not have it any other way. As I read the words from our Philippians reading for this Sunday: Phil 2:1-13, I see so much of my mother's unselfish care and humble service which is a real inspiration to me, but if she were reading this I know she would say, "Thanks, but read the next bit – Jesus is the true example and guide to living God's way. It is his faithfulness, his sacrifice, his resurrection and his name that we exalt." Of course, Mum would be right. Paul in Philippians is concerned with teaching these young Christians how to live as people with the mind of Christ in a world which was very pagan, very self-focused, and full of reasons to take the easy road of compromise in their faith. He understood that living for Jesus requires that we are prepared to put his will and call to each of us into action day by day. Jesus chose each day to remain here, to walk the long and difficult road to calvary, to put up with the deprivations of being a human being for our sake, even though he had come from the beauty and grandeur of his throne in heaven. He was the Son of the living God yet did not use that to claim any sort of privilege, but lived our life and died our death so that we could be free from the tyranny of sin and death, and have eternal life in his name. No matter how good any human being is, it is at the name of Jesus alone that 'every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth, and under the earth.' To Jesus belongs the glory, and to the Father and the Holy Spirit also. Take a moment today to praise our faithful God for everything he has done for you.

Janice

THIS WEEK : 27 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER

- TODAY:** **Packing Operation Christmas Child boxes after each service**
 Holy Communion, 8.45am
 Family Service, 10.30am
 Peninsula Evensong, St George's Red Hill, 5.00pm
 followed by refreshments
- TUESDAY:** **Zoom Bible Study, 7.00pm**
 Contact: Graeme (0490 664 843)
- WEDNESDAY:** **Holy Communion, 10.00am**
 Op Shop Open, 10.00am - 3.00pm
 Bible Study, St Mark's, 11.00am
 Contact: Janice
- THURSDAY:** **Op Shop Open, 10.00am -3.00pm**
 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**
 Trivia Night, 6.45pm for 7pm \$10 per person
 Daylight savings begins
 Turn your clocks forward 1 hour before bed
- SUNDAY:** Bp Paul Barker attending both morning services
 Holy Communion, 8.45am
 Family Holy Communion, 10.30am
 Healing Service, 6.00pm

Please Note: Craft will start back 7th October and
Thursdays prayer group will start back 8th October.

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

Monitored contact points: **0494 654 685**
 contact@stmarksdromana.org.au

Interim Pastoral Care Coordinator: **Janice 0401 717 435**

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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

Hopefully my surgery will go ahead this time and I will be on sick leave for the week beginning 28th Sept to 2nd Oct. Please contact the Wardens for any urgent pastoral matters Keith 0419319327 Jan 0421047513.

The next **PENINSULA EVENSONG** is at St George's Red Hill.
5pm on Sunday 27th September followed by refreshments. Everyone welcome.

TRIVIA NIGHT

3rd October 6.45pm for 7pm \$10 per person.

Bookings via Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/DNRLV>

This event is part of Senior's Month and bookings can also be made by giving your name to Keith T.



ANNA'S VISIT TO ST MARK'S



Our CMS link Missionary, Anna, is visiting St Mark's on the weekend of Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November.

Please plan to join Anna for an African Lunch on Saturday from 12.30pm. We will eat African food and hear from Anna about her work with Creation Care with A Rocha in Kenya. It is essential for catering purposes that you let us know you are coming. The food will be as far as possible gluten free but will contain garlic and onion. If this is likely to be a problem please come and bring your own lunch and share dessert and chai tea and hear of Anna's adventures. There is no charge for the lunch.

There will be an opportunity to contribute financially towards Anna's work.

Contact Carol on 0411 405596 or Steve on 0437 984679 or sign the sheet in the Narthex.

CALLING ALL ORGANISERS AND RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE

AT ST MARK'S:

Keith T is compiling this year's Annual Report for the next Parish Council meeting in October.

He needs to have your ANNUAL REPORTS before 16th October.

Please send PDF versions to him on keith.thomas@stmarksdromana.org.au

CMS SUMMER CONFERENCE

7th & 8th January at Crossway Baptist Church

Early bird tickets are now available online <https://my.cms.org.au/>

Speak with Steve P. for more details.

Building Appeal Donations are not Tax Deductible

Account Name – St Mark's Anglican Church Dromana

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 all affected by the Nepal-Tibet floods, particularly for the missing Australians
- ❖ 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 Sorrento with St Andrew's Rye and their Vicar, Rev'd Stephen Dent..
- ❖ 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 William, Kevin, Anne, Doris B, Ellen, Ted & Monica, Lorna, Louise, Jen, TJ and family, Karen, Mary, Jan K, David, Belinda, 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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