



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

READINGS FOR TODAY

Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm: 90:1-6, 13-17
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

25 OCTOBER 2026

PENTECOST 22

REFLECTION

We have been walking through Exodus in the past 2 months, and today we read in Deuteronomy 34 of Moses' death and the succession of Joshua. The stage is set for the entry into the promised land, but first the people of Israel must stop and mourn Moses. They sit quietly and spend 30 days in grief that their leader has now gone. Transition is like this. To move well into the next thing, we need to allow ourselves the grief of leaving behind the thing we are finishing. I have felt this over the years in moving parishes and moving house. I'm sure it's familiar to everyone in some way. The need to stop and allow the sense of loss to sit with you, but with an eye to the future which is in front of you. For the Israelites the transition was from Moses' leadership and the desert life to Joshua's leadership and the promised land. They had only known the desert, the manna, the quails. This generation were born in the desert or were small children when Moses set off from Egypt. Their parents had scouted out the promised land once before and found giants there. They refused to enter then, fearful of the possibility of failure in battle. This generation has grown up hardened by having to fight and protect their camp and with the rhythm of lives led by God and his abundant supply. They have learned to believe that God is with them and have been led to become a people ready for the next step. Now they sit in Moab facing the Jordan and the city of Jericho not too far in the distance, stopping to leave the past behind so that they can take up their future with Joshua at the lead, and the God they have learned to trust going before them. Now, before anyone gets the wrong idea, I'm not going anywhere! Yet the theme of transition seems to be resonating with me at the moment. Are you in a transition? Are you grieving a past as you look towards a future? As you sit with your situation take some direction from Deuteronomy 34. Allow the grief. Let it take its time. Then look to Jesus who goes before you and trust him to lead you into the next step. He knows the way.

Janice

THIS WEEK : 25 OCTOBER - 1 NOVEMBER

- TODAY:** Holy Communion, 8.45am
Family Service, 10.30am
- TUESDAY:** Op Shop Committee, 10.30am
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
Cuppa, Craft & Chat Group, St Mark's, 12.30pm
Contact: Robyn (0409 425 044)
Fete Meeting, 2.00pm
- 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
Lunch with Anna our CMS Link Missionary, 12.30pm
'All Hallows Eve'
Praise & Worship service, St Mark's 7.00pm
- SUNDAY:** Anna will speak at both services
Holy Communion, 8.45am
Family Holy Communion, 10.30am
No Healing Service tonight

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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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

Anna will be with us next Weekend on Saturday and Sunday.
Please continue to pray for Anna as she travels to visit her link parishes and share her work with Creation Care in Kenya.
It promises to be a great weekend.
If you would like to know more about CMS (Church Missionary Society) speak to Steve Parkinson.

PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE

On **Saturday 31st October at 7pm** there will be an 'All Hallows Eve' Praise and Worship service here at St Mark's. Let's come together to praise the Lord and to pray together.

ELECTORAL ROLL & NOMINATION FORMS

Anyone eligible but not on the Electoral Roll please complete the application form on the bench near the power point and building plans in the Narthex. Nomination Forms for Parish Council are also on the bench. Please note only those on the Electoral Roll can serve on Parish Council.

ST MARK'S DROMANA PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held in the church at 12:00 pm on Sunday 8th November following a combined service at 10:00am.

Electronic copies of the Annual Report will be emailed to all on the Pewsheets mailing list.

Anyone not on the Pewsheets mailing list or who would like a hard copy, please see Keith Thomas.

FÊTE

A reminder that the Parish Fête will be held on Saturday 5th December and we will be looking for volunteers for setting up and pulling down as well as some donations of marquees to use over the stalls. If preparing plants, it would be helpful to have a picture of the flower if not currently in bloom and what the plant is. We have a volunteer who will help with labelling. Please see Janice.

"FOR THE HARVEST"

Here is the link for an electronic copy of 'For the Harvest', Archbishop Ric's vision for our diocese for the next 10 years.

[ADM_ForTheHarvest_Strategy2026_Digital.pdf](#)

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:

- ❖ Helen Haines, her family, and community of Wangaratta.
- ❖ For the people of Israel and Iran and Middle East countries..
- ❖ 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 George's Red Hill and their Vicar, Rev'd Jennie Savage.
- ❖ 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 Janice & family, 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 Pew Sheet items to Maggie Dodu by Wednesday:
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