

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NOTICES: All notices for inclusion are subject to approval and must be received by 12 noon Wednesday for publication the following Sunday.

Services This Week:
Sunday 28th Feb:
7.30am Eucharist
9.30am Morning Prayer

Readings for 7th March 2021:
Exodus 20.1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1.18-25
John 2.13-22

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Office hours – the office is currently open on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9am to 12noon.

28th Feb 7.30 and 9.30 service: The Bishop will be celebrating the eucharist at both services.

7th March: The AGM will be held after the 9.30 service on Sunday 7/3. All applications for the AGM MUST be lodged at the cathedral office by noon on Friday 5th March. No late applications will be accepted.

Pew Reflection:

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☺ Sunday Smile:



WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL 28 FEB. 2021 – 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome to our new Bishop Peter Grice, his wife Virginia and their family!



It is lovely to share in worship this morning. A very warm welcome to any newcomers or visitors.

SENTENCE:

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him. *Mark 8.34*

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life: grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY

Church in Australia: Anglicare Australia

CQ Diocese: Vocational Deacons, Permission to Officiate, Retired Clergy, Clergy widows and widowers.

People in The Parish and Beyond: The elderly and housebound, the disabled, and those with mental illnesses. Nursing Homes and Retirement Villages.

Our partner Diocese – PNG: Diocese of the New Guinea.

In Need: Brian and Jacqueline, Carmel, Ray, Phillip.

In Memoriam: Allan McVinish, Major Trevor Ramm, Ellen Johnson, Archibald Kerr.

We care about you, so please let Dean Melusi or the Wardens know if you, a family member or someone you know, needs pastoral care or wants to be included in our prayers for healing.

28th February 2021 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

1st Reading – Genesis 17.1-7,15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Psalm 22:24-32

O praise the Lord, all you that fear Him;
hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob, and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.

For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery:
nor did he hide his face from him, but heard him when he cried.

From you springs my praise in the great congregation:

I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;
The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him - may their hearts rejoice for ever!

Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord:
and let all the families of the nations worship before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's:
and he shall be ruler over the nations.

How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:
or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?

But he has saved my life for himself:
and my posterity shall serve him.

This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:
and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

2nd Reading – Romans 4.13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null, and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this

reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore, his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Hear the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel - Mark 8.31-38

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, chapter 8 verses 31 to 38.

Glory to you lord Jesus Christ

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

For the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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7 MARCH – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

1ST READING - EXODUS 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore, the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God:

and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;

One day tells it to another:

and night to night communicates knowledge.

There is no speech or language:

nor are their voices heard;

Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:

and their words to the ends of the earth.

There he has pitched a tent for the sun:

which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound:

and nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:

the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:

the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:

the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold:

sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.

Moreover, by them is your servant taught:

and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can know their own unwitting sins?:

O cleanse me from my secret faults.

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me:

so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight:

O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

2ND READING - 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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GOSPEL - JOHN 2:13-22

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 2, reading from verse 13 to 22.

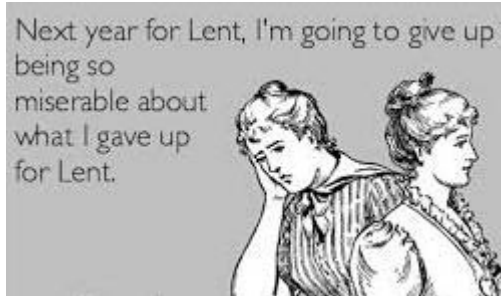
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the moneychangers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the moneychangers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things

out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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