



St Andrew's Anglican Parish of Riverton

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Priest in Charge—Rev. Lisa Spargo



Diocese of Perth

Supply Priest—The Venerable Michael Pennington

To know Christ and make him known

Sunday 3 March 2024

Third Sunday In Lent

The Psalmist, in Psalm 19, speaks in beautiful and timeless language of the grandeur of God revealed in the natural world, and in 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Paul speaks of the wisdom of God that surpasses human wisdom. In a world in which science and religion have long been seen by many as mutually exclusive, the progress of science can be seen to be leading more to a convergence than a divergence. For as science continues to roll back the frontiers of human knowledge it, paradoxically, simultaneously extends the frontiers of the unknown, and in the process reveals anew, for those who take the time to see, the awe-inspiring mystery that underpins our universe, and the provisional nature of the understanding derived from human wisdom.

- Lord, empower us to see your grandeur revealed in the world around us and, seeing this, strengthen our resolve to husband and nurture our earthly home.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council

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Notice

The nomination process for a new parish priest—Consultation:

Archdeacon Angela Webb will come to the parish on Sunday 17 March. She will take the 9.00am service followed by a consultation with members of the congregation. This is the first step in the process in which the Archdeacon visits and conducts a parish vacancy consultation. It allows members of the congregation to express their vision for future ministry in the parish. Parishioners are encouraged to attend as this is the forum where they can talk about their vision for the future mission of the parish.

Holy Communion - All are welcome to receive Communion with us. You may receive in one kind (just the bread) if you prefer. If you wish to receive the wine also, you may sip from the common cup. Please be aware that current diocesan regulations prohibit intinction (dipping) your wafer into the wine. Gluten free wafers are available.

For Today's Service

Sentence

God spoke these words and said, '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.'

Exodus 20.1



Collect (prayer of the day)

Lord our God, by your Holy Spirit write your commandments upon our hearts and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross, so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness, we may become a living temple of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Third Sunday In Lent (3 March 2024 Year B)

Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22

Prayer List

+We pray for the Church

In the World: In our Partner Diocese, Eldoret, Ngeria Farm Prison Ministry, Chaplain and people; Diocese of Guinea, West Africa, bishop, clergy and people; Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

ABM: Episcopal Relief and Development (USA); The Diocese of the Northern Territory – Bishop Greg Anderson, the clergy and people .

BCA: Norfolk Island, Laurie & Bec Carleton & family

CMS: ongoing strength and wisdom for Joan.

In Australia: Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, Primate and Archbishop of Adelaide.

In the Province: Parish of Kondinin and Corrigin, clergy and people; Parish of Geraldton, clergy and people.

In our Diocese: Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishop Kate Wilmot; Bishop Hans Christiansen and Bishop David Bassett; St James' Anglican School Council, Keva Crouch, Chair, and members of the Council; St Mark's Anglican Community School Council, Simon Green, Chair, and members of the Council

Prayer Cycle: Jill & Charles O'Donnell, Barbara & David Otterman, Roslyn Park

We pray for those in need this month: Jamie Ayrs (Broughton family), Roxana D'Rosario, Terry Flay, Florence Khimbi, Derek Knight, Margaret (Joan Mackie's sister), Margaret and Alan Mason, Joan McNeill, Joyce Mynett, Doreen Newell, Nicholson family: Kathleen, John, Sarah & Amanda, Roslynn Park, Jan Trench, Sylvia Westera, Joy White.

We pray for those in need this week: Marissa Bandy, Roberta Constantine, Fr Alan Brodie, Gwen Builder, Charlie Cuff, Jenny Cuff, Taya Fisher, Gaye Gray; June & Manny Rodrigues, Pat Trevithick, Peter & Helen Broughton

Thought for the Week from MU - *Women of Influence*

‘She speaks with wisdom and faithful instruction is on her tongue’ *Proverbs 31:26*.



Some of the greatest rulers in English history have been the Queens – Elizabeth I, Victoria and in our own time Elizabeth II. The impact for good of Elizabeth II was obvious in the sorrow surrounding her passing. Each of these women was a force for good, surrounded by a Court, clothed in riches, housed in palaces. But ordinary people, and especially women, are also a force for good in the key influence that we have in the lives of others. Especially those who fear the Lord will speak with wisdom and faithful instruction and so shape the lives of many others with whom they come into contact. But the key to this success and influence is our fear of the Lord, our faithful submission to him. Then he will gift us with wise speech if we follow his ways.

Question for thought: Do I ask the Lord for wisdom in my speech?

Almighty God, we bring before you members in Bujumbura, Burundi as they seek your heavenly wisdom as to how to address domestic violence and other family issues. May peace and reconciliation be at the heart of what they do and may they know the peace which passes all understanding. We pray for our members in Grafton Diocese NSW as they serve you and do the good work you've prepared for them to walk in. Amen



Exodus 20.1-17

¹ Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ 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.

⁵ 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, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ 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. ⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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. ¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³ You shall not murder. ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ You shall not steal. ¹⁶ You

shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. ¹⁷ 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.

Psalm 19

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;

² **One day tells it to another: and night to night communicates knowledge.**

³ There is no speech or language: nor are their voices heard;

⁴ **Yet their sound has gone out through all the world: and their words to the ends of the earth.**

⁵ 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.

⁶ **Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound: and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul: the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.

⁸ **The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever: the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant taught: and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² Who can know their own unwitting sins?: O cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³ Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me: so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

¹⁴ May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight: O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

1 Corinthians 1.18-25

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰ 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? ²¹ 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. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to

those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

John 2.13-22

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ 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 money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² 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.

Celebrations

Birthdays: Pat Clelland (Sun 3rd)
Jenny Grafton (Mon 4th)
Sylvia Westera (Tue 5th)



Anniversaries: none recorded

Other:

Next Sunday's Readings

Readings – Fourth Sunday in Lent (10 March 2024 Year B)

Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21

Rosters and Group Meetings

RHS Biscuit Roster: 4 Mar, Liz Rey; 11 Mar, Jill O'Donnell

St. Andrew's MU: meet on 2nd Thursday of the month at 1.30pm in the Fellowship Room.

Notices

Offerings: Parishioners are encouraged to consider direct debit offerings. Details for direct debit are:

From Account:

From: xxxxxxxx

Your/Business name: **Offering**

Payment Details

Account Name: Riverton Parish

BSB: 706001

Account No: 30005512

Message: Offering



Our Post Office banking will no longer accept cheques. If you are unable to use the direct debit facility listed above, offerings can be made in cash through the collection plate on Sunday. No cheques please.

Notices

Midweek Services (February to April): While Lisa is on leave, we will likely only have clergy cover for Sundays. Our regular midweek service will therefore be on hold for that period. During this time, you may like to take the opportunity to join services in our neighbouring parishes throughout the Deanery:

- St Augustine's (Lynwood) - Tuesday 9:30am
- St Michael's (Mt Pleasant) - Wednesday 9am *Sung Eucharist
- St Basil's (Murdoch) - Wednesday 11:30am
- All Saints (Bull Creek) - Wednesday 1pm

Mothering Sunday: Next Sunday 10th March. Mother's Union will arrange all roles in the service. Supply Priest is The Right Reverend Dr Peter Brain.

Lenten Giving Up and Picking Up: During Lent the Mothers' Union will collect toiletries and groceries for women, children and men going into the Crisis Family Centre in Tuart Hill managed by Anglicare.. If parishioners would like to support this project please put the supplies in the box in the porch. Many thanks, Mothers' Union.

Lenten Study: In 2020 we used a booklet published by the Church of England called **#Live Lent. Care for God's Creation.** These daily reflections and suggestions provide an opportunity to come together to meet with God and to rejoice in the beauty of God's creation. There are copies available at no cost. The booklet can be used for personal or group study. If you are interested, please put your name on the list on the notice board in the Foyer, so I can provide you with a copy of the booklet . **Barb O**

MU Eucharist: The Diocese of Perth MU will be holding a Lady Day Eucharist Service here at St. Andrew's on Friday 22nd March 2024 at 10am. This is in conjunction with a visit from the Australian President Dr. Robin Ray. MU Chaplain Rev. Des Smit will preside. Members are asked to bring a shared lunch after which a workshop will be held in the hall. The day will end at 2pm. All congregation members men and women are invited to join with us on this day.

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Koorong Christian Bookstore: has a branch in Canningvale at 1/180 Bannister Road. They have a broad selection of Christian books and gifts,

Visitor Information

Children: Children's Activity Bags are available for parents and children to utilise during our services. Each bag includes a variety of books and materials that suit a wide range of ages, from toddlers through to young teens. You can find the bags at the back of the church. Please ensure they are returned after the service, for use by others next week.

Conveniences: Toilets and baby change facilities are located in the hall, accessible via the side door near the children's play area.

Communion: You are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us, if this is your usual practice in your own church community. Alternatively, if you or your children wish to receive a blessing instead, please indicate this by keeping your hands behind your back when you come forward to the communion rail. Gluten free wafers are available - if required, please alert the priest when you come forward.



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On leave until May 2024

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