

NOTICES

Kids Plus+



KidsPlus+ is held on the fourth Sunday of the month, during the 8.30am service. All children are welcome to be involved in the service and after communion join in with games and craft.

St Mark's Craft Group

St Mark's craft group will continue to meet in 2026 as of Monday 9 February (10am—midday). New faces are always welcome! Bring along your own work or learn something new in a relaxed and happy group.



REMINDER

There is a Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 13 January at 7.00pm.

WEEKLY OFFERING

DIRECT DEPOSIT DETAILS

Bank: NAB
Account Name: St Mark's Clayfield
BSB 084-004
A/c 50-838-9619



Follow **St. Mark's Clayfield** on Facebook, and watch the Sunday services on Youtube, at your leisure!



TENNIS COURT

You can book the tennis court online:
www.stmarksclayfield.org/facility-hire/tennis-court/

Tennis payments

PRAYER FOCUS for this week

For St Mark's Outreach and Mission:

Anglicare—for those in need and distress.

The Sick: Please use the Intercessions Book for those who you know would like to be named in our Prayers of Intercession.

Anniversaries of the Faithful Departed:

James Ryan
Michael Forster
Joanne Peberdy
William Powell
Richard Allom
Jack Miller Henry
William Nicoll
Percy Biggs
Molly Lettice
Philip Crook

Wider Mission Focus for this Month:

CMS Missionaries
For cross-cultural mission
www.cms.org.au



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~ Est. 1925 ~



Welcome to St Mark's!

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PTO: The Rev Gary Blundell

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The Epiphany of Our Lord 4 January 2026

Liturgical Colour:
White

At Epiphany we celebrate Christ made known to the world

8:30am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Rev'd Gary Blundell

Sentence of the Day

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. *Isaiah 60:1*

Collect

Everlasting God, who brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising: fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Acknowledgement of country

As we gather in this Church, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Turrbal and Jagera people, and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.



We have a hearing loop available. Please turn hearing aids on to "T" switch.

ROSTERS

Roster Today	
Readers	Rosemary S & Brenda H
Prayers	Robert S-W
LA	Grant C & Petrea M
Welcomer	Anne A & Elizabeth G
Off / Count	Heather & Peter M
Sound Room	Kym A
Roster Next Sunday 11 January	
Readers	Rod McL & Andrew P
Prayers	
LA	Diana O
Deacon	David A
Welcomer	Lorelle W, Ashley & Robyn O
Off / Count	Ashley & Robyn O
Sound Room	Di G

DIARY DATES

Monday 5 Jan:	Parish Office re-opens
Tuesday 13 Jan:	7pm Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 21 Jan:	11am Service at Portafino Hamilton Aged Care
Monday 26 Jan:	Australia Day Parish Office closed
Monday 9 Feb:	10am-12pm Sewing & Craft group reconvenes
Tuesday 17 Feb:	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 18 Feb:	Ash Wednesday

Prayer Circle

If you would like to be part of The Parish Prayer Circle, or have names of people you want upheld in prayer, please see Fr.Gary.

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St Mark's Clayfield Epiphany House Blessing

Today we will bless the church doors, and you can
bless your own home.

It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our
home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our
work and play, our joys and sorrows.

One way of doing this is to use chalk blessed during
the Epiphany liturgy and write above the home's entry-
way,

20 + C + M + B + 26

The letters C, M, B have two meanings.

- They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.
 - They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."
- The "+" signs represent the cross, and 2026 is the year.

*May this new year be one of hope, joy and comfort. Lord
be with us as we continue to try and love you and our
neighbours. Guide us and protect us.*

Amen.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 2, beginning at the 1st verse

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'

³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;

⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.

⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'

⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

FIRST READING

A reading from Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord .

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Containers For Change!

In 2026, we continue to ask for your support by recycling your beverage cans and bottles at a Containers for Change depot. There's one just down the road at **22 Collingwood St Albion. Drive in, provide the code below, they will count the cans & bottles, and \$\$ comes to the parish!**

Our Parish member number is: C10089230

Can't make it to the Albion collection centre? Not a problem, we have a dedicated bin in the hall—bring your bottles/cans along on a Sunday.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

¹ Give the king your judgement, O God:

and your righteousness to the son of a king,

² **That he may judge your people rightly:**

and the poor of the land with equity.

³ Let the mountains be laden with peace

because of his righteousness:

and the hills also with prosperity for his people.

⁴ **May he give justice to the poor among the people:**

and rescue the children of the needy,

and crush the oppressor.

⁵ May he live while the sun endures:

and while the moon gives light,

throughout all generations.

⁶ **May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:**

and as showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his time shall righteousness flourish:

and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁰ **The kings of Tarshish and of the isles**

shall bring tribute:

the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

¹¹ All kings shall fall down before him:

and all nations do him service.

¹² **He will deliver the needy when they cry:**

and the poor that have no helper.

¹³ He will pity the helpless and the needy:

and save the lives of the poor.

¹⁴ **He will redeem them from oppression and violence:**

and their blood shall be precious in his sight.

SECOND READING

A reading from Ephesians 3:1-12

¹ This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to human-kind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Holy Trinity Community Food Pantry

This week's special requests are:

Canned goods: Meat & Vegetables, soup, packet cup of soup, tomatoes, canned vegetables— peas, carrots, corn, Fish (tuna, salmon or sardines), fruit (small tins). Your donations are very much appreciated.

