

NOTICES

Kids Plus+



Kids Plus+ 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.



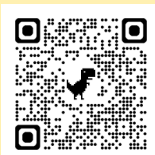
GFS Youth Group

GFS meets every 2nd, 4th & 5th Friday night of each month in the hall. This group is for girls in high school and older. If you would like to know more, please visit their website: gfsbrisbane.org.au

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!



PRAYER FOCUS for this week

For St Mark's
Outreach and
Mission:

The Holy Trinity Pantry in Fortitude Valley—for those in need in the inner-city

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:
Gordon Given
Nellie Corfe
Ralph Bailey
Lillian Tomlinson
Harold Lehmhase

Wider Mission Focus for this Month:
CMS Missionaries
For cross-cultural mission
www.cms.org.au



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Welcome!

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8:30am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Lyn Kareta

Sentence of the Day

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
Micah 6.8

Collect

Righteous God,
you confound the world's wisdom
by giving your blessing to the lowly and pure in heart:
give us such a hunger and thirst for justice
and perseverance in striving for peace,
that in our words and deeds
the world may see the promise of your kingdom,
which has been revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and 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 & Sarah B
Prayers	Brenda H
LA	Grant C & Petrea
Welcomer	Anne A & Elizabeth G
Off / Count	Karen W &
Sound Room	Kym A
Morning Tea	Dianne K, Sue R, Marina A

Roster Next Sunday 8 February

Readers	Brad G & Elizabeth G
Prayers	Jan F
LA	Diana O
Deacon	David A
Welcomer	Lorelle W , Ashley & Robyn Owen
Off / Count	Ashley & Robyn Owen
Sound Room	Di G
Morning Tea	Elizabeth B

DIARY DATES

Saturday 7 Feb:	7.30am Saturday Social Gathering –Honey Cafe
Monday 9 Feb:	10am-12pm Sewing & Craft group reconvenes
Tuesday 17 Feb:	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 18 Feb:	Ash Wednesday Services 6.30am / 10am / 7pm
Wednesday 18 Feb:	11am Service at Portofino Hamilton Aged Care
Sunday 22 Feb:	Hamilton Clayfield Girl Guides Celebration of World Thinking Day
Wednesday 25 Feb:	10am / 6.30pm Lenten Study
Sunday 1 Mar:	10.15am Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 4 Mar:	10am / 6.30pm Lenten Study

A MESSAGE FROM LYN

We might think of the beatitudes as ‘ways of being’ that are counter-cultural to the expectations of living in our human world. They were certainly counter-cultural in the context of the first century world, and they continue to be counter-cultural against some of the expectations of our modern society. Through the sermon on the mount, Jesus encourages us towards living a life of discipleship and challenges us to consider how we might respond when facing the expectations of a world that may challenge our faith and our sense of what God intends for us. We are also reminded that God is not with those who seek to place expectations on us from spaces of power or control over others, rather we are reminded that God is with those who are vulnerable, who are lacking and who are broken. I wonder how we might respond, when we face expectations of the world around us, to ensure we constantly seek to live our lives in the way God intended for us?

God’s peace be with you,

Rev’d Lyn



A MESSAGE FROM LYN

Each week your pew sheet will now include a weekly communication which may offer a space of information, reflection or perhaps even inspiration, and which may be based upon the readings of the week, the season of our liturgical year, or whatever may be happening within our parish and our community. Importantly I hope this communication will help to ground us and move us as a body of Christ, to grow our relationship with God and with each other.

I begin our first message with a hearty thank you for the warm welcome that I, along with my family, received on the eve of Thursday's commissioning. I give thanks for all the hard work that went into the preparations and for the beautiful sense of community coming together. I come into this parish quickly sensing a genuine passion to build an abundant community together, and I look forward to exploring how we venture into this next season of parish life, always looking towards God for guidance, strength and wisdom, as we seek to live out God's mission in the world.

Jesus indeed provides some crucial wisdom this Sunday, being the fourth Sunday after Epiphany. It is a seasonal moment when we are presented with opportunities to encounter a revelation of God, and our Gospel reading from Matthew 5:1-12 does not disappoint. This week we find Jesus teaching about the beatitudes as a portion of his broader sermon on the mount. Through the beatitudes, Jesus provides a revelation of God through what it is to live out the kingdom of God here on earth as it is in heaven.

FIRST READING

A reading from Micah 6:1-8

¹ Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³ 'O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'

⁶ 'With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

¹ Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle:
or who may dwell upon your holy hill?

² Whoever leads an uncorrupt life
and does the thing which is right:
**who speaks the truth from the heart,
and has not slandered with the tongue;**

³ Who has done no evil to a friend:
nor vented abuse against a neighbour;

⁴ In whose eyes the worthless have no honour:
but who makes much of those that fear the Lord;

⁵ Whoever has sworn to a neighbour:
and will not go back on that oath;

⁶ Who has not put money to usury:
nor taken a bribe against the innocent.

⁷ Whoever does these things:
shall never be overthrown.

SATURDAY SOCIAL GATHERING

Saturday
7 February 7.30am—9.30am
The Honey Café
Stafford City
(Located at the back of centre near the cinemas)
Come along for fun, conversation, and a relaxed
breakfast!
**** **All welcome** ****

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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.



Parish Elections

We are now accepting 2026 Nominations for the following positions:

Parish Councillors
Church Wardens
Parish Nominators

Nomination forms can be found at the front door.
Please return by Friday 27 February, to the office.

Holy Trinity Community Food Pantry

This week's special requests are:

Dried goods: Milk (UHT carton), Tea, Coffee –granulated not powder, sugar, pasta, pasta sauce, two minute noodles, spaghetti, rice, Crackers /biscuits: sweet & savoury & Gluten free.

Toiletries: Body soap, toothbrush & toothpaste (small).

Your donations are very much appreciated.



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The Annual General Meeting will be held in the hall on
Sunday 1 March at 10.15am

Roster Duties

We are on the hunt again for volunteers to assist on the Sunday roster. Some Parishioners are being heavily relied upon to fill vacant spots. If you can assist, whether it be a regular basis, one week out of eight, or even just in an emergency (possibly just a few times throughout the year), please let our office know. We'll happily accept help from anyone who is willing to provide morning tea, perform readings, or greet at the door.

Many hands will make light work!



Working Bee

The next Working Bee is scheduled for
Saturday 21 February at 8am.

Pop it on your calendar! Everyone is more than welcome.



SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 5, beginning at the 1st verse

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

NOTICES

Summary of the St Mark's Rectory Sale Process

What has happened over the last 12 Months

- As was presented at our Extraordinary General Meeting in Nov 2024; at the beginning of 2025 the Parish Council set out to demolish the existing Rectory, organise and complete the required earthworks and service connections and then sell all 3 lots. This process was expected to be complete by the end of February 2026.

- In February 2025 this plan was presented to the Diocesan Financial Services Commission meeting for approval. It was approved however the Diocese included a specific condition in this approval directing the Parish Council to purchase a new rectory with the funds from the sale of the 3 lots.

- With that directive in mind the Parish Council had to reconsider and consult with the Diocesan Property Team and determined that the most prudent financial decision would be to sell only 2 lots and retain 1 lot to build the required new Rectory.

- The Diocesan Property Team agreed with that plan and after several months of further review and consultation proposed that the best and fastest way to achieve that objective would be to sell the existing house on 2 lots to an external builder / developer to allow them to redevelop that property into new houses and for the church to retain 1 lot for the construction of a new Rectory.

- Multiple other issues have also been addressed over the 12 months including Brisbane City Council requirements for vegetation protection over the entire site, titling of the 3 lots, surveying and engineering design and preparation for connection of services. This has all been managed and progressed by the Diocesan Property Team.