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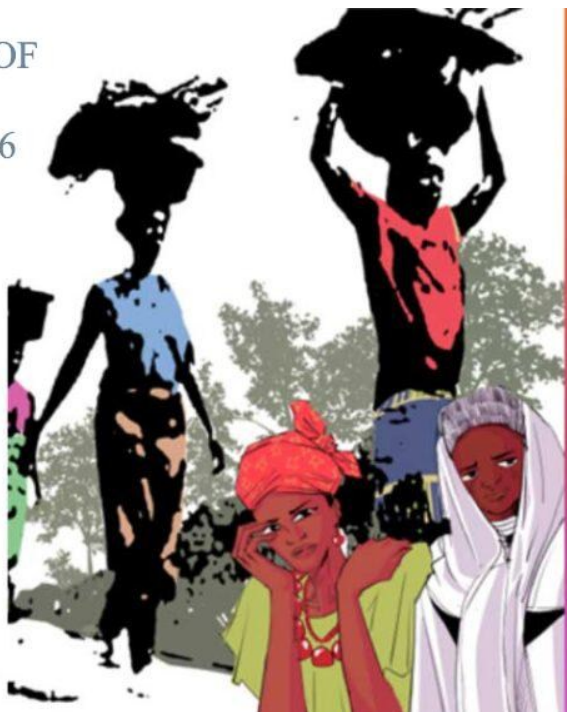
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St Mark's Clayfield

**THE ANGLICAN
PARISH OF CLAYFIELD**

~ Est. 1925 ~



Welcome!

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

**SECOND
SUNDAY
OF LENT**



8:30am Holy Communion
Celebrant: The Reverend Lyn Kareta

Sentence of the Day

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Collect

God of mercy,
you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy,
and always ready to forgive:
grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and 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.

Lent 2
1 March 2026
Liturgical Colour:
White

*Lent is a season of
preparation for Easter*

ROSTERS

Roster Today

Readers	Rosemary S & Brenda H
Prayers	Robert S-W
LA	Grant C & Diana O
Welcomer	Anne A & Elizabeth G
Off / Count	Heather & Peter M
Sound Room	Kym A
Morning Tea	Sue R & Marina A

Roster Next Week 8 March

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

DIARY DATES

Sunday 1 Mar:	10.15am Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 4 Mar:	10am / 6.30pm Lenten Study
Friday 6 March:	10am World Day of Prayer
Sunday 8 March:	Donations for backpacks due
Wednesday 11 Mar:	10am / 6.30pm Lenten Study
Saturday 14 Mar:	2pm Backpack Packing Day
Sunday 15 Mar:	2-4pm Mothering High Tea
Wednesday 18 Mar:	10am / 6.30pm Lenten Study
Wednesday 18 Mar:	11am Portofino Aged Care Service
Wednesday 25 Mar:	10am / 6.30pm Lenten Study
Friday 27 Mar:	6.30pm Pizzas and Palm Cross Making



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Mothering Sunday

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FIRST READING

A reading from Genesis 12:1-4a

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' ⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills:
but where shall I find help?
- ² My help comes from the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not suffer your foot to stumble:
and he who watches over you will not sleep.
- ⁴ Be sure he who has charge of Israel:
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The Lord himself is your keeper:
the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;
- ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day:
nor shall the moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord will defend you from all evil:
it is he who will guard your life.
- ⁸ The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:
from this time forward for evermore.

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans 4:1-5; 4:13-17

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶ 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, ¹⁷ 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.

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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.



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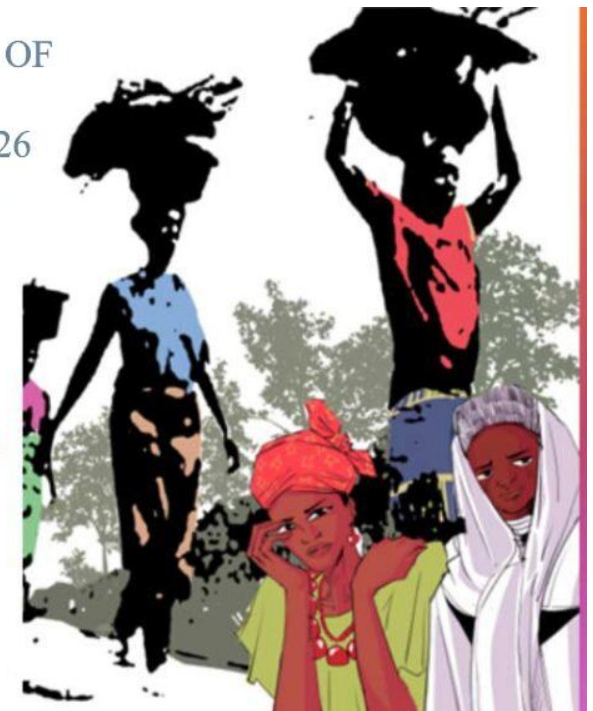
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NOTICES

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 meets every second Monday (10am—midday). Next meeting is on 9 March. New faces are always welcome! Bring along your own work or learn something new in a relaxed and happy group.

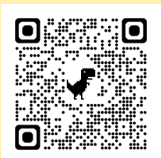
GFS Youth Group

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 revisit 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:

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:

Shirley Bowman
Arthur Cooper
Brian Sakzewski
Douglas Friend
Una Gyles
Penny Croft
Jack Henry
Lesley Beaton

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

GOSPEL READING John 3:1-17

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 3, beginning at the 1st verse

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.
² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.'
³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'
⁴ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?'
⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.'
⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.
⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."
⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'
⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?'
¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?'
¹¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.'
¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?
¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

GOSPEL READING John 3:1-17 Continued

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



A MESSAGE FROM REV'D LYN

This week's Sunday service is followed by our Annual Meeting where we hear reports of the year that has been and elect those who may collaboratively guide the parish in the year to come. This annual milestone is one that assists a review and reset for the parish, yet it also offers the opportunity to think anew about who we are now and who God is calling us to be.

This week we turn to John's Gospel and find an encounter between Jesus and Nicodemus, a religious leader among the Jewish people who is seeking to make sense of who he is in terms of his faith. Nicodemus' encounter with Jesus finds him questioning the meaning of Jesus' ministry and messages and how God is calling him to respond. Nicodemus finds himself in a new landscape of faith that he is seeking to navigate yet this is creating more questions than answers.

It may be likewise for us as a parish. As we come together in our Annual Meeting, we may reflect upon some wonderful ministry and fellowship that has occurred in this place, and yet we may also face a reality that we can't rely on what we have done in the past to be and do what it is God may be calling us to become next.

Lent invites us into a sacred season of such reflection and introspection, within ourselves personally and as a community, that we might pause, question, listen and prayerfully discern the ways in which God is calling us to respond in our next season of ministry for our parish. Let us prayerfully question together who we have been and who God is shaping us to become, that we might find the most faithful and life-giving ways to respond to God's call.

God's peace be with you,

Rev'd Lyn