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Lent 1

22 February
2026

Liturgical Colour:
White

*Lent is a season of
preparation for Easter*

8:30am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Lyn Kareta

Sentence of the Day

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Matthew 4.4*

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin:
give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your
will, that, as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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

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.

ROSTERS

Roster Today	
Readers	Diana O & Rod McL
Prayers	Margaret R
LA	Derek M
Deacon	David A
Welcomer	Jan J & Karen W
Off / Count	Jan J & Karen W
Sound Room	Di G
Morning Tea	John R & Kirsty T
Roster Next Week 1 March	
Readers	Rosemary S & Brenda H
Prayers	Robert S-W
LA	Grant C & Peter K
Welcomer	Anne A & Elizabeth G
Off / Count	Heather & Peter M
Sound Room	Kym A
Morning Tea	Dianne K, Sue R, Marina A

DIARY DATES

- Sunday 22 Feb:** Hamilton Clayfield Girl Guides Celebration of World Thinking Day
- Monday 23 Feb:** 10am Sewing Group Meets
- Wednesday 25 Feb:** 10am / 6.30pm Lenten Study
- 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
- Saturday 14 Mar:** 2pm Backpack Packing Day
- Sunday 15 Mar:** 2-4pm Mothering High Tea
- Friday 27 March:** 6.30pm Pizzas and Palm Cross Making

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 23 Feb. New faces are always welcome! Bring along your own work or learn something new in a relaxed and happy group.



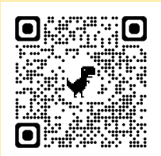
GFS Youth Group

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:

Mary Frew
John Garnsey
Ivy Arnison
James Pates
Kathleen Pavitt
Lilian Rasmus
Eleanor Palmer
Cecelia King
Shirley Breckenridge

Rest in Peace:
Jan Gibbins

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

FIRST READING

A reading from Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

³ ¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' ² The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³ but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ' ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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.



Psalm 32

¹ Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven:

whose iniquity is put away.

² Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame:

and in whose spirit there is no guile.

³ For whilst I held my tongue:

my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.

⁴ Your hand was heavy upon me day and night:

and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you:

and my iniquity I did not hide;

⁶ I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord':

and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.

⁷ For this cause shall everyone that is faithful

make their prayer to you in the day of trouble:

and in the time of the great water-flood,

it shall not come near them.

⁸ You are a place to hide me in,

you will preserve me from trouble:

you will surround me with deliverance on every side.

⁹ 'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go:

I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.

¹⁰ 'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding:

whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'

¹¹ Great tribulations remain for the ungodly:

but whoever puts their trust in the Lord,

mercy embraces them on every side.

¹² Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad:

and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.

MARCH SUNDAY SERVICE ROSTER

	March				
	1/03/2026	8/03/2026	15/03/2026	22/03/2026	29/03/2026
LA 1	Grant Connolly	Diana Osbaldiston	Grant Connolly	Derek Matthews	Derek Matthews
LA 2	Peter Kemp		Petrea Matthews		Diana Osbaldiston
Deacon		David Adams		David Adams	
First Reading	Rosemary Stride	Rod McLary	Elaine Roberts	Brad Gibbins	Robert Standish-White
Psalm & Second Reading	Brenda Higgins	Andrew Peters	Robert Standish-White	Lorelle Whittaker	Rod McLary
Prayers	Robert Standish-White	Jan Frew	Malcolm Lehmhase	Margaret Rose	Brenda Higgins
Sound Room	Kym Adams	Di Grima	Kym Adams	Di Grima	Kym Adams
Welcomer 1	Anne Avila	Lorelle Whittaker	Dianne Kemp	Jan Jardine	Dianne Kemp
Welcomer 2	Elizabeth Gillan	Ashley & Robyn Owen	Karen Woodward	Karen Woodward	
Counting the Offertory 1	Heather Monks	Ashley Owen	Peter Kemp	Jan Jardine	
Counting the Offertory 2	Peter Monks	Robyn Owen	Karen Woodward	Karen Woodward	
Morning Tea	Dianne Kemp	Elizabeth Bourne	Helen Sherington	Kristy Taylor	Ladies Guild
Morning Tea	Sue Roles		Steven Sherington	John Richardson	
Morning Tea	Marina Adams				

A MESSAGE FROM REV'D LYN

Ash Wednesday marked our entry into Lent this week and the imposition of ashes upon our foreheads reminds us that in our humanity, 'we are dust and to dust we shall return'. It is a jarring reminder that we are a part of God's creation - no more or less important than any other part of creation – no more or less than a grasshopper or a palm leaf or a whale or a mountain! We are reminded of our place in the world and our place in creation. We are reminded in all of it, that we are God's.

It is no coincidence that these words – 'we are dust and to dust we shall return' - are like the words we speak in the committal of a funeral. On Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent, we might think of how we die a small death within us, perhaps even a series of small deaths, as we are encouraged towards loss.... Loss of egos, loss of self-consciousness, loss of selfishness, of ignorance, of bravado, prejudices, arrogance, intolerances, of our self-loathing, of unkindness, loss of our guilt, loss of our shame ... we are invited to let go of all the ways we live life in impoverished ways that may emanate from our human brokenness. We are encouraged to let go of these impoverishments because they simply use up space that could instead be devoted to letting God more fully into our lives.

Jesus walks in the wilderness this week, walking under temptation, demonstrating what it is to be ever-faithful and wholly devoted to God. Walking our wilderness during Lent may present us with precarious pathways as we navigate the losses we may need to accept within ourselves to receive the fullness of God in our lives. Yet we might also find surprises in the abundance and joy possible when we make space for God's mercy and love. In all that we are, God remains faithful to us. What are we willing to let go of so that we may remain faithful to God?

God's peace be with you,

Rev'd Lyn

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans 5:12-21

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—

¹³ sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the

transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification.

¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

²⁰ But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING Matthew 4:1-11

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 4, beginning at the 1st verse

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

² He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

³ The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴ But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' '

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' '⁷ Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' '

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹ and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.'

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' '

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

NOTICES

A Girl Guide Prayer

Almighty God, by your Grace alone we are able to live our Christian faith.

We ask you to inspire us, and our fellow Guides around the world,

to love and obey you every day.

Help us to think wisely, speak kindly, act bravely, live purely.

Bless us in body and spirit,

and may we be a blessing to our friends and family.

May your presence strengthen us in life,

keep us from all evil, and comfort us in sickness.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen!

Girl Guide Promise

I Promise that I will do my best

To be true to myself and develop my beliefs

To serve my community and Australia

And live by the Guide Law



NOTICES



WORLD DAY OF
PRAYER
SERVICE 2026

Nigeria

'I will give you rest:
Come'

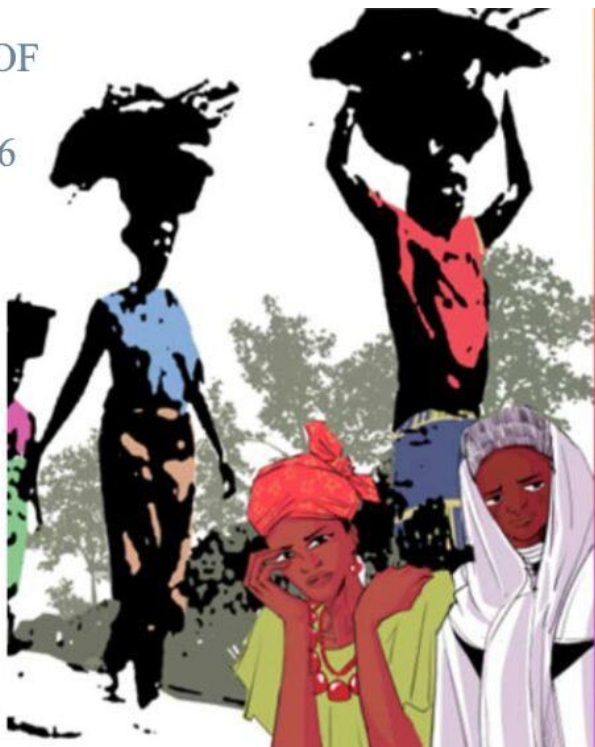
Friday 6th of March 2026

10 am - 11 am,

**Our Lady Help of Christians Church
9 Bowman Street Hendra**

contact Mary Nicholls 0408080723
or your WDoP representative
to find out more, offer to assist

Guest Speaker - Helen Fernandes
Leprosy Mission International
Guest Organist - Chris Larter
www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org



Our **World Day of Prayer** representative is Diana Osbaldiston.
For more information, please call her on 0419 666 415.

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.



NOTICES

Lenten Bible Study

Join Lyn for a Lenten Study focused
upon exploring the **ABM Study for 2026:**
*'Holiday... Stories of Jesus set in an
Australian Landscape'*



Studies will be held
on **Wednesdays** during Lent
from Wed 25 Feb to Wed 1 April.

Two studies are on offer at either
10am or 6.30pm.

Contact the office for any questions. We hope to see you there!

Parish Elections

We are now accepting 2026 Nominations for the following
positions:

Parish Councillors

Church Wardens

Parish Nominators

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



The Annual General Meeting will be
held in the hall on

Sunday 1 March at 10.15am

Nominations and elections for key
positions will be finalised at the AGM.