

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 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 Inter-
cession.

Anniversaries of the Faithful Departed:

Roland French
Ruth Marita Thompson
Evelyn Anderson
Penelope Middleton
Jill Downing
Margaret Wilson
Sheelagh Nason
Joan Lucy James
Lester Padman
Tony Prawn
Mark Wilson

Wider Mission Focus for this Month:

CMS Missionaries
For cross-cultural mis-
sion
www.cms.org.au



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CLAYFIELD

~ Est. 1925 ~

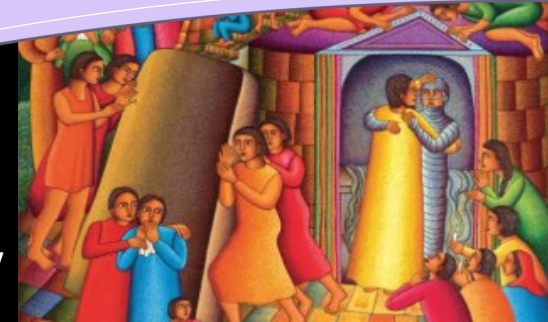


Lent 5

22nd March 2026

Liturgical Colour: Violet

*Lent is a season of
preparation for Easter*



Welcome!

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8:30am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Lyn Kareta

Sentence of the Day

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord;
'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.'

John 11.25-26

Collect

Life-giving God,
your Son came into the world
to free us all from sin and death:
breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,
and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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	Brad G & Heather M
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 Sunday 29th March

Readers	Rod McL & Robert S-W
Prayers	Brenda H
LA	Diana O & Peter K
Welcomer	Dianne K & Karen W
Off / Count	Peter K & Karen W
Sound Room	Kym A
Morning Tea	Guild Ladies

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 25 Mar:	10am Lenten Study
Friday 27 Mar:	6.30pm Pizzas and Palm Cross Making
Sunday 29 Mar:	Palm Sunday
Wednesday 1 Apr:	10am / 6.30 pm Lenten Study
Thursday 2 Apr:	7pm Maundy Thursday Service
Friday 3 Apr:	8.30am Good Friday Service
Friday 3 Apr:	Public Holiday Office Closed
Saturday 4 Apr:	5.30pm Sunset Tenebrae Service
Sunday 5 Apr:	6am Easter Service w/ lighting of Paschal Candle
Sunday 5 Apr:	8.30am Easter Sunday Service
Monday 6 Apr:	Public Holiday Office Closed

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Thank You !

We are overjoyed to announce that, thanks to your incredible generosity, St Mark's Anglican Parish officially presented **96 brand-new** essential backpacks to Anglicare on Sunday at the **Mothering High Tea** event. A huge thank you to everyone who donated, and to the Anglicare team for the vital work they do every day supporting foster families. Seeing these backpacks lined up in the hall was a powerful reminder of what we can achieve when we come together as a parish family. A special thanks to Bronwyn and Petrea for facilitating this again this year. A lot of hours go into sourcing items and or-

ganizing the sorting and packing of the bags, and also the planning and execution of the Mothering High Tea. Also, we thank the GFS young ladies for their assistance with the packing of the bags, and the Hamilton/Clayfield Girl Guides for their time as servers and kitchen assistants on Sunday. It is a lovely reminder of the close community in which we live.



HOLY WEEK

at
St Mark's Anglican Church



Palm
Sunday
29 March
8.30am



Maundy
Thursday
2 April
7.00pm



Good
Friday
3 April
8.30am



Saturday
Tenebrae
4 April
5.30pm



Easter Sunday
5 April
6.00 &
8.30am

St Mark's Anglican Church Clayfield

Do you feel **safe**?

Are you being **bullied**?

Has **ANYBODY**, child, or adult, done something that made you feel
uncomfortable?

IT'S OKAY TO TELL YOUR SAFEGUARDER



Bronwyn Barber
0403 882 332



Rev'd Lyn Kareta
Priest-In-Charge
0422 277 061



Rev'd David Adams
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Safeguarders appointed by the Parish Council of St Mark's Anglican Church here on 1 March 2026 under item 9.5: Policy for the Protection of Children in Ministry Units of the Diocese of Brisbane.

FIRST READING

A reading from Ezekiel 37:1-14

1 The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3 He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' 4 Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5 Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' 7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' 10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 11 Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." 12 Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14 I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord:

Lord, hear my voice;

² O let your ears consider well:

the voice of my supplication.

³ If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:

who then, O Lord, could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with you:

so that you shall be feared.

⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:

and in his word is my hope.

⁶ My soul looks for the Lord:

**more than watchmen for the morning,
more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.**

⁷ O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:

and with him is ample redemption.

⁸ He will redeem Israel:

from the multitude of their sins.

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.



A MESSAGE FROM REV'D LYN

This week Jesus provides a sign of raising Lazarus from the dead as an awesome demonstration of God's work in the world. Lazarus' death is met with great emotion, not only that of Mary and Martha but also of Jesus who expresses great sadness at the loss of one he loves. As we approach Holy Week, we are of course faced with the same reality and sadness of Jesus' death on the cross. Yet as we are pointed to the sadness and despair of the events leading to the cross, we are also pointed to the hope that is awaiting in the resurrection.

To live in the resurrection is to truly live in life renewed in Jesus. We can allow ourselves to be sad and to grieve yet we can't lose sight of the future hope that the resurrection brings. It is through this hope that we can centre ourselves upon God's work in our own lives, so that we may bring forth God's mission into the world so that others may believe. This is God's mission to which we are called – to make disciples in others and shine the light of God's compassion into the world through mission.

To fully embrace the resurrection life, we might sit in sadness for the things we need to let go of, perhaps even for the people we need to let go of. There may be many small deaths we need to die to make way for the new life ahead. While we still sit in Lent in a space of preparation, we are also invited into anticipation of what the resurrection will bring, to ourselves, our relationships and to our parish. Are you ready for what God has in store for you?

God's peace be with you,

Rev'd Lyn

GOSPEL READING John 11:1-45 continued

also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' ³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' ⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans 8:6-11

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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!

**25/03 there will be 10am session only*

GOSPEL READING John 11:1-45

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 11, beginning at the 1st verse

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' ⁸ The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' ⁹ Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' ¹² The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we

GOSPEL READING John 11:1-45 continued

may die with him.' ¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴ Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷ She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' ²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her