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Easter 2

12 April 2026

Liturgical Colour: White

*We celebrate the
resurrection*

8:30am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Lyn Kareta

Today, we celebrate the baptism of Rosie Wruck

Sentence of the Day

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a
living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from
the dead. *1 Peter 1.3*

Collect

Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt:
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing;
who is alive 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	Brad G & Elizabeth G
Prayers	Jan F
LA	Diana O & Petrea M
Welcomer	Karen W, Ashley & Robyn Owen
Off / Count	Ashley & Robyn Owen
Sound Room	Di G
Morning Tea	Elizabeth B

Roster Next Sunday

Readers	Rosemary S & Brenda H
Prayers	Malcolm L
LA	Peter K & Petrea M
Welcomer	Dianne K & Jennifer K
Off / Count	Peter K
Sound Room	Kym A
Morning Tea	Helen & Steven S

DIARY DATES

Monday 13 Apr:	10am Sewing Group
Tuesday 14 Apr:	7pm Parish Council Meeting
Sunday 19 Apr:	St. Mark's Day
Sunday 26 Apr:	ANZAC Service
Monday 27 Apr:	10am Sewing Group
Sunday 3 May:	DV Awareness Sunday
Monday 4 May:	Office is closed
Sunday 10 May:	Mother's Day
Saturday 30 May:	Garage Sale

Rev'd Lyn will be on annual leave for three weeks, from the end of April.
Fr. Gary has generously agreed to officiate on April 26, May 3, and May 10, in Rev'd Lyn's absence.

April Roster

	12/04/2026	19/04/2026	26/04/2026
LA 1	Diana Osbaldiston	Peter Kemp	Derek Matthews
LA 2		Petrea Matthews	
Deacon	David Adams		David Adams
First Reading	Brad Gibbins	Brenda Higgins	Diana Osbaldiston
Psalm & Second Reading	Elizabeth Gillan	Rosemary Stride	Rod McLary
Prayers	Jan Frew	Malcolm Lehmhase	Margaret Rose
Sound Room	Di Grima	Kym Adams	Di Grima
Welcomer 1	Karen Woodward	Dianne Kemp	Jan Jardine
Welcomer 2	Ashley & Robyn Owen	Lorelle Whittaker	Karen Woodward
Counting the Offertory 1	Ashley Owen	Peter Kemp	Jan Jardine
Counting the Offertory 2	Robyn Owen	Karen Woodward	Karen Woodward
Morning Tea	Elizabeth Bourne	Helen Sherington	Kristy Taylor
Morning Tea		Steven Sherington	John Richardson

NOTICES

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



REMINDER

**There is a Parish Council Meeting on
Tuesday 14 April at 7.00pm.**

**Thank you to the members of the parish who so
generously gave their time at the Working Bee
yesterday.**

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.**

WEEKLY OFFERING

DIRECT DEPOSIT DETAILS

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



TENNIS COURT

You can book the tennis
court online:
[www.stmarksclayfield.org/
facility-hire/tennis-court/](http://www.stmarksclayfield.org/facility-hire/tennis-court/)

Tennis payments



Follow **St. Mark's Clayfield** on
Facebook, and revisit 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 Inter-
cession.

**Anniversaries of the
Faithful Departed:**

Dorothy Gleeson

**Wider Mission Focus
for this Month:**

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

FIRST READING

A reading from Acts 2:14a, 22-32

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

²² 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

²⁵ For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

²⁹ 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption."

³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

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 16

¹ Preserve me, O God:

for in you have I taken refuge.

² I have said to the Lord, You are my lord:

and all my good depends on you.

³ As for those who are held holy on the earth:

the other gods in whom people delight,

⁴ Though the idols are many that they run after:

their offerings of blood I will not offer,

nor take their name upon my lips.

⁵ The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup:

you hold my lot in your hands.

⁶ The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places:

and a fair land is my possession.

⁷ I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel:

at night also he has instructed my heart.

⁸ I have set the Lord always before me:

he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices:

my flesh also shall rest secure.

¹⁰ For you will not give me over to the power of death:

nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

¹¹ You will show me the path of life:

in your presence is the fulness of joy,

and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

A MESSAGE FROM REV'D LYN

It was wonderful to come together in the joyous celebration of Easter as we witnessed the resurrection of our saviour Jesus in the discovery of the empty tomb. Just as Jesus made an appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary last week, he appears this week to the disciples, meeting them in the locked room.

The second Sunday of Easter is often referred to as low Sunday, a name that accounts for the numbers that tend to be fewer in church on this week after Easter given it is usually a holiday period. Yet it is also reflective of the excitement of Easter that settles a little as we face the reality of what has occurred. Jesus has risen! Can we believe it? What do we do now?

This week we encounter the scripture reading of the disciple Thomas, whose apparent reluctance to believe often prompts us to think of him as 'doubting Thomas'. What appears at first as reluctance however may simply be Thomas asking questions to discern and clarify his faith. Often when people question their faith or have moments of disbelief, these can be the most abundant places for faith to strengthen and deepen. Thomas did not necessarily question his faith in Jesus – he may have questioned the seemingly fantastic news that Jesus appeared to the disciples- yet he remained ready and open to believe.

Faith may not always give us the most tangible understanding of God being among us and working in our lives. This doesn't mean that God isn't working within us in ways we may not comprehend or understand... until we do. It is good to keep asking questions that help us discern what it is God is seeking in us. The more we keep seeking, the more we are continually working towards answering God's call.

God's peace be with you,

Rev'd Lyn

GOSPEL READING

A reading from John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Peter 1:1-12

¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood: May grace and peace be yours in abundance. ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry,

¹¹ inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated, when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory.

¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look!

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God