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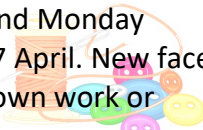
GFS Youth Group

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



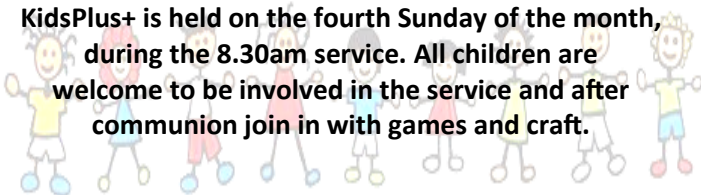
St Mark's Craft Group

St Mark's craft group meets every second Monday (10am—midday). Next meeting is on 27 April. New faces are always welcome! Bring along your own work or learn something new in a relaxed and happy group.



Kids Plus+

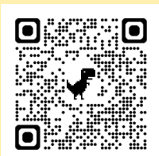
KidsPlus+ is held on the fourth Sunday of the month, during the 8.30am service. All children are welcome to be involved in the service and after communion join in with games and craft.



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/

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 Intercession.

Anniversaries of the Faithful Departed:

Yootha Walsh
Alma Lambert
Joan Palmer
Marjorie Brown
Harriet Watts
Harold Turner

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



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~ Est. 1925 ~



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Easter 3
19 April 2026
St Mark's Day

Liturgical Colour: Red

*We celebrate the
resurrection*

8:30am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Lyn Kareta

Sentence of the Day

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation,' says the Lord. *Mark 16.15*

Collect

Almighty God,
by the inspired witness of Mark the evangelist
you have given to your Church the gospel
of Jesus Christ your Son:
strengthen us by this saving message
that we may not be carried away
with every changing wind of doctrine
but be firmly grounded in the truth of your word;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and 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	Rosemary S & Brenda H
Prayers	Malcolm L
LA	Peter K & Petrea M
Welcomer	Dianne K & Jennifer K
Off / Count	Peter K & Karen W
Sound Room	Kym A
Morning Tea	Helen & Steven S

Roster Next Week

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

DIARY DATES

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
Monday 11 May:	10am Sewing Group
Saturday 23 May:	8am Working Bee
Saturday 30 May:	Garage Sale
Wednesday 10 June:	10.30am AVEO Service

NOTICES



Now accepting donations for the Annual Garage Sale

Kitchenware • Linen • Handbags • Bric-a-brac • Toys
• Books • Christmas decorations • Decor • DVDs •
Vintage & Retro • Records • Sporting Goods

No clothing or shoes thank you

Donations can be left at the church office at 60 Bellevue Tce, Clayfield during business hours. Last day for donations is Friday 22nd May.

NOTICES

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

PRAYER SERVICE

TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026 11AM | CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN, BRISBANE

*"There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one
hope of your calling"*

(Ephesians 4:4)

Light refreshments will follow in the Hanly Room.

Join us for a prayer service marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

FIRST READING Isaiah 62:6-12

⁶ Upon your walls, O Jerusalem,
I have posted sentinels;
all day and all night
they shall never be silent.
You who remind the Lord,
take no rest,
⁷ and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.
⁸ The Lord has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:
I will not again give your grain
to be food for your enemies,
and foreigners shall not drink the wine
for which you have laboured;
⁹ but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the Lord,
and those who gather it shall drink it
in my holy courts.
¹⁰ Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.
¹¹ The Lord has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:
Say to daughter Zion,
'See, your salvation comes;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.'
¹² They shall be called, 'The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the Lord';
and you shall be called, 'Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.'
Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89:1-9

- 1 Lord, I will sing for ever of your loving-kindnesses:
**my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness
throughout all generations.**
- 2 I have said of your loving-kindness
that it is built for ever:
you have established your faithfulness in the heavens.
- 3 The Lord said 'I have made a covenant with my chosen:
I have sworn an oath to my servant David.
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever:
and build up your throne for all generations.'
- 5 Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord:
**and let your faithfulness be sung
in the assembly of the holy ones.**
- 6 For who amidst the clouds can be compared to the Lord:
or who is like the Lord amongst the gods?
- 7 —A God to be feared in the council of the holy ones:
great and terrible above all that are around him.
- 8 O Lord God of hosts, who is like you?:
your power and your faithfulness are all about you.
- 9 You rule the raging of the sea:
when its waves surge, you still them.



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.

NOTICES

Keynote Speaker
Debbie Platz APM
Queensland Human Rights Commissioner



2026 **Loaves & Fishes Luncheon**

SAVE THE DATE

St John's Cathedral
373 Ann Street
Brisbane

Tuesday, 2 June
12.30PM – 2.00PM

For information contact reception@stjohnscathedral.com.au



Proudly supporting
**MND and Me
Foundation**



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. YTD, we have raised **\$221.60** for our missions. Thank you for your support!

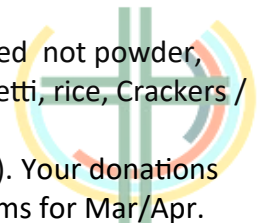


Holy Trinity Community Food Pantry

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. We have donated 141 items for Mar/Apr.



A MESSAGE FROM REV'D LYN

This year you may be aware that our lectionary, the guide that provides our set scripture readings week on week, has us focused upon the Gospel of Matthew. Yet this week we are invited into a sojourn into the Gospel of Mark as we celebrate the Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist, our parish's namesake and saint. Mark's gospel is the earliest and the briefest gospel that focuses on who Jesus is and how he became recognised as Messiah and King. Mark doesn't mess around - he tells the good news in a direct and sometimes abrupt way with no great fanfare and no need to dress up the story. Mark tells it like it is. The good news is the good news. Jesus is our messiah, the Son of God who came to save us and show us what it is to live our lives as his disciples. This Feast of St Mark offers us an opportunity to consider not only the gospel of Mark, but to also consider the life that Mark lived. He was not a direct disciple of Jesus but he was, as tradition tells us, a disciple of Peter, living a life of discipleship in Christ by following Peter, Paul and Mark's cousin Barnabas as told in Acts of the Apostles.

As a Markan community we might consider how do we share the gospel - the good news - of Jesus Christ across our own lives. How are we telling the story of Jesus to others? How are we living out discipleship in our day to day lives even if sometimes that can be difficult to do in a secular and challenging world? Mark knew the cost of discipleship in living his life in bringing the good news of Christ to others. How well are we lining up with Mark's example?. Are we sharing the good news far and wide or if not, what do we need to do to share the message as community?

God's peace be with you,

Rev'd Lyn

SECOND READING 1 Peter 5:5b-14

⁵ In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for

'God opposes the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.'

⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.

⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.

¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

¹² Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.

¹³ Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark.

¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING Mark 16:1-15

¹ When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

(The Shorter Ending of Mark)

And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterwards Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

(The Longer Ending of Mark)

⁹ Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. ¹⁰ She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. ¹¹ But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. ¹² After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country.

GOSPEL READING Mark 16:1-15 continued

¹³ And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. ¹⁴ Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. ¹⁵ And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.'

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

TODAY, WE RECOGNISE ST MARK'S DAY—

The winged lion is the traditional symbol of **Saint Mark**, an image that has inspired deep reflection on his identity and the character of his Gospel. This association is rooted in both the narrative setting of his writing and ancient biblical visions.

- **The Voice of the Wild:** Mark's Gospel opens in Chapter 1 with a reference to the wilderness. As the "beast of the wild," the lion perfectly captures this rugged, untamed setting where the story of Jesus's ministry begins.
- **A Divine Reflection:** The image also mirrors the vision in Ezekiel 1, where four living creatures—the lion, the ox, the human, and the eagle—represent the immense power and glory of God radiating throughout creation.
- **The Four Gospels:** Over time, these four faces came to symbolize the four Gospels that "speak out" across the world, with the lion specifically aligned with Mark to represent the strength and majesty of his message. Some have even said the lion has been used to glorify those early first century Christians who were persecuted in Rome by being fed to the lions - a tool of Roman persecution turned to a symbol of glory.