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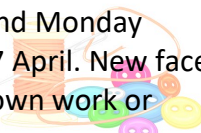
### GFS Youth Group

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](http://gfsbrisbane.org.au)



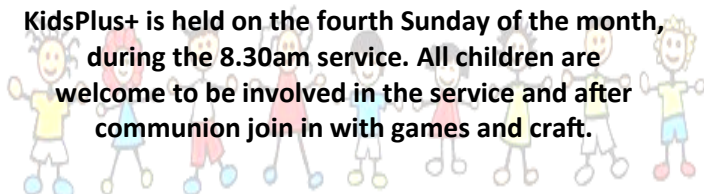
### St Mark's Craft Group

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+

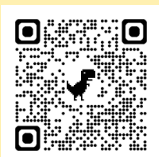
KidsPlus+ is held on the fourth Sunday of the month, during the 8.30am service. All children are welcome to be involved in the service and after communion join in with games and craft.



## WEEKLY OFFERING

### DIRECT DEPOSIT DETAILS

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



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/](http://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:

Laurence Taylor  
Dora Weller  
Mary Cavanagh  
John Avery Hanrick  
Alan Morrison  
Laura Moxon  
Paul Meiklejohn

### Wider Mission Focus for this Month:

CMS Missionaries  
For cross-cultural mission  
[www.cms.org.au](http://www.cms.org.au)



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~ Est. 1925 ~



## Welcome!

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## Easter 4 26 April 2026 ANZAC DAY

Liturgical Colour:  
White

*We celebrate the  
resurrection*

## 8:30am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Gary Blundell

## Sentence of the Day

'No one has greater love than this, than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends,' says the Lord, 'if you do what I command you.' *John 14:13-14*

## Collect

O God, our ruler and guide, in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them:  
We pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace;  
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.

## ROSTERS

### Roster Today

|             |                      |
|-------------|----------------------|
| Readers     | Rod McL & Robert S-W |
| 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

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

## DIARY DATES

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Monday 27 Apr:</b>     | <b>10am</b> Sewing Group    |
| <b>Sunday 3 May:</b>      | DV Awareness Sunday         |
| <b>Monday 4 May:</b>      | Office is closed            |
| <b>Sunday 10 May:</b>     | Mother's Day                |
| <b>Monday 11 May:</b>     | <b>10am</b> Sewing Group    |
| <b>Saturday 23 May:</b>   | <b>8am</b> Working Bee      |
| <b>Saturday 30 May:</b>   | Garage Sale                 |
| <b>Wednesday 10 June:</b> | <b>10.30am</b> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Micah 4:1-4

<sup>1</sup> In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it,

<sup>2</sup> and many nations shall come and say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> He shall judge between many peoples,  
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more;

<sup>4</sup> but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig  
trees,  
and no one shall make them afraid;  
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**



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.

## PSALM 46

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength:

**a very present help in trouble.**

<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved:

**and though the mountains are shaken**

**in the midst of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup> Though the waters rage and foam:

**and though the mountains quake at the rising of the sea.**

<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God:

**the holy dwelling-place of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of her,

therefore she shall not be moved:

**God will help her, and at break of day.**

<sup>6</sup> The nations make uproar, and the kingdoms are shaken:

**but God has lifted his voice, and the earth shall tremble.**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us:

**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

<sup>8</sup> Come then and see what the Lord has done:

**what destruction he has brought upon the earth.**

<sup>9</sup> He makes wars to cease in all the world:

**he breaks the bow and shatters the spear,**

**and burns the chariots in the fire.**

<sup>10</sup> 'Be still, and know that I am God:

**I will be exalted among the nations,**

**I will be exalted upon the earth.'**

<sup>11</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us:

**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

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**The Mission Action Plan (MAP) Working Group** held a successful inaugural meeting this past Sunday, establishing a core objective to provide the parish with regular program updates. The current members include Rev'd Lyn Kareta, David Adams, Bronwyn Barber, Jennifer Keyt, Stephen Lake, Petrea Matthews, and Margaret Rose. While this group has initiated the process, we warmly invite anyone feeling called to join the Mission Action Planning efforts to start a conversation with any of the current members.

### Garage sale Information

Our convenors for the Garage Sale this year are as follows:

GARAGE SALE—DIANNE AND PETER KEMP

BBQ—HELEN AND TEVEN SHERINGTON

CAKES—PETREA MATTHEWS

JAMS—MARGARET MOXON

CRAFTS—JAN JARDINE

Please save the date in your schedule—our convenors may seek your assistance on the day, or perhaps in the planning previous.

Keynote Speaker  
**Debbie Platz APM**  
Queensland Human Rights Commissioner



**2026** *SAVE THE DATE*  
**Loaves & Fishes Luncheon**

St John's Cathedral  
373 Ann Street  
Brisbane

**Tuesday, 2 June**  
**12.30PM – 2.00PM**



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## A MESSAGE FROM Rev'd Gary Blundell

Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

It seems like a lifetime ago that I watched on television the Berlin Wall being pulled down. I can however remember the joy that I felt seeing that horrid symbol of Communist oppression finally being removed and a People reunited again.

Yes, we human beings seem to be good at building Walls. Walls that may give us security but do not bring peace.

Some time this Anzac weekend, it may help if we all set aside some time to quietly reflect what each of us may be inadvertently doing that is building up fences. What do we need to be doing to remove the walls that divide one from another on Race, Creed, Colour, Sexual orientation etc.

Our Blessed Lord came to tear down the walls that divide God's children one from another. The walls of prejudice, bigotry, hatred, intolerance and all that divides one of God's children from another. He came to build bridges that connect people to each other, What are we doing that is bridge building that is positive in connecting people to one another?

May the Holy Spirit give us the grace and tools to be Bridge Builders along with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

With prayers,  
Fr. Gary



## SECOND READING Hebrews 10:32-11:1

10 <sup>32</sup> But recall those earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings,

<sup>33</sup> sometimes being publicly exposed to abuse and persecution, and sometimes being partners with those so treated.

<sup>34</sup> For you had compassion for those who were in prison, and you cheerfully accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that you yourselves possessed something better and more lasting. <sup>35</sup> Do not, therefore, abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward.

<sup>36</sup> For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

<sup>37</sup> For yet

'in a very little while,

the one who is coming will come and will not delay;

<sup>38</sup> but my righteous one will live by faith.

My soul takes no pleasure in anyone who shrinks back.'

<sup>39</sup> But we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith and so are saved.

11 <sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hear the word of the Lord

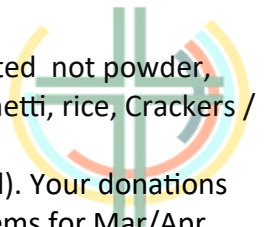
**Thanks be to God**

### 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. We have donated 141 items for Mar/Apr.



## GOSPEL READING John 15:9-17

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

### 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. . Thank you for your support!



## NOTICES

### ST MARK'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL last Sunday 19 April

Reverend Lyn, Priest-in Charge, led worship and preached as we celebrated St Mark's Day (a little early). She helped us to consider more deeply who Mark was and what his Gospel can teach us about who we can be today as a local Church bearing his name.

Lyn mentioned Mark's Gospel is the earliest and shortest of the four gospels. It's a gospel of action. It presents us with effectively three different endings. She also talked about endings to TV series and asked us about the type of endings we like or don't like in long running shows. She went on to explain, "It seems the additional endings (*to Mark's Gospel*) were added to ensure the resurrection wasn't forgotten."

"It's interesting how we like to tie things in a neat little bow and try to make things perfect. We would rather fill in the gaps, rather than live with the ambiguity or whatever may be unknown or what may be simply unwritten. With its original ending, Mark's gospel invites us to live in the ambiguity, to live in what is unknown and unwritten. And it does this, so that we might respond by writing that next chapter ourselves. We are encouraged into the space that is provided, to consider what it is we need to do next with the good news about Jesus. How might we share the good news, like those fleeing the tomb? They ran in fear initially but, they did eventually share the good news. How might we share it with others too? ... And so the original ending of Mark's gospel – is like the ending we were meant to receive. What may at first seem unfinished, may be seen differently as captivating and mysterious and pregnant with promise and hope, ready to be born."

Lyn concluded, "It invites us into an open and ambiguous ending so that we might write the next chapter ourselves in how we live our lives for Jesus. We are being invited to ponder how we might respond to the empty tomb. ... The story doesn't end – we are invited into the resurrection filled with possibility and hope and we are invited into it now. What is the next chapter that you seek to write?"

Reverend Lyn is interested in continuing the celebration of St Mark's Day as a distinct and special event in the life of our Church. If you have feedback or ideas for next year please email her at [priest@stmarksclyfield.org](mailto:priest@stmarksclyfield.org) and add to plans for St Mark's Day 2027.

~ Reverend Dr Stephen Lake