



"being right with God"

3 MARCH 2019

Epiphany 8 & Transfiguration: "Sleeping or Fully Awake"

Welcome! It is great that you have decided to join us this Sunday morning. As we worship God together, we pray that God will minister and refresh you through Word and Sacrament. Sunday Club and Youth Group are held during the 10AM worship service. If you are a communicant member of another Christian church, you are invited to share in the Holy Communion in today's 8AM & 10AM Sunday services. Please follow the guidance from the sides-persons as you come forward for Holy Communion.

If you would like prayer for any reason, please come to the front immediately after Communion.

Please use the **CONNECT CARD** if you are new here and/or if you have questions about the Christian faith. We will love to hear from you and connect with you. Please join us for refreshments in the church hall after the services. 😊

The word sleep is used many times in the Bible and in different situations. For instance, the Psalmist writes, "I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me" (Psalm 3.5). In Proverbs 20.13 "Do not love sleep or you will grow poor; stay awake and you will have food to spare." The gospels records even Jesus sleeping in the boat during a storm in the lake that frightened the disciples (Matthew 8.23-25)! Undoubtedly sleep is necessary for all of us even though some may find it difficult to sleep for different reasons. As we sleep, we get the rest that we need & feel refreshed.

OPPOSITES



Luke writes in today's gospel, "Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him (Luke 9.32 NIV)." In the Good News Translation, Peter and his companions were "sound asleep." Earlier (v28), we read that they had just walked up the mountain with Jesus to pray. While Jesus was praying (and the disciples most probably saw Jesus in prayer), they fell asleep. Was the walk up the mountain, the tranquil scenery up the mountain too much for the disciples to stay awake?

What causes us to fall asleep (or feel sleepy) especially when we are in prayer either as individuals or as a community?

Returning to the disciples, Luke observes that only when they "became fully awake," the disciples saw the glory of Jesus in full display together with the added bonus of seeing Moses and Elijah in attendance.

In our own spiritual journey (either as individuals and/or as a community of faith), *what/who are we failing to see around us that our Lord is constantly transforming and changing into His glorious likeness because we feel sleepy or asleep?*

this week!

TODAY	8AM Holy Communion (trad.) 10AM Family service with Communion, children's church, Sunday Club & Youth Group 3 monthly food/treasure stall
4 March Monday	Playgroup [10AM - 12 Noon] (Church open for prayer)
5 MARCH Tuesday	Shrove (pancake) Tuesday [6PM]
6 March Wednesday	Ash Wednesday service - Ashes & Eucharist [10AM followed by CARE Group & 7PM]
8 March Friday	Church office open [10AM to 12 noon] (Church open for prayer)
10 March Sunday Lent 1 ALL WELCOME!	8AM Holy Communion (trad.) 10AM Family service with Communion, children's church, Sunday Club & Youth Group

Finally, it is only when they were fully awake that the disciples heard the Father saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him (Luke 9.35)."

Thinking of our own spiritual journey as disciples of Christ, are we fully awake seeing & listening or are we sound asleep or very sleepy? If we are, wake up!

Soli Deo Gloria. Santa 😊

BEFORE the service, speak to God. DURING the service, let God speak to you. AFTER the service, speak to one another.

Please take this CANDLE with you today and pass it to your friends. Thank you!

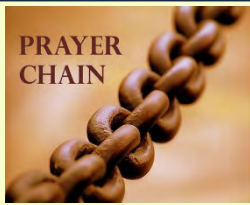
For URGENT PASTORAL CARE — call Santa

PRAYER CHAINS:
Cynthia [9704 9705];

Brian [9791 4496];

Vaughan & Noelle [9546 0353]

PRAYER CHAIN



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<http://bciova.org/january-prayer-focus-in-all-things-pray/>

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Birthdays:

3 Mar - Mark Haywood, Marcus Loos

7 Mar - Rachel Bird

8 Mar - Dylan Figueroa

9 Mar - Sharon Figueroa

• **Pray for our Diocese and the worldwide Anglican Communion:** Episcopal Church of Chile (Abp Héctor (Tito) Zavala Muñoz); Ministry to the Defence Force (Bp Ian Lambert, Chaplains & Members of the Defence Forces); Diocesan Building Committee; Parish of St Peter's, Ocean Grove with All Saints, Barwon Heads (Jill McCoy, Jill Poole); episcopal/pastoral visits - St Thomas Moonee Ponds, Trinity College, St Matthew's, Wheelers Hill, St Thomas', Moonee Ponds, Dame Phyllis Frost Centre; the Archbishop, Bishops, clergy and lay people of the Diocese of Melbourne in their ministries this week.

• **Pray for our link missionaries Chris, Grace & Micah Adams:**
Praise God with us: as Micah celebrates his 4th birthday; and, that the Big Picture Story Bible (in Tetun) has been completed and launched this month by Scripture Union Timor Leste.
Please pray with us: as we help train the new young adults leadership team; and, for young adults wrestling with the Sermon on the Mount and with what it means to be a disciple of Christ in Timor Leste."

• **Pray for our church & community:** Father, as the Psalmist declared in Psalm 99, we praise and worship your name for you are a holy, great and mighty King. Father, you are exalted over all nations. You love justice and you are a God who forgives. Even though we are few in number, we thank you Father for the many great and unexpected blessings that you continue to shower upon your people who gather here this morning to worship you. Thank You for Your leading and guidance in all the decisions taken last week. Thank you for guiding parish council in the decisions taken during their monthly meeting this week. We pray for your mercy on all in North Dandenong and all who call the Parish of St Michael and St Luke as their home church. Help us all to seek Your counsel and instructions (Ps. 16.7) as You lead us through the many challenges and opportunities this year. Wake us up from our deep or partial sleep so that we are fully awakened to see you at work through each person in this parish. As we see, take away our tiredness and transform it with energy and vitality in your Spirit especially as you lead us in Parish Renewal. We pray for your blessing on Playgroup as it begins on Monday and all who attend. We pray for Your safety on all who will be undertaking the Lenten prayer walk this year. We pray that Your Spirit will give us the clarity of mind to pray as appropriate for all who we encounter in the prayer walk.

Loving Father, we praise You for your gifts of *healing, comfort & peace to all known to us including, Alin, Audrey, Barry, Cynthia, Dale, Esther, Grenville, Harry, Jean, John, Mary, Michael, Ned, Noreen, Oscar, Patrick, Santa, Seelan, Yacoub, Yvonne, Varuni, Chandrani* and all who we remember in our hearts. Pray for patience, peace and perseverance for all who care for them, including all institutions of care. We pray for God's comforting presence and peace on all who mourn particularly remembering Noreen, Harry and the Beacom/Anderson families as they mourn the passing of Gladys. May Gladys rest in peace and rise

How you can support & participate in our mission!

• **PRAY for PARISH RENEWAL!**

• **SET ASIDE** time to share and use your talents here!

• **SHARE** your financial treasure. The easiest & preferred way is by direct transfer via the ADF (at no cost to you or the church) or weekly offertory envelopes.

• Garry or the Wardens will provide you with information concerning both systems. All information provided is confidential.

• You can also transfer your donations directly to : "St Michael and St Luke Anglican Church: BSB 063249 a/c 10044425"

2019 - Looking ahead!

- 17 Mar - **What is God doing Sunday & Holy baptism**
- 19 Mar - **Estia Aged Care [11AM]**
- 26 Mar - **Wardens & Parish Council meeting [7.30PM]**
- 31 Mar - **Mothering Sunday**
- 07 April - **Daylight saving time ENDS**
- 14 April - **Palm Sunday [9.30AM]**
- 15 April—17 April - **Holy Week Eucharist [7.30PM daily]**
- 18 April - **Maundy Thursday & AGAPE Meal**
- 19 April - **Good Friday [9.30AM]**
- 21 April - **Easter [9.30AM]**

in glory. We pray for all seeking employment (Garry & Melville), for all who are thinking of future options in studies/work, for Sakthe Kumar in his final year of theological studies. We pray for Your protection and mercy for all in this parish family who are travelling for various reasons. All these we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

TODAY's Bible reading: Exodus 34.29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2, Luke 9.28-36

Sentence: Peter and his companions were very **sleepy**, but when they became **fully awake**, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. (Luke 9.32 NIV)

PRAYER for the day: O God, glorious and faithful, you reveal the beauty of your face to those who seek you with a sincere heart: strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open and awaken our hearts to its transforming power, so that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord . Amen

Reading the Bible together

04 Mar Genesis 1, 2; Luke 1
05 Mar Genesis 3-5; Luke 2 [**Shrove Tuesday**]
06 Mar Genesis 6-8; Luke 3 [**Ash Wednesday**]
07 Mar Genesis 12-14; Luke 4
08 Mar Genesis 15-17; Luke 5
09 Mar Genesis 15-17; Luke 6
10 Mar Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 91; Romans 10.4-13; Luke 10.1-16

My thanks to Revd Dr Andrew Bunting who took on the role of the Locum during my medical leave. Thanks to Allison Bunting for coming along and joining in. Thanks to everyone who supported his ministry in the parish.

Thank you

I am also thankful to all the members of the worship team, the wardens, parish councillors and parishioners for their support and assistance during my medical leave. *Soli Deo Gloria. Santa* ☺

During **LENT**, I encourage ALL of us to take the time to **WALK & PRAY** for all in our community. You can also pray as you work, drive or shop or even whilst sitting in a café having a coffee. **Please pray:**



- ☺ For doors to be opened to proclaim the gospel!
- ☺ That we can proclaim the gospel clearly!
- ☺ For divine wisdom as we approach our neighbours with the gospel!
- ☺ That we use every opportunity for the gospel!

church notices



- ✦ As mentioned by Revd Dr Andrew Bunting (our Locum Vicar) last Sunday, this parish has been very blessed to have young people in our midst as we worship and serve God together. It is everyone's responsibility to nurture, mentor and lead these people in faith, including taking up a **leadership and/or support** roles in Play Group, Sunday Club and Youth Group where there is a very **URGENT** need.
- ✦ **Playgroup** begins on Monday 4 March thanks to the kind assistance provided by Doris Wong (Dandenong City Council Playgroup coordinator). Please keep this outreach ministry of the parish in your prayers and do come in to build friendships with the new volunteers, parents and their children.
- ✦ The **Wednesday CARE Groups** restart from Ash Wednesday after the 10AM service in the Vicar's office. In addition to having a closer look at the prophet Elijah, we will use this time to support one another in prayer and fellowship. Study materials are in the church office. Please inform/bring your friends/family, come along and join in. The evening/night CARE Group sessions are to be confirmed.
- ✦ **Gail Brown** has kindly offered to assist as volunteer parish office administrator and began on Friday 1 March. Please keep Gail (and Brian) in your prayers as Gail takes on this important role in the parish.
- ✦ Work to prepare the next **worship roster** has begun. If you are not available in mid-April 2019 to June 2019, please inform Gail Brown brownie69@optusnet.com.au (with a copy to Santa).
- ✦ The March issue of **The Melbourne Anglican** (TMA) is now available in the foyer/narthex.

Lent/Easter @ St Michael & St Luke

Ash Wednesday	6 March	God's co-workers
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FIVE MARKS OF MISSION

Lent 1	10 March	Proclaim the Good News
Lent 2	17 March	Teach new believers
Lent 3	24 March	Respond by loving service
Lent 4	31 March	Transform unjust structures
Lent 5	07 April	Safeguard the integrity of creation
Palm Sunday	14 April	Humility & Obedience!
Easter	21 April	"Christ is Risen, Alleluia!"

praying for the mission of Anglican parish of St Michael & St Luke:

Living God, you have called us to be the Body of Christ. As we “**renew, revive, reach out,**” may our parish be a sign of hope in this community. May all we do, and all we are becoming, bring praise to your name and draw others to your love. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, who came to serve and bring us the fullness of life. **Amen**

connect | **Name:** _____ **Prayer need/request/feedback:** _____
Address: _____
Telephone No: _____
Email: _____

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who we are!

The Anglican Parish of St Michael & St Luke is a part of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. We encourage one another to **RENEW** our relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, to partner with the LORD to **REVIVE** God's church and to **REACH OUT** to others as the Holy Spirit reveals.

Our Mission: **“bring the gospel of Christ to the community and the world”**

Our Values: **Scripture, Worship, Prayer, Fellowship & Mission**

our regular services are:

8AM Sunday - Holy Communion (traditional)

10AM Sunday - Holy Communion & Children's Church

10AM (3rd Sunday only - unless indicated otherwise) - “What is God doing?” & Children's Church [ALL WELCOME!]

DURING TERM TIME:

✦ **SUNDAY CLUB** (Kindergarten to Year 6) & **YOUTH GROUP** (Year 7 to Year 12) meets during the Sunday 10AM service (except 3rd Sunday).

✦ **PLAYGROUP** meets every Monday morning (10AM-12Noon)

✦ **CARE GROUPS** meet every week to inspire, support/pray for one another & grow in faith (Wednesday 10AM-12Noon in Church office).

If you wish to participate in any of these activities or have questions, please contact the church office for more details. We will love to hear from you!

useful contacts ...

Ministers: All Parishioners!

Vicar: Santa Packianathan [on leave]

Sacristan: Brian Bird [9791 4496]

R U OK Team Coordinator: VACANT- Please call Santa

Children's Ministry: Anne Oliver [9791 3879]

Youth Ministry: Vaughan Smith [9546 0353]

Play Group: TBA

Honorary Licensed Lay Ministers:

Brian Bird, Garry Martin, Theo Rutgers, John Singh.

Church Wardens:

Vaughan Smith (**Parish CrimCheck Administrator**) [9546 0353]; Cleoni Loos (**Child Safe Officer**) [9755 7097]; Larry Loos [9795 7371]

Council Secretary: Cleoni Loos [9755 7097]

Treasurer: Courtney Cook [0409 332 377]

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acknowledgment of traditional owners of the land:

We gather on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri and Boonerwung (or Bunurong) tribes of the Kulin Nation, and we acknowledge them as the Traditional Owners. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.