

Lent 2 - "Seeking the Lord"

**28
February
2021**

the candle

TODAY's Bible readings: Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22.24-32; Romans 4.13-25; Mark 8.31-38

Sentence: "The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him— may your hearts live forever!" (Psalm 22.26 niv)

prayer of the day: God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life: grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully seek and walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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 elcome to the Anglican Parish of St Michael & St Luke. **A special welcome** to Rev Dr Ian Savage who will preaching today. As we worship God together today, it is our prayer that God will minister to you through the Word and Sacrament. If you are a communicant member of another Christian church, you are invited to share in the Eucharist in today's service at 9.30AM. **Please scan the QR code using your smartphone camera (or register manually) as you enter the church building**, follow the guidance of the COVID-Safe Team and other COVID-Safe measures announced during the service. Please use the **CONNECT Card** (on page 4) if you have questions about the Christian faith. Sunday Club & Youth Group are still suspended until further notice. Thank you. ☺

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

**An important notice concerning
Clearances for all Pariah Volunteers:**

All relevant parish volunteers would have received an email and a letter from Santa concerning the above. This letter (with attachments) would outline the steps that needs to be taken in stages and other information. The first stage for an Interim Conditional Clearance certificate needs to be completed by **TODAY** Please contact Vaughan, Cleoni or Santa if you have questions about this matter. Thank you.

Parish Council Meeting highlights

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 arish Council (PC) met on 23 February (via ZOOM). All, except for two, were present. We began by studying Psalm 20 (the passage we explored last Sunday - maturing in Christ (Part 2)). As we had not met for a while, a number of important topics were considered, including minutes of meetings held in October & November 2020, Diocesan clearances requirements, an annual plan setting out material risks and the mitigation strategies (which will continue in March), property and hall hire matters, COVID-Safe matters, etc.

Due to insufficient time, we could not spend reasonable time to discuss and discern the next mission focus group for parish renewal over the next three years. Similarly, protocols for Holy Communion could not be discussed. PC officially formalised the Sunday worship time to 9.30AM which will continue in the long

** coming up **	
TODAY 9.30AM	Lent 2 - Family service with Holy Communion with Children's church
5 March [9.30M]	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER @ ST MICHAEL & ST LUKE ANGLICAN CHURCH: Speaker is Mr Nils von Kalm (Anglican Overseas Aid).
7 March [9.30AM]	Lent 3 - Family service with Holy Communion with Children's church - "PLEASING THE LORD"
20 March [10AM]	Memorial service and interment of ashes - John Maxwell De Losa
BEFORE the service, speak to God. DURING the service, let God speak to you. AFTER the service, speak to one another.	

-term future.

Despite many attempts to push the LED contractor to complete the contract, all lights have not been replaced particularly within the church and other high ceiling areas. As such, we have not paid the contractor and they

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Sunday services/messages are uploaded weekly in our parish website, www.lumi.ac.org.au.
 Previous recordings can be found in www.youtube.com/user/perfectpatience/videos

Please pass this CANDLE to your friends. Thank you!

Word for the Week (from Bible Society):

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58

live-streaming equipment has been installed!

For parishioners who had pledged to donate towards this project, please do so ASAP by marking your gift as "live-streaming donation." The cost to the parish was around \$3.5k.

Please remember that live-streaming does not mean staying away from church. As disciples of Christ we all need mutual encouragement by regularly participating in face-to-face worship (unless you are ill). **Volunteers are now urgently needed** to learn this system and operate it for everyone's benefit. Please contact the Wardens or Garry.

[image from: <https://www.haskettfh.com/live-streaming/>]

1. To ensure everyone's wellbeing, please follow **COVID-Safe** guidelines listed below :

- **IF YOU ARE UNWELL and/or if you been to hotspots as listed on the DHHS website**, please get tested ASAP & self-isolate at home.
- **Wearing facemasks is mandatory in church.**
- When you arrive and before entering the church, you will be asked to scan the QR Code. Please download the Service Victoria app: <https://service.vic.gov.au/check-in>
- Although, the requirement to be seated 1.5m apart is eased, we ought to be as distanced as possible for the safety of all concerned. People of the same household can sit closer together.
- Please **BRING** your own Bible and bottles of water to drink as these will not be supplied.
- **FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS** of the COVID-Safe Team and Santa at all times!
- **DO NOT** enter areas that have blocked off by tape and/or other means.

church notices:



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have been informed repeatedly that payment will not be made until all the work is completed. The money donated for this project is held in trust.

With the work to install the live streaming equipment complete, the PC intends to continue with the next project (i.e. installing the data projector and new screen or projection project) but only after sufficient funds are available. It will be

Reading the Bible together

01 Mar	Micah 1-4; Matthew 9
02 Mar	Micah 5-7; Matthew 10
03 Mar	Isaiah 8-10; Matthew 11
04 Mar	Isaiah 11-14; Matthew 12
05 Mar	Isaiah 15-18; Matthew 13
06 Mar	Isaiah 19-21; Matthew 14
07 Mar	Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22

THANKS for your generous support & for your participation in the mission of this parish!

Please continue to...

• **PRAY for PARISH RENEWAL!**

• **SET ASIDE** time to share and use your talents here - **give, serve, & grow!**

• **SHARE** your financial treasure. To all who are able, please:

- ◆ transfer donations or offerings directly to: **"St Michael and St Luke Anglican Church: BSB 063249 a/c 10044425"** or,
- ◆ put your contribution into an envelope addressed to **P.O. Box 2311 Dandenong North VIC 3175**. Please write your names stating clearly the purpose of the offerings/donations, "Parish Utilities," "Parish Maintenance" or "Parish Assessment."



extremely helpful if all those who had pledged to donate to complete the live-streaming equipment, honour the pledge that they have made. The estimated cost for the projection project is \$4.5K - PTL. At this stage, the parish has received a pledge of \$1k towards this project.

Financially, at the end of January 2021, total income received was \$55K (budget \$32.9k), expenditure was as budgeted for (i.e. \$40K). It is pleasing to note that the total parish giving (stewardship & open collection) was around \$5K above budget. From the balance sheet, total assets and liabilities were at \$43K and \$26K respectively, with equity at around \$17K.

While all this information shows a relatively good financial position, the reality is that PC is expecting a tighter financial situation in 2021 with the JobKeeper assistance from the Commonwealth ending in March 2021.

Hard copies of the Vicar's report will be available on Sunday.

Soli Deo Gloria. Santa ☺

Child Protection: 1300 360 391
Kooyoora Ltd: 1800 135 246

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FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE

2021: “faithful, loving, thankful & praying”

Lenten focus: “maturing in Christ”

Lent 2	TODAY	Seeking the Lord
Lent 3	07 March	Pleasing the Lord
Lent 4	14 March	Thankfulness
Lent 5	21 March	Living
Lent 6	28 March	Trust
Maundy Thursday	01 April	Serve
Good Friday	02 April	Power of God
Easter	04 April	“Why are you crying?”



For URGENT PASTORAL CARE — call Santa
PRAYER CHAINS:
 Cynthia [0408 138 627];
 Brian [0403 260 645];
 Vaughan & Noelle [9546 0353]

† Pray for our Diocese & the worldwide Anglican Communion:

Anglican Church in Central America (Abp Julio Murray); The Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Mark Calder, Clergy & People); Calling Melbourne2Prayer Group (Jill Firth, Rachel McDougall, Jamie Miller, Philip Trowse); St Paul's, Geelong (Nigel Pope); Episcopal visits: Chinese Mission of the Epiphany; the Archbishop, Bishops, clergy & lay people of the Diocese in their ministries.

† Pray for our link missionaries **Chris, Grace, Micah & Emily Adams**: Please pray for a vibrant Bible reading movement in Timor; towards Timor-Leste that knows Jesus; for Chris as he prepares the preaching training program. **Thank God** for a good break in January and provision for Micah's schooling at Dili International School

† Pray for our church, community & the world: Gracious and righteous LORD, you are our light and our salvation, you the stronghold of our life. May our purpose in life be as the Psalmist described - “that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple” (Ps. 27. 4). We continue to pray for your blessings on all people residing in North Dandenong and all who regard this parish as their home church and the many others who watch the services and sermons online. Thank you for all who volunteer their time, talents and treasure here in a variety of ways—some in multiple roles. Keep safe all who are undertaking the Lenten Prayer Walk ministry. We pray for clarity of mind to respond and pray appropriately for all who we encounter in the prayer walk. Prepare us to receive in love all who come to church for various reasons. Transform us all to full maturity in Christ so that we will become more and more like your Son. We thank you Father for the many great and unexpected blessings that you continue to shower upon your people as gather here and gather online to worship you. We give you thanks for all who serve in this parish in many ways and pray for them and their families, particularly in terms of their physical, mental and emotional safety and wellbeing. We pray for parishioners to offer their time and talents to use and operate the live streaming equipment installed in church. We thank you for the parish council meeting on 23 February to discuss and discern your will in many areas of parish life. Even as we thank you for a safe vaccine for COVID19, we pray for healing and restoration of all who have been affected by this disease locally and internationally. We pray for all people in the frontline in relation to COVID19 and other health related issues in all parts of the world. We pray for peace in areas of the world which are in turmoil due to civil unrest and conflict (e.g. Myanmar, China, Middle East, etc.), natural disasters (e.g. India, Japan). Encourage and protect all who face persecution because of their faith in your Son. Thank you for your leading and guidance in all the decisions taken last week. Gracious Father, we pray for the work and mission of all institutions of care everywhere. Be a loving presence and comfort to all who are feeling isolated. Enfold all who need your special touch of healing, comfort and peace, this week praying for, Audrey, Claudette, Cynthia, David, Doris, Grenville, Harrison, Leela, Mary, Mohona, Nadia, Noreen, Oscar, Rayhaan, Richard, Satya, Seelan, Wilma, Yacoub, Yvonne, and all who we remember in our hearts. For all who are sick, we pray that God will use medical means or direct involvement to heal and for their families to be comforted and encouraged. We continue to pray for your comfort, love and peace on all who mourn. All these, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Birthdays:

29 Feb - Mary Raj
03 Mar - Mark Haywood, Marcus Loos

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**



Name:

Prayer need/request/feedback:

Address:

Telephone No:

Email:

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

our regular services at present are:

Sunday @ 9.30AM - Holy

Communion with children's church

3rd Sunday @ 9.30AM - "What is

God doing?" service with Holy

Communion and children's church

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who we are!

The Anglican Parish of St Michael & St Luke is a part of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. Our Vision is to 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 is: **"to bring the gospel of Christ to the community and the world"**

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

how to contact us

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Church e-mail: stmandstl@bigpond.com

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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.

ALL SUSPENDED:

✦ **SUNDAY CLUB** (Kindergarten to Year 6) & **YOUTH GROUP** (Year 7 to Year 12) is temporarily closed

✦ **PLAYGROUP** is closed indefinitely.

✦ **CARE GROUPS** are temporarily closed.

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

parish contacts ...

Ministers: All Parishioners!

Vicar: Santa Packianathan

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✉ stmstlvicar@bigpond.com

[Santa is out of office on Thursday]

Sacristan: Brian Bird [0403 260 645]

R U OK Team Coordinator: VACANT - Please call Santa

Children's Ministry: Ellie Martin [0430 416 256]

Youth Ministry and Parish Crim-Check Administrator: Vaughan Smith [9546 0353]

Play Group: VACANT - Please call Santa

Honorary Licensed Lay Ministers:

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

Church Wardens: Larry Loos [9795 7371]; Vaughan Smith [9546 0353]; Theo Rutgers [0401886674]

Parish COVID-Safe Officer: Prasantha Illesinghe [0425 702 587]

Council Secretary: Cleoni Loos [9755 7097]

Parish Child Safe Officer: Cleoni Loos [9755 7097]

Treasurer: Vaughan Smith [9546 0353]

Stewardship: Garry Martin [0433 933 679]

Church Office: VACANT - Please call Santa

Hall Hire: Anand Raj [0404 043 536]