

## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**For the Church:** For the Church that faith and the sacraments may hold the people of God together. For the Anglican Board of Mission. For our bishops, especially Bishop Genieve Blackwell. For the growth, strength and confidence of our Parish, for all who pray for the Parish and for the community for which we are a church. For our neighbouring parishes in Preston, Fitzroy and Collingwood.

**For the World:** For justice for the poor and the hungry. For all governments who cooperate in response to climate change, food insecurity, homelessness, poverty and social injustice. For peace on the Korean Peninsula and in the Middle East. For the Muslim and Christian communities of Myanmar. For the governments of the U.S.A., Turkey, Iran, Russia, North Korea, Israel, Palestine, Syria, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen. For the governing of Great Britain in a time of change. For the Australian governments and Parliaments.

**For the Community:** For the communities in Australia. facing the ravages of flood and fire. For families, neighbours and friends. For those who know sadness, poverty, hunger, sorrow and rejection that they may yet find happiness. For the homeless and all seeking access to community and public housing. For our hospitals and nursing homes. For our family welfare agencies. For our agricultural community.

**For the Sick:** Our prayers are asked for: Jill, Dorothy, Joseph, Martha, Ron, Jeffrey, Jan, Vera, Joyce, Jude, Trish, Russell, Jenny, Cliff, Tom, Prue and Gemma.

**For the Departed:** For the repose of the souls of Sr Jean CHN, Ian George (bishop) and George Lucas (Archdeacon Emeritus) and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Walter Bridges, Thelma Murray, John Burnett (priest), Brian Tylor, Dorothy List, Alice Wheatley, Jessie Rowley, Helena CHN and Myra Williams.

### Referred to in last week's Sermon:

"It may be that it was partly their concern to establish authority on a sound basis, that attracted the Tractarians to a vision of God as other, transcendent, revealing himself in his incomprehensible Trinitarian life to humankind by taking up and transforming the created order in the Incarnation of the Son. Such a vision of God logically produced an emphasis on worship, and a particular kind of approach to worship. Worship was an encounter with the mysterious, in which the gap between the created and the uncreated was bridged. Thence the renewed stress on the Eucharist, the sacrament of union... When they were so convinced that God used the created order as a channel, it was hardly surprising that the Tractarians sought to use all sorts of beauty as an aid to worship. It was their conviction that the beautiful was a channel for the divine which led to an emphasis on sung settings of the Church's liturgies..."  
*Awful Happenings on the Hill* - Colin Holden.

### Transcendent:

Adjective, beyond or above the range of normal or physical human experience. surpassing the ordinary; exceptional.



## Prayers and Readings for THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

(Otherwise designated "The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany")

(Readings for Ordinary Sunday 6 Year C)

17 February, 2019

9.30 am, 11.00 am, 5.00 pm

Introit Hymn:	745	Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
Psalm:	1	
Gradual Hymn:	219 (i)	Jesus comes with all his grace
Offertory Hymn:	121	God Himself is present
Doxology (St James)	160 v.4	Holiest Trinity, perfect in unity
Dismissal:	221	Glory to God on high
Sermon		The Vicar

### The Opening Sentence

Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

### Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, you challenge the powers that rule this world and you show favour to the oppressed: instil in us a true sense of justice, that we may discern the signs of your kingdom and strive for right to prevail; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. one God, for ever and ever.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!** All who love me will keep my words: I am with you always, until the end of the world **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### Prayer for the Week

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of you humble servants, and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please you, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. AMEN

## FIRST READING

### Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. 6 They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. 7 Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. 8 They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. 9 The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse — who can understand it? 10 I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

## THE PSALM: I

### Response: For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous

1. Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful; Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on his law day and night.
2. Like a tree planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper. As for the wicked it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
3. Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgment, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

## SECOND READING

### 1 Corinthians 15:12-26

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; 14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ — whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. 17 If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. 19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. 21 For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; 22 for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every

ruler and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!** All who love me will keep my words: I am with you always, until the end of the world **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## THE GOSPEL

### Luke 6:17-26

*At that time, Jesus* came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. 18 They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19 And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. 20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said: Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 22 “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 24 “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 25 “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 26 “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

## THE POST COMMUNION SENTENCE

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. (*Hebrews 12: 22-25*)

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

17 February 2019 – 24 February 2019

6th After Epiphany (3 <sup>rd</sup> before Lent)	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist – St James
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist – All Saints
	5.00 pm	Holy Eucharist – St Paul's
Wednesday 20 Feb	3.30 pm	Vestry – St James
Thursday - 21 Feb	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist – St James
Saturday 23 Feb	3.00 pm	Housing Support – All Saints
7 <sup>th</sup> after Epiphany (2 <sup>nd</sup> before Lent)	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist – St James
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist – All Saints
	5.00 pm	Holy Eucharist – St Paul's

## PARISH NEWS

We welcome all who share with us in our service today. If you are new to our Church, please sign the Visitors Book in the Narthex/porch and introduce yourself to the welcomers on duty. Coffee is served after the Service in the Narthex at St James, in the Meeting Room at All Saints and before the service in the Church at St Paul's. Please join us.

### Next Sunday's readings – 7<sup>th</sup> after Epiphany

First Reading: Genesis 45: 3 – 11, 15      Psalm: 37: 1 – 7  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 35 – 50      Gospel: Luke 6: 27 – 38

## MID WEEK EUCHARISTS

Now resumed, the celebration of the Eucharist on Thursday mornings will continue throughout the year.

## VESTRY MEETING

The St James Vestry will meet in the Curnow Room on Wednesday 20 February at 3.30 pm.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This will be observed locally at All Saints on Friday 1 March at 10.30 am. Please speak with The Revd Philippa Wetherell about participation. More details soon.

## PARISH LUNCH

There will be a Parish Lunch at the Olympic Hotel next Wednesday at 12.30 pm. All welcome.

## ORDINATIONS

Amongst those to be ordained deacon on Sunday 1 March at St Paul's Cathedral is Catherine Turnbull. Catherine attended St James, Thornbury for many years. Her husband, Glen acted as Thurifer at St James.

## PARISH QUIET DAY

We have booked for a Quiet Day in the weekend before Holy Week, Saturday 13 April at the Community of the Holy Name, Cheltenham. Place the date in your diary. More details will follow.

## THE PARISH CONCERT

We have planned for the Parish Concert to be part of the Parish BBQ at All Saints on Sunday 31 March beginning at 2.30 pm. Please contact Elizabeth Braithwaite by the end of February if you would like to perform. Singing, dancing, recitations, instrumental music, readings, and drama presentations would all be welcome.

## JOINT PARISH MEETING

The planned meeting for St Philip's Collingwood, St Mark's Fitzroy and All Saints has been postponed.

## ALL SAINTS PUBLIC HOUSING SUPPORT GROUP

The Darebin Community Friends of Public Housing will resume regular fortnightly meetings again from Saturday 23 February in the Meeting Room at 3.00 pm, Tenants remaining at the Walker Street units are now struggling with squatters moving in to occupy vacant units and are in need of support. Our attendance at these meetings is greatly appreciated.

## ABM BOXES

We will make the collection boxes available for donations to the Anglican Board of Mission throughout Lent.

## OIL FOR REFUGEES

We are collecting cooking oil for refugees in 2019 to support the work of David Spitteler and his team at The Asylum Seekers Centre in Dandenong. Oil may be left in the narthex at St James and at All Saints.

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

New envelopes are always available in the narthex at All Saints and St James. The vestries encourage members to use these for regular giving to allow accurate budgeting. Please give prayerful thought to your giving to the parish.