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Anglican Parish of Grovely

THE COMMUNITY OF ST MATTHEWS & ALL SAINTS

9 April 2020

E-Newsletter

From the Wardens

During this time of Holy Week, where we would normally be attending prayers, even our dinner on Maundy Thursday, service of Good Friday and the incredible reading of the Gospel and then the joyous time of Easter Sunday where the churches have magnificent floral arrangements for the beginning of a new time in the church story.

Are you taking the time to relax and breathe the fresh air, time for thinking and reflection and be grateful for the time that we have to look forward.

Exciting times are to come!

As we advised last week, the parish has now been listed on the vacant parishes lists on the Diocesan website, we are still hopeful that the process is not stalled any longer however given the current circumstances it will be a great excuse (woops) said that out loud.

We wish you all love, hope and a time of peace and joy as we approach the coming weeks.



Please note that our Church buildings will not be open for private prayer.

The **Mothers Union Meeting** for April has been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings.

PARISH OFFICE

From Monday 6 April Elizma will be working from home. The office phone will be diverted to Elizma's mobile phone. The best way to contact the parish office is via email:

office@grovelyanglican.org.au

Services streamed online

The Cathedral and various parishes in the Diocese, including St Andrews at Indooroopilly, are streaming services online, or posting recorded services online. Follow the link to find an online service. The live stream service from the Cathedral is at 9:30 am on Sunday morning.

<https://anglicanchurchsq.org.au/livestream/>

How to stay in touch with the Parish

If you haven't done so, and you are on Facebook, please like our Facebook page to stay up to date with news around the Parish. **Like and share** this with your family and friends.

Connect here to our Facebook page: [https://](https://www.facebook.com/GrovelyParish/)

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Or visit our Webpage [http://](http://www.grovelyanglican.org.au/)

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A sermon by Fr Rod is attached to this newsletter.

Below is the link to "Journey with Jesus"

Words of Comfort for these times Joshua 1:9 (NIV)
Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Readings for Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12.1-4,11-14
Psalm 116.1-2,11-18
1 Corinthians 11.23-26
John 13.1-17,31b-35



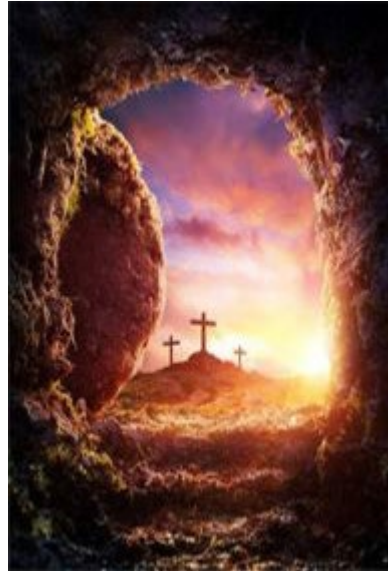
Readings for Good Friday

Isaiah 52.13-53.12
Psalm 22
1 Corinthians 1.18-31
John 18.1-19.42



Readings for Easter Day

Acts 10.34-43
Psalm 118.1-2,14-24
Colossians 3.1-4
Matthew 28.1-10



SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia! 1 Corinthians 5.7-8

COLLECT

Glorious Lord of life,
by the mighty resurrection of your Son
you overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we,
who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead
may be raised from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness;
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Easter at home:

Maundy Thursday – place a bowl of water and towel on your table or prayer area.

Good Friday - a cross

Easter Day - a stone and flowers or a bowl of water and candle to signify our
Baptism - renewing the promises made at our
Baptism.

Prayer Space



"Holy week is full of meaning for us at this time...Like the disciples, life has come at us in ways we did not expect, paralysed and fearful" (Peter Catt, Palm Sunday Sermon 2020).

What does it mean, to "take up our cross," accepting that we are being taken into the unknown, reassured that God will walk alongside us?

Jesus, where are you taking me?
Into joy,
Into pain.

Our faith story offers us hope that resurrection will come and that it will take us with surprise early in the dawn, out of the darkness. Easter Sunday this year, is not about triumph (Peter Catt, Palm Sunday sermon 2020). It is about hope in the midst of pain. Edwina Gately's prayer, entitled "Diminishment" reflects this sentiment: it is a prayer for the resurrection of the whole of humankind.

I am not afraid,
but to do anything other than go with you
would be to die inwardly:
and to look for wholeness apart from you
would be to lose my true self,
So I come you,
protesting and confused,
but loving you all the same.
You will have to hold on to me
as we walk together
through this compelling and frightening
landscape
of the kingdom of God.
(Angela Ashwyn)

Our culture is in a kind of Holy Saturday at present (Peter Catt, March 30 sermon). You can't get to Easter Sunday without Holy Saturday: the period between death and resurrection. Easter Saturday is a necessary time of waiting, hoping for new life. It's hard to sit, and to wait, but we are reminded that God is sensitive to our inner turmoil.

Sitting

Just in the act
of sitting
receptive and still –
Just in the desiring
to pray –
is the moment
of grace.
Just in the small attention
given to letting go
is the dying itself.
For God delights
in my desiring
and is content
with my restlessness.
God sits
with my nothing,
gently loving me
in it all.
(Edwina Gately)

To the degree that we
are broken and wounded –
so is God.
As the earth sickens and shrivels
through neglect and greed –
so does God.
As the little ones hunger
and are trampled upon –
so is God.
As more are imprisoned
and starved of light –
so is God.
So will God
be diminished
and hidden from us,
until –
deeply wounded –
we dare rise
from our dying
and groaning mightily,
break open
our dark and tiny hearts
in the Spirit's new birthing.
(Edwina Gately)



FOR THOSE IN NEED

All parishioners and their families

Shirley (Sister of Lynn Rymer)
Alan McNaught (friend of Carol & Mal)
Moyra Faulkner
Andrew (son of Jeanette R)
Stephen (nephew of Alma G)
Visaya (friend of Rebecca A)

News and Notices

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rev'd Jenny and Paul on the arrival of their beautiful grand daughter, Juliet Azemar Simson was born at 5:45pm on 2 April and



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OFFERINGS

Offerings can be transferred into the Parish bank account by internet, the details are:

Account name: Grovelly Anglican Parish

BSB 704 901
Account 00000910

Reference: "St Matts Giving", or "All Saints Giving" (or something similar)

Another method of giving is using ANFIN direct debit system, **ParishDirect**, this allows you to make regular contributions to the parish. **ParishDirect**

contributions can be quickly and easily adjusted by contacting the ANFIN Customer Service Team. Your personal details are entirely confidential.

For more information about **ParishDirect** please contact ANFIN on (07) 3838 7755 or via

YOUTH MINISTRY FUND

The banking details for online transfers to the Youth Ministry fund are:

ANFIN Grovelly Youth Ministry Fund
BSB : 704 901 Account: 00015406

Bush Church Aid Boxes - If you missed handing your Bush Church Aid box in to the collection plate before services ceased, the message from BCA is to keep them until the September Box Opening. Watch for the notice then. Thank you for supporting BCA - Australia for Christ. Jeanette Reason."

Containers for Change: Cans and bottles can still be dropped off at All Saints and St Matthews for the container for change scheme.

Please stop supplying **lids for kids**. Lids are not currently being received for processing. Thank you for your contribution. Kathleen Carman"

St Williams Pantry: Dry food donations can be

email at askus@anfin.com.au
or :[https://
anglicanchurchsq.org.au/wp-
content/uploads/2020/03/
ParishDirect-brochure.pdf](https://anglicanchurchsq.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ParishDirect-brochure.pdf)

dropped of at St Williams Church office on Dawson
Parade, office hours are Monday 8 – 1, Tuesday –
Friday 8 – 4

However not open to public,
so knock on the door and
leave goods at the door.

**If you are not comfortable
with electronic banking
please hold your offerings to
the parish until we return,
just put in your envelopes and
bring when church
resumes.**



Can we still take care of our church property and do routine maintenance?

Routine maintenance and cleaning by individuals such as mowing, gardening, vacuuming can continue provided that the following social distancing measures are strictly followed:

- .. ensuring four square metres per person in enclosed spaces.
- .. keeping a distance of 1.5 metres between yourself and others.
- .. avoiding all physical contact, including handshaking.
- .. practising good hygiene, including cleaning surfaces (door handles, tables, chairs, books)
- .. practising good hand and respiratory hygiene.
- .. individuals staying away if feeling unwell, even if mildly so.
- .. Working bees and group maintenance activities are suspended.

How can we implement this at Grovely in order to maintain the gardens and church buildings at All Saints and St Matthews?

Working Bee Pairs: please arrange a working buddy and go along to work in pairs for an hour sometime during the week. Communicate with others when a pair will be on site and what has been done or needs doing.

Archbishop Phillip Aspinall encourages parishioners to stay connected during the COVID-19 pandemic. The link below shows how parishioners can keep up to date with events, access Sunday Devotions and lectionary readings by subscribing (free) to the Anglican Focus e-news and the Wednesday Weekly e-newsletter.

<https://www.faithfulandeffective.com/2020/03/17/coronavirus-staying-connected-during-the-pandemic/>

Youth Group News

Brief Update about Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry is still in the process of moving online. We had a brief hiatus the past few weeks to allow families to adjust to home-schooling. In the meantime Matt and I have been busy getting the Minecraft server up-and-running so the youths had a regular fellowship activity to play during the week. Now that the server is working, a few of our youth have been making use of it. I should have updates soon on the projects they are working on and what they would like to show off.

On Saturday evening, from 6:30pm to 7:00pm we will have our first Zoom youth meeting. This will be a chance to hang out and catch up after two weeks of government regulations keeping us apart. I have some light activities planned that can be done at home.

For the time being, I hope Zoom can sustain youth until government restrictions are lifted and we can meet again. These meetings will occur weekly for as long as they are sustainable.



Get the most accurate information to do with COVID-19 here
<https://www.health.gov.au/>

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