



Saint Catherine's Anglican Community



Gazette

You are always
Welcome
at St Catherine's

>Worship with Us:

*Sunday: 7am Eucharist & 9am Eucharist

*Wednesday: 10am Eucharist



> 26 February: 10am & 5.30pm
*celebrating the Eucharist with
the Imposition of Ashes

In Daily Prayer:

#Compassionate Lord, comfort and sustain all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; experiencing loss through fire, drought, storm or any other natural occurrence. *(Silent) prayer for those in need: *Brian, Zoe (S), Scott, Elaine, Ruby & family, Teena, Carmen, Tom & Heather, Wayne, Phyl, Ruby, Myrna.*

#God of all mercy, giver of all comfort: look graciously, we pray, on those who mourn, especially *Keith, Joann and Mary (at the passing of Keith's mum); Margaret and John S and family (at the passing of Marg's mum).* Casting all their cares on you, may they know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

#We praise you, God, for all your servants whose lives have honoured Christ. We remember:

Brenda Tindal, Mildred Trevor.

Edna Young (GOM 20 February 2006).

Encourage us by their example, so that we may run with perseverance the race that lies before us, and share with them the fullness of joy in your kingdom.

PARISH DIARY

*Monday ~ weekly:

☞ 6.30pm **BRIDGE CLUB** — St Catherine's — Gordon P (M) 0416 048 827.

*Thursday ~ weekly:

☞ 9.15am to 11.15am **PLAYGROUP**
— St Catherine's — NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
— Libby S (M) 0434 900 911.

*Friday ~ weekly:

☞ 9am **ART GROUP** — St Catherine's
— NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
— Lynda Y (M) 0418 797 788.

*Monday ~ February 24:

☞ 10.30am **LADIES FELLOWSHIP**
— Commencement Service. [see notice]

*Thursday ~ February 27:

☞ 9.30am **LENTEN STUDY GROUP** — wk 1
— St Catherine's. [see notice]
☞ 7pm **LENTEN/EASTER STUDY GROUP**
— wk 1 — St Catherine's. [see notice]

*Tuesday ~ March 3:

☞ 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** — at Sinnamon Village Chapel — Jocelyn & John S.

*Thursday ~ March 5:

☞ from 8am **BUNNINGS BBQ** — Oxley Store — Richard S (M) 0409 020 369.
☞ 10am **HOLY COMMUNION** — at Dovetree — Jocelyn & John S.

*Friday ~ March 6:

☞ 7pm **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**
— service — St Catherine's — Parish contact
Laurel P (M) 0438 041 149.

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1st Reading: Exodus 24:12–18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalm 2 [APBA, page 224]

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16–21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1–9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by

fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Reflection:

The Transfiguration (the Greek word is the root of 'metamorphosis') is shown by the gospel writer as belonging in the context of Peter's affirmation: You are the Messiah, and Jesus' subsequent attempt to ready them for his Passion and for what must happen to those who followed in his way. The narrative is full of reference to rich themes in Israelite history, with the presence of Moses and Elijah signifying the belief that Christ is the Messiah as testified in the Law and the Prophets. We are told that it was 'six days later' that Jesus took Peter, James and John with him to the mountain, reminiscent of the six days on Mount Sinai when the cloud ('the glory of the Lord') covered the mountain before, on the seventh, God spoke. And as God met with Moses in the cloud, and as his face shone after this divine encounter, so Jesus' face shines in glory, his garments are bleached white, and there is heard the affirming voice of God, as at his Baptism, with the additional command, 'Listen to him'. The disciples fall on their faces, to be raised by Jesus, now alone, with a touch and the command, 'Get up', both so reminiscent of his healing encounters. Here many see an anticipation of the Resurrection and of the Second Coming, but it is also a revelation for a few moments of the glory which even then, before his Passion, belonged to Jesus. As a 'temporary exhibition of his glory', it enabled the disciples after the Resurrection, in looking back, to realise that 'even during the time that he emptied himself, he continued to retain his divinity entire, though it was concealed under the veil of the flesh'.

*The transfiguration of matter
occurs through wonder.*

JAMES HILLMAN

<https://www.quotetab.com/quote/by-james-hillman>

Prayer through Daily Readings:

Pray: *Loving God, guide me as I read and reflect on your word, this day and always. AMEN.*

Read the passages through and then **reflect** upon the following questions:

- *What is the passage about?
- *What does the passage say to me?
- *What are the implications for my life?

Close in prayer.

M: Jam 3:13—18; Ps 19:7—10; Mk 9:14—29

[MATTHIAS ~ APOSTLE & MARTYR (or May 14):

*Acts 1:14—17, 20—26; Ps 113 or 84; Phil 3:13—21;
Jn 15:9—17]*

T: Jam 4:1—10; Ps 55:20—23; Mk 9:30—37

ASH WEDNESDAY: Isa 58:1—12; Ps 51:1—17;

2Cor 5:20b—6:10; Mt 6:1—6, 16—21

T: Deut 30:15—20; Ps 1; Lk 9:22—25

F: Isa 58:1—9a; Ps 51:15—19; Mt 9:14—15

S: Isa 58:9b—14; Ps 86:1—7; Lk 5:27—32

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT ~ MAR 1

Gen 2:15—17, 3:1—7; Ps 32; Rom 5:12—21;
Mt 4:1—11

M: Lev 19:1—2, 11—18; Ps 19:7—14; Mt 25:31—46

T: Isa 55:10—11; Ps 34:11—18; Mt 6:7—14

W: Jon 3:1—10; Ps 51:6—9; Lk 11:29—32

T: Addns to Esther 14:3—14; Ps 138:1—3; Mt 7:7—12

F: Ezek 18:21—28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20—26

S: Deut 26:16—19; Ps 119:1—8; Mt 5:43—48

[PERPETUA & HER COMPANIONS (MARTYRS AT CARTHAGE) D 203]

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT ~ MAR 8

Gen 12:1—4a; Ps 121; Rom 4:1—5 (6—12) 13—17;
Jn 3:1—17

>ARCHBISHOP'S EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND:

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NOTICES

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

>1st Meeting for 2020 is **Monday 24 February**; time: from **10.30am**.

>Commencement Service followed by a planning meeting and refreshments.

>New members are welcome! For more information please contact: Lynda Y M 0418 797 788.

LENTEN/EASTER STUDY GROUPS

>Two groups forming, weekly meetings commencing **Thursday 27 February**.

>'Grace': a Lenten program for 2020. Your hosts Barbara and Michael W will facilitate a Thursday morning group at St Catherine's. **9.30am weekly. Study book cost \$10.** Contact Barbara for details: E blwaterhouse@yahoo.com.

>'First Flight': a DVD following the life of Jesus with Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg. Your host Denis F will facilitate a Thursday evening discussion group at St Catherine's. **7pm weekly.** Contact Denis for details: M 0409 640 637 / E dfreeman2006@hotmail.com.

>Sign up sheets: at the back of the church.

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

>Wine and Cheese / Lenten Labyrinth Walk:
Saturday 21 March, from **6pm** at St Catherine's.
Facilitated by the Anglican Labyrinth Resource Group.
More details closer to the date.

>Join us on **Sunday 19 April** to celebrate the **40th Anniversary of St Catherine's Dedication** and the **Consecration** of our church by † Phillip Brisbane.

Parishioners are invited to submit suggestions of a suitable item or project to commemorate the

40th Anniversary of St Catherine's Dedication.

Email all suggestions to the Parish office:
stcaths@powerup.com.au.

ST CATHERINE'S BOOK EXCHANGE

Thank you for all the wonderful book donations we receive! It's great to exchange our reading materials and earn a bit of money for the church at the same time, however we do have limited space to display the books. We currently have several boxes full of books ready to be displayed in due course, and don't have room to store any more. If you have some books you no longer need, we ask that you donate them elsewhere for the time being, and we'll put a notice in the Gazette when we're ready to receive them again. Thank you for your understanding.

(Note that a Lifeline shop has recently opened at 48 Bullockhead Street, Sumner Park, and they accept books.)

BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER

>BBQ held **Monday 17 February** resulted in a surplus of **\$470.20**. Many thanks to all who braved the humidity to assist with Monday's BBQ.

>Our BBQ days in March ~ **Thursday 5th and Monday 16th**. It's never too late to join our BBQ team. Contact Richard S: M 0409 020 369 / E rjswan@iprimus.com.au.

>Many thanks to all for your continued support of this vital outreach activity.



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