

From the Vicar

Folks

As you are aware we are now in Lent and from this Sunday we will begin the journey to Easter, the celebration of Jesus as Voice, Treaty, Truth and Makarrata, a generous gift from God for the whole of creation. This both a wonderful but sometimes terrifying journey as we unpack ourselves and prepare for new beginnings which may be unlike anything we have known before.

Exciting.

This Sunday will also be my last for some months as the Diocese has seconded and “commissioned (me) to educate and advocate for the Statement from the Heart.” These are the words the Archbishop spoke when he blessed me in the service in the Cathedral on Tuesday. These are prophetic words and signify that the Diocese has committed itself to the recognition of First Peoples in the constitution and a Voice to Parliament. As the Dean said, an historic moment for our church.

I hope to be able to announce who the locum will be on Sunday. He/she will commence work the following week and be the Vicar for the period I am out of the parish. SO that you know what I am doing I will provide a regular update to Tim for placement on the website and mention on Sundays.

I want to thank the Parish for its generosity in allowing me this opportunity and I will always be grateful.

Thank you.

Glenn

Diary for the Week

St Oswald's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/stoswaldchurchgleniris>

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Wednesday 8 March 2023

10 am **Holy Communion**

Thursday 9 March

7.30 pm **Choir Practice**

Sunday 12 March —Live streamed

Third Sunday in Lent

8 am **Holy Communion**

10 am **Sung Eucharist**

Readings 12 March

Exodus 17: 1—7

Psalms 95

Romans 5: 1—11

John 4: 5—42

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Intercessions

For the church:

St Matthew's Endeavor Hills; The Diocese of Bathurst; Church of the Province of South East Asia; St David's Doncaster East; Surf Coast Parish: Confirmation.

Departed

Ruth Walsh, Harold Boddy.



One can feel for Nicodemus seeking out Jesus for enlightenment, understanding, only to be confronted with the idea of being 'born again'? Today we'd ask Google only to be given thousands of options to choose from. My choice of explaining Born Again, would be *Kintsugi* – the Japanese art of repairing a broken pot by joining the pieces together with gold, with us as the pot, and the Spirit of God being the gold that holds us together.

- Pray for understanding and welcoming being born again – the Holy Spirit into our lives.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Japan, the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*.

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From the Organist

The past weeks have been powerful and thought provoking. And I'm thrilled that as a parish our hymn repertoire has been expanded by many new favourites, such as 'As a fire is meant for burning' by Shirley Erena Murray.

This Sunday we're back to the old format, with the choir singing each Sunday in Lent up to Easter Sunday. We're swapping the didgeridoo this Sunday for the bass trombone and welcome back Angus Pace. Our first hymn, *Ex more doci mystico* (trans. *The fast, as taught by holy lore*) is said to have been written by Gregory the Great after whom Gregorian Chant is named.

Over Lent and Easter I will be exploring the works of the Baroque composer, Dietrich Buxtehude who died in 1707 after a long and glorious career as chief organist and composer of the free city of Lubeck. The choir is working on a fun Alleluia of Mr Buxtehude's as well as miniature gem of the French romantic, the Ave Verum Corpus of Camille Saint-Saëns. You'll hear both during our observation of the Easter Triduum. Over the season of Lent the choir be revisiting the works of Margaret Rizzi, a living legend and mystic of music.

Daniel Brace

Ravin' Ramblers Walk— 11am, 18th March 2023

Darebin Creek Parklands*

These parklands are just 7kms from Melbourne and provide a lovely place to walk in a tranquil setting.

Meeting: We will meet 11am at the end of Separation Street, Darebin (Melways 31 C9), turn left into the carpark.

Walking plan: In the morning we will have a short walk – less than 2 kms, though it is a bit tricky in places and there is a creek crossing on large flat stepping stones and a slightly steepish hill.

After lunch, for those who wish to, we will have a longer walk on the Darebin Creek Trail, which will take us to the Kew Billabong and the Yarra River, and return, about 5kms.

This is flat and walkers can go as far as they wish on this trail and return anytime.

We will find a place for coffee when the walk is done.

Please bring:

Lunch, Sunscreen, Hat, Water, Chair, Raincoat if the weather looks inclement.

Please let the Johnsons know if you are coming: this is important so we can notify you of any change of plan. ALL WELCOME.

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During Communion the Choir will sing -

O Lord, my heart is not proud,
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great,
nor marvels beyond me.
Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace;
at rest, as a child in its mother's arms,
so is my soul.

Words: Psalm 131

Food for Bendigo Flood Relief

Many thanks to so many people for your generous contributions of groceries , including fresh fruit and vegetables, which we took up to Bendigo this past Monday.

We had the back of the car and the whole back seat loaded with all kinds of food. We met Rev Shannon Smith at Bendigo, who will share it all with the communities she supports, including the First Nations group in Robinvale. She was so grateful and called you all the Saints of St. Oswald's!!!!

She also passed on a message of grateful thanks from Bishop Matt from the Cathedral in Bendigo for your great generosity.

We are a wonderful giving parish. We will have more collections as people in the north of the state are still doing it very tough.

Congratulations and thanks to all.

Peter and Judy Johnson





Afternoon Tea-Set

Tuesday 14th March 2023

2 - 4 pm



Please join us for
an afternoon of friendship and conversation ...
and a cup of tea with tasty goodies.



We will meet at St Oswald's Hall
100 High Street, Glen Iris



Please bring along a small plate to share.

All welcome

Transport available if required



Contact Judy Johnson 0417 315 542

Or Gaye Loughrey 0437 235 527





Saturday, 6 May at 2 pm
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Holy Trinity-St Nicholas Church
Tickets \$25 at door, conc apply
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With Rada Tochalna (soprano)

Rina D'Cruz (clarinet)

Phillip Hamilton (piano)

Daniel Brace (piano)

Paul (baritone)



Hymns, Collect and Readings

Processional Hymn Laudate 199

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-85)

G D G C D G , Am G D7 G ,
1. A - gain we keep this so - lemn fast, a gift of faith from a - ges past,
G Am D G C D G , C D Em C D G
This Lent which binds us lo - ving - ly, to faith and hope and cha - ri - ty.

**Again we keep this solemn feast,
a gift of faith from ages past,
this Lent which binds us lovingly,
to faith and hope and charity.**

**The law and prophets from of old
in figured ways this Lent Foretold,
which Christ, all ages' Lord and Guide,
in these last days has sanctified.**

**More sparing, therefore, let us make
the words we speak, the food we take,
our sleep, our laughter, every sense;
learn peace through holy penitence.**

**Let us avoid each harmful way
that lures the careless mind astray;
by watchful prayer our spirits free
from scheming of the Enemy.**

**We pray, O blessed Three in One,
our God while endless ages run,
that this, our Lent of forty days,
may bring us growth and give you praise.**

*Words attributed to Gregory the Great c.540-604
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Sentence for the Day

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. *Joel 2.13*

Collect

**Gracious God,
out of your love and mercy
you breathed into dust the breath of life,
creating us to serve you and one another:
call forth our penitence and acts of love,
and strengthen us to face our mortality,
so that we may look with confidence for your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

[Genesis 12: 1—4a]

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will

curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 TiS 76 (Sung by the Congregation)



**I to the hills will lift my eyes:
where shall I find my help?
My help comes only from the Lord
who made the earth and heaven.**

**Your foot he'll not let slide, nor will
your guardian ever sleep:
the one who guards his people still,
he slumbers not, nor sleeps.**

**The Lord will be a shield and shade:
with him at your right hand
no harm will come from sun by day
nor from the moon by night.**

**The Lord will keep you from all harm:
will guard your very life,
preserve your going out and in
now and for evermore.**

*Scottiwh Psalter 1650
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A Reading from the Gospel of John

[John 3: 1—17]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ ³ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ ⁵ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

For the gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Offertory Hymn TiS 683

**God! When human bond are broken
and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing,
give us grace and make us still.**

**Through that stillness, with your Spirit
come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving;
all the failures we confess.**

**You in us are bruised and broken;
hear us as we seek release
from the pain of earlier living;
set us free and grant us peace.**

**Send us, God of new beginnings,
humbly hopeful into life.
Use us as a means of blessing:
make us stronger, give us faith.**

**Give us faith to be more faithful,
give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning:
God! Encourage and renew!**

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**The God of Abraham praise
who reigns enthroned above,
ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love:
the Lord, the Great I AM
by earth and heaven confessed!
We bow and bless the sacred name
for ever blessed.**

**The God of Abraham praise,
whose all-sufficient grace
shall guide us all our happy days
in all our ways.
He calls us each a friend,
he calls himself our God;
and he shall save us to the end
through Jesus' blood.**

**He by himself has sworn,
we on his oath depend:
we shall on eagles' wings upborne,
to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face,
we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore**

**The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and 'Holy, holy, holy, ' cry,
'almighty King!'
who was and is the same
and evermore shall be,
the Lord, our Father, great I AM
eternally.**

**Before the Saviour's face
the ransomed nations bow,
all praising his almighty grace,
for ever new.
He shows his wounds of love,
they kindle to a flame
and sound through all the worlds above
the slaughtered Lamb.**

**The whole triumphant host
gives thanks to God on high:
'Hail, Father, Son and Spirit blest!'
they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and ours!
with heaven and songs we raise:
all might and majesty are yours,
and endless praise.**

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