



Anglican Parish of Bass-Phillip Island
St Augustine's, San Remo St Paul's, Bass
St Philip's, Cowes
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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT 21st FEBRUARY 2021
Choose Hope, Love, Justice



MON 22 nd	10.00am – 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open 5.00pm – Lenten Studies Bass Group
TUES 23 rd	10.00am – St Augustine's Prayer Service
WED 24 th	10.00am – 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open 10.00am – Melaleuca Lodge Church Service 2.00pm – Lenten Studies Palm Lakes Group 2.30pm – Lenten Studies San Remo Group
THURS 25 th	10.00am – St Philip's Holy Communion Worship Resources and online worship prepared today
FRI 26 th	10.00am – 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open 10.30am – Lenten Studies Cowes Group
SAT 27 th	10.00am – 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
SUN 28 th	10.00am – St Philip's Prayer Praise and Proclamation, guest preacher Andy Prideaux 12.30pm St Paul's Service of the Word 12.30pm St Augustine's Holy Communion followed by Congregation Meeting and fellowship lunch

Please note that each week a service of the word is available at www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org this service includes Bible Readings, prayer and a sermon.

COVID-19 Current Information as from 11.59pm Wednesday 17th

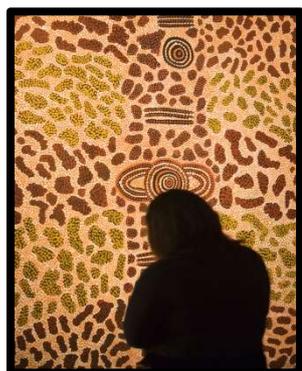
Masks must be worn for worship at all times. One person at a time may remove their mask if they are reading or leading worship. Indoor services are now restricted by a density quotient of 1 per 2sqm. All venues across the parish now have QR codes for registering attendance. All previous instructions still apply including sanitiser, deep cleaning and keeping a record of attendance.

Bookings preferred for attendance at services –

St Philip's - book with Michaela 0400 134 449

St Paul's - book with Sandy 0449 594 737

St Augustine's - book with Ida 0468 374 356



We meet for worship on the lands of the Bunurong and Gunaikurnai people and wish to acknowledge them as the Traditional Owners. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Next Sunday at St Philip's a special service of Prayer Praise and Proclamation continuing the series on The Fruits of the Spirit. Our topic for Sunday 28th is **PATIENCE**. The guest preacher will be Andy Prideaux, who is a Senior Staff Worker at Melbourne University Christian Union.



This week's roster

St Paul's - Reader: L. Ridge; Prayers: Rev. Jo; Chalice: D. Wilson

St Augustine's - Leader: John Dawson; Input: John Dawson; Children: Grace Ippel

St Philip's - Welcome: A. Prideaux; Reader: J. Stephenson; Intercessions: R. Prideaux; Vestry: ...; PowerPoint: J. Bell; Morning Tea: J. Stephenson & ...

- Please contact Wendy Gladman regarding St Philip's roster gladmanwendy@gmail.com

Next week's roster 28th Feb. 2021

St Paul's - Reader: Rg. Hayhurst; Prayers: L. Ridge; Chalice: ...

St Augustine's -

St Philip's - Welcome: W. Gladman; PowerPoint: J. Bell; Morning Tea: P. Casey & F. Guimaraes

Readings for 21st February Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Readings for next week Lent Two Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:24-32; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38



ST PHILIP'S - We recommend parking in the church grounds.

Parking in Thompson Avenue is restricted to 1 hour only.

TODAY Sunday 21st February - 10.30am Family Service St Augustine's, San Remo

NEXT FAMILY SERVICE 7th March 10.30am St Augustine's, San Remo

The Sentence

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.

A reading from Genesis chapter 9

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Psalm 25:1-10

In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope:

In you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed, nor let my enemies' triumph over me.

Let none who wait for you be put to shame:

But let those that break faith be confounded and gain nothing.

Show me your ways, O Lord:

And teach me your paths.

Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me:

For you are the God of my salvation.

In you have I hoped all the day long:

Because of your goodness, O Lord.

Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness:

For they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions:

But according to your mercy think on me.

Good and upright is the Lord:

Therefore, will he direct sinners in the way.

The meek he will guide in the path of justice:

And teach the humble his ways.

All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true:

For those who keep his covenant and his commandments.

A reading from First Peter chapter 3

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, chapter 1 beginning at verse 9:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon for Lent One

There's something really important about the start of Lent some of which we have missed due to Stage 4 Lock-down.

We missed gathering for Shrove Tuesday with its feast before the fast and the preparation of ashes from last year's palm crosses.

We missed our Ash Wednesday service with the imposition of ashes and the litany of repentance.

Some of us have missed the commencement of our Lenten Studies.

Thankfully we can begin our studies at home if that's what is needed.

The Observance of Lent is something that people beyond the church make fun of, asking us; 'What are you giving up for Lent?'

Strangely, popular culture has latched onto the idea of linking fasting with alms giving. I'm referring here to the Febfast where individuals give up alcohol, sugar or something of their choice to support disadvantaged youth. Some of the rhetoric around Febfast suggests that not only is it good for those disadvantaged youth but it's also good for the participants. One Febfast participant reported that

"As a first time febfaster, I must say, I have never slept better, been so efficient on Sundays and had cash in my wallet after a weekend!"

Giving up something for Lent is not quite as simple as that but there are certainly elements of fasting that are good for us. In part we give up something as an expression of penitence, but it is also to provide a striking contrast with the joyous celebration of Easter. In the church we traditionally give up decoration with no flowers, sombre vesture, hymns that avoid 'alleluia' and similar expressions of joy all of which we reserve for Easter Day. Giving up something for Lent helps us sets this time aside as different and special. Giving up something leaves room to take up something. For example; giving up television or screen based entertainment means there's more time for prayer or reading the Bible or for offering help to others. Fasting from alcohol, as our first-time Febfaster says means there is more cash in our wallet at the end of a week. Money we can use to help the poor. And fasting has known health benefits as well as known spiritual benefits. Holy men and women have found great spiritual benefit from fasting.

I have recently returned from leave where I enjoyed a meal with my extended family. I count it as a great blessing to have atheists in my family because they always challenge me to think about what I'm doing and what I am saying as a Christian. Conversation turned to the impending fast and he (my niece's 30 something partner of three years) said;

'I know nothing, absolutely nothing about this.'

I'm guessing that these days such a comment is more common than ever before. They know nothing, absolutely nothing.

My first thought was great I'll tell you, but what to say, how to begin from a base of nothing? So I chose a couple of simple examples from popular culture namely Mardi Gras and Carnival. Perhaps these examples will be helpful to us all as we enter this Lenten Season. The literal translation of Mardi Gras from the French is Fat Tuesday which is exactly what we do when we feast before the fast. And then the word Carnival from the Latin *carnis* meaning meat, from which we get our English word carnivore. Then *vale* meaning farewell which we often use in funeral tributes. Carnival - a farewell to meat, like Mardi Gras is all about fasting.

At the rectory we take this opportunity to fast from meat and alcohol not out of a great piety but as a way to mark this season of Lent as different. When Easter Day comes we are filled with joy at the resurrection and we feel this deeply not just in our spirit but also in our bodies as we sit down to an extended feast of roast meats and a good bottle of wine.

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Our Gospel reading today begins Lent with an account of Jesus' Baptism and temptation. No sooner do we hear the voice from heaven say;

'You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased' then Jesus is driven into the wilderness to be tempted. It was so immediate. One instant God is audibly present and the next Jesus is in the wilderness.

How often have we noticed, in our own life, that when we are closer to God; closer to God's purpose for us; and working with spiritual fervour for the coming of God's kingdom that this is when we experience the incredible pull of temptation; those voices that tell us we are no good, that it won't work or that we are all alone in our own kind of wilderness.

[A note about fasting here – We do not fast to imitate Christ's fast in the wilderness. We fast for our good and for the good of Christ's church.]

When those temptations come as they surely will, especially if we are faithful to our call to follow Christ, our response needs to be multi-faceted. We must pray; pray alone in our room with the door closed and pray with the church. We must read God's word alone and with others. We must be faithful and trust in God. Our Lenten study groups are a good place for these things to be practiced. As we pray, fast, study, and attend worship we are engaging in four of the five Lenten disciplines; the fifth being almsgiving which is why, by the way, organisations like Anglican Overseas Aid and Anglican Board of Mission provide us with envelopes and the like to give alms during Lent. As we engage in these Lenten discipline we will be strengthened for our work as disciples.

Jesus was tempted in the wilderness. In another gospel there is more detail about what happened as the devil tried three times to tempt Jesus into the dark. But here, in Mark's gospel we have a very stark account.

He was tempted.

He was with the wild beasts.

He was waited on by angels.

Each of these events is reported in quick succession.

No sooner is Jesus tempted than he is waited on by angels.

There is an immediacy about this that is very engaging, even energising for us who face daily temptation. We may feel surrounded by wild beasts but even in that moment God is bringing his angels to wait upon us.

We are in the company of angels who strengthen us and who wait upon us. In our Great Thanksgiving prayer we say:

Therefore with angels and archangels,

And with all the company of heaven,

We proclaim your great and glorious name...

As we enter this Lenten season together in prayer and fasting may we all be encouraged by these images of angels and archangels waiting upon Jesus and upon us.

Let us pray.

May this Lenten discipline

That we undertake with love,

Turn our hearts to things above.

Now we fast that we may feast
Where the Lord of Life presides;
May our hunger be increased
For the bread which he provides.

As we keep this Lent with prayer
And from pleasures are withdrawn,
Minds and bodies we prepare
For the joy of Easter dawn. Amen.

Prayers for Lent One

Let us pray for the world and the Church

For the World

Almighty God, ruler of world, time and space we pray today for our world which has been devastated by the Corona virus and the loss of so many lives. We give thanks for scientists, doctors, nurses and helpers who have been the front line of defence in hospitals and nursing homes. We give thanks also for the discovery of effective vaccines and pray that these will be distributed effectively throughout the world especially in places of poverty. We continue to pray for good government throughout the world, that tyranny will decrease especially in Burma and in Western China. We pray that in Australia our society will learn to listen to your voice amid competing claims as we pray for our Prime Minister and State Premiers in this difficult time. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the Church

Gracious God, at this commencement of the season of Lenten reflection, help us to remember the gift and joy of our lives and the beauty of creation especially here on Phillip Island. As you created us to serve one another we ask you to call forth our penitence and acts of love in this forty days of penitence and reflection. Strengthen us to face our mortality, so that we may look with confidence for your salvation. We ask you to bless Jo and Ken and give thanks for the opportunity for their break and renewal. We pray for Bishop Richard and his leadership of the Diocese that we will be a grace-filled community faithful to your Word in Scripture and abounding in steadfast love and care for all those in need. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For our community

God of community, whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood: may we so respect and love those whose lives are linked with ours that we fail not in loyalty to you but make choices according to your will. We pray especially for businesses again affected by the lock down in Cowes that they will make a good recovery and locals will support them. We pray for the Mayor and our Council representatives that they will seek to do what is right and fair and honest. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the suffering

O God, the consoler of the afflicted, shine your light we pray on those experiencing the mystery of suffering and death. May those in any need see the light that shines from the face of Christ. Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage, we may remain united to your Son in his passion, so that there may be revealed in us, the power of his resurrection. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

A little prayer of Carmen Bernos de Gasztold, French nun.

Prayer of the Ox

*Dear God, give me time.
Men are always so driven!
Make them understand that I can never hurry.
Give me time to plod.
Give me time to sleep.
Give me time to think.
Amen*

Hymn Suggestions

Lord of Creation to You be all Praise (TIS 626)

I Come With Joy to Meet my Lord (TIS 533)

Now Let Us From This Table Rise (TIS 530)

Offertory

Thank you for your weekly offering it is much needed. During this COVID-19 period and post COVID-19 your offering can be made by either:

- Placing in the offering bowl at any church service. Use plain envelope if preferred
- Please make cheques payable to Anglican Parish Bass-Phillip Island
- Regular or one-off contributions can be made by internet banking to the Parish bank account, name: Anglican Parish Bass/Philip Island, BSB: 633 000 / Account Number: 169 629 797
- Visit any Bendigo Bank branch and deposit cash or cheque to Anglican Parish Bass/Phillip Island BSB: 633 000 / Account Number: 169 629 797. Please put on deposit slip: "Offertory" or "Donation" indicating your usual congregation
- If in Cowes, drop your offering in the donation box at St Philip's, Cowes (located outside the front door of the Church)

HELPERS WANTED to assist with service of Devonshire Tea at the Monthly Market, St Philip's Cowes. Please contact Pauleen Leditschke 0425 850 118

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to baking and/or monthly roster at The Mary Talbot Room, San Remo. Contact Rev'd Jo 0490 831 299

LENT ACROSS THE PARISH

LENTEN STUDIES – God of Compassion a Lenten Journey Study Books are now available from church or from your study group leader.

Palm Lakes Group – commencing 24th Feb 2.00pm Emmaus Room, Cowes

Bass Group – Mondays 5.00pm St Paul's Church, Bass

San Remo Group – commencing 24th Feb 2.30pm Mary Talbot Room, San Remo

Cowes Group –Fridays 10.30am Rectory, Cowes

Change of time for Parish Council – Parish Council will now be held at 1.30pm each month on the third Tuesday of the month. February meeting will be 1.30pm Tuesday 23rd in the Emmaus Room, Cowes.

NEW SERVICE TIMES BEGIN TODAY – 21st February

ST PHILIP'S

Sunday 10.00am Holy Communion

4th Sunday 10.00am Prayer Praise and Proclamation

ST PAUL'S

1st & 3rd Sunday of month 12.30pm Holy Communion

2nd & 4th Sunday of month 12.30 Lay led service of the word

ST AUGUSTINE'S

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month 10.30am Family Service

2nd & 4th Sunday of month 12.30pm Holy Communion

Tuesday 10.00am Lay led service of the word

Helpful websites

Parish website www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org

Facebook www.facebook.com/stphilipscowes

Please pray for:

Rene Foulkes, Sue Chambers, Mike Heflingers, Jennie Shields, Rev'd George Sansom, Shirley Broad,

Kath Kent, Len Chatfield, Rev'd Gerald Wall, Sylvia Williams, Sue Sansom, Tom, Ruby Rose

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please tell Rev. Jo