The 1st Sunday in Lent **26 February 2023**



Acknowledgement of Country. As a community, we recognise that the church is built and our worship is offered on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people, and close to Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), which is still an important meeting place for the Kaurna people today. We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land; our sorrow for the personal, spiritual and cultural costs of that sharing; and our hope that we may walk together in harmony, in the spirit of Reconciliation.

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn

ST BERNARD



"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray, but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

- 2 How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart, that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew: what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease: then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

Rosamond E. Herklots 1905-87

INTRODUCTORY RITES

The choir sings the Entrance Antiphon.

Psalm 91.15-16

When they call on me, I will answer them; I will deliver them and give them glory, I will grant them length of days.

Invocation and Greeting

Entrance Antiphon

▶ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The grace and peace of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.

Penitential Act

The choir sings

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie Eleison.

The priest, deacon, or another minister, says

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Silence

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All say

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us.

Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The priest says:

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon ♥ you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin: give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your will, that, as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2.15–17; 3.1–7

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' "But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

from Psalm 32



- 1 Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
 Blessed are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile! R.
- 2 For I acknowledged my sin to the Lord, and my iniquity I did not hide.
 I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD';
 And you forgave me the wickedness of my sin. R.
- Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; in the great water-flood, it shall not come near them.

 You are a place to hide me in; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with songs of deliverance.

 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;

 And shout for joy, all who are true of heart. R.

New Testament Reading

Romans 5.12-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. But law came in, so that the trespass might increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so grace might also reign through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4.4

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

One does not live on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel Reading Matthew 4.1–11

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

▼ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'

and 'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." "

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Fr Paul Babie

Profession of Faith

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life for the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The priest may say

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

The prayers may conclude

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

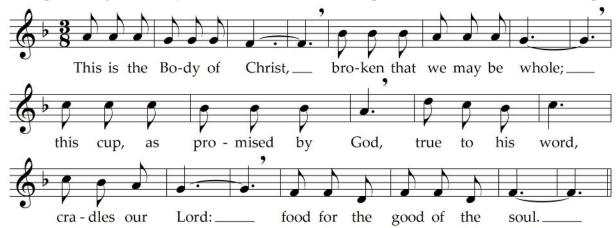
God's Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

During the preparation of the gifts, the chant is sung. Please note that there will be no Collection taken up: offerings of money can be left in the Collection plates at the front and rear of the pews.



John L. Bell b.1949

When all is prepared, the priest says,

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

May the Lord accept our sacrifice for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all God's holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness.

We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

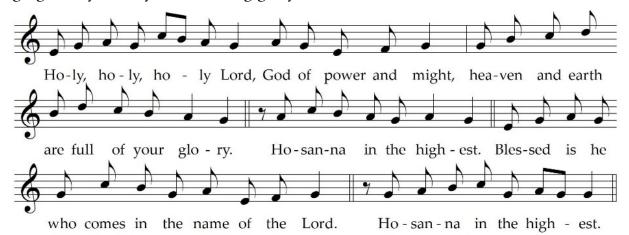
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home. Returning to God (Scottish Episcopal Church)

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome

Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:



Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.

Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves. a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

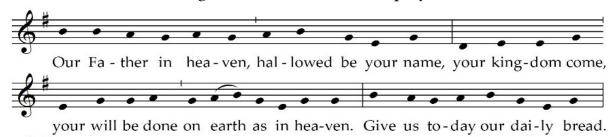
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages,

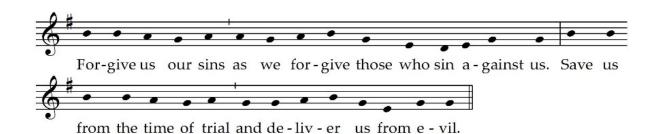
world without end. Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

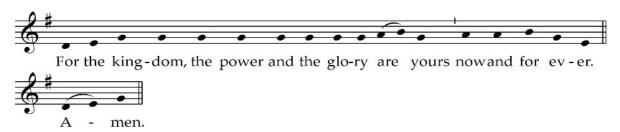
The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:





Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



The Breaking of the Bread

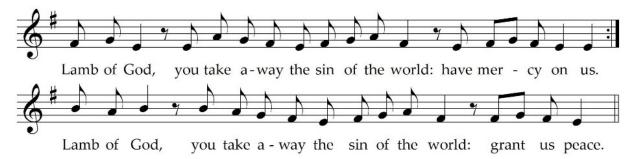
The priest breaks the bread, saying

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung.



Invitation to Communion

The priest says

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

All receive Holy Communion. Communion will be administered in one kind only. Communicants should approach in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning via the side aisles. Communicants should remove their face masks prior to receiving Holy Communion, replacing them afterwards.

Healing ministry will be offered in the Holy Innocents chapel. Please enter the chapel one at a time. You may wish to record prayer points or remembrances on a piece of paper prior to Mass.

During Communion, the choir sings.

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 4.4

We do not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

Postcommunion Hymn

AUS DER TIEFE



Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild,
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted and yet undefiled.

- 2 Sunbeams scorching all the day, Chilly dewdrops nightly shed, Prowling beasts about thy way, Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.
- 3 Let us thine endurance share, And awhile from joys abstain, With thee watching unto prayer, Strong with thee to suffer pain.
- 4 And if Satan, vexing sore, Flesh or spirit should assail, Thou, his vanquisher before, Grant we may not faint nor fail.
- 5 So shall we have peace divine, Holier gladness ours shall be, Round us too shall angels shine, Such as ministered to thee.

6 Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear, Ever constant by thy side, That with thee we may appear At the eternal Eastertide.

George Hunt Smyttan 1822-1870

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Prayer over the People and Blessing

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray come down upon your people, that hope may grow in tribulation, virtue be strengthened in temptation, and eternal redemption be assured Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ★ and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The priest, deacon or another minister says,

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITING PREACHER, FR PAUL BABIE

The Revd Professor Paul Babie is a Ukrainian Catholic priest of the Eparchy of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholics of Australia, New Zealand, and Oceania. He is also the Bonython Professor Law at the University of Adelaide, where he teaches property law, property theory, law and religion, and Roman law.

Fr Paul was last with us at Fr Steven's commissioning in June 2022, when he proclaimed the Gospel and preached. Welcome back, Fr Paul!

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Fr Paul's visit reminds us especially of the need to pray for the people of Ukraine as the first year of the Russian invasion passes. As this anniversary is observed, we do well to reflect on the message to the world from the Church's primate, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Galicia, who writes:

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

Today is February 24, 2023 God's year, and we, in Ukraine, end a year of a great, full-scale war that the Russian occupier and aggressor brought to our land. Its been a year of pain, tears and blood. It was a year of struggle, immense courage and resilience of the sons and daughters of our Motherland. And at the same time it was a year of great faith and hope that the Lord God has not left us, that He is and will be the source and the key of our lives and our victory.

This morning we are inadvertently remembering how it all began in Kyiv on that fateful morning of February 24, 2022. We all woke up to the explosions of rockets and bombs. I recall that then we saw from here, on the left bank of the Dnieper, burning upper Kyiv on the right bank. We saw Russian helicopters hovering over our Patriarchate Cathedral. I asked, "Lord, why have you allowed us to see this?" Why is this happening to us? ". It felt like such pictures were seen by the Prophet Jeremiah as he watched how Babylonian invaders destroyed Jerusalem, and wept over the city. A year ago, we cried so much over our Kiev, which became the first target of the Russian coup.

That morning - under bombs - we were preparing an address to our people, our Church. In that message, we claimed that Ukrainians have the right and sacred duty to protect their homeland. We recalled that, as the history of the twentieth century teaches, the one who starts the war, who cherishes the illusions of omnipotence, loses it. For the Lord God catches the mighty in their delusion, to throw the mighty off their thrones, and lifts up the poor and the humble. Already then we claimed that He would be with us, that Ukraine would win, and this would be the victory of God's power over human lust, greed, human sin. And this is how it goes. The word of the gospel says: "The Lord hath done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes."

Every day throughout the year we claimed: Ukraine stands, Ukraine fights, Ukraine prays! This phrase came up spontaneously because neither one of us planned daily video calls or other year-round activities. I remember when people from different countries called and asked: "Are you still alive in Kyiv?". And then I asked my secretary: "Let's make a video so that everyone can see that we are alive, that we continue to fight, that we do not give up and that we all stand together to protect the Motherland." This video appeal was first released on February 25.

But today we say: Ukraine stands, Ukraine stood all year! Thank you Lord God for giving us strength and endurance.

Ukraine is fighting back! We give a big thank you to all those who fought, who are fighting today and who will fight until the final victory of Ukraine. This struggle of Ukraine is now admired by the whole world. Just this night, when the Ukrainians were still sleeping, the United Nations adopted a

resolution on the formula for achieving peace in Ukraine. This formula of peace, which has become the solution of the world community, is the formula of peace of Ukraine, what we aspire and fight for.

Ukraine is praying! We want to spend this day in prayer and fasting, doing good deeds. St. Peter Chrysologist said that these three elements - prayer, fasting and alms - are the only spiritual action. According to him, whatever we ask of the Lord God in prayer, through our fasting He hears, and by grace it gives us.

Today we feel that the Lord God hears us, grants us what we ask of Him for the salvation of our people, and helps us save in Ukraine the lives of those who have been injured, who are the victims of this unfair Russian aggression, war. Therefore, I urge you all to spend this day in prayer, fasting and doing acts of mercy and love.

I wish to thank everyone who took the time every day to listen to our video appeal. Dear brothers and sisters, thank you that during that year we lived, fought and prayed together. Thank you to those who did not just listen to our addresses every day, but translated them into other languages: English, French, Italian, Spanish, German and Polish. Thank you and to those who listened to the voice from Ukraine in different parts of Europe and the world - you have heard the truth about Ukraine proclaimed by the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

May the Lord God bless our homeland. May it help us live to the bright day of victory. May He give us the strength to heal the wounds of war, the wounds that each of us carries in our soul, in our heart, in our body. May the Lord God bless the Ukrainian authorities, our soldiers, rescuers, doctors, volunteers, sons and daughters of Ukraine, who are approaching the victory day every day.

And we ask today: Lord, bless us all, our Ukraine your fair, heavenly peace!

The blessings of the Lord be upon you, with His grace and favour, always and forever and ever. Amen.

ADELAIDE FRINGE CONCERTS, 2023 - BEGINNING TODAY

The Parish has again registered as a venue in the 2023 Adelaide Fringe and will host three concerts on Sunday at 2.30 pm. The first concert is TODAY, **Sunday 26 February** ("Sonnet and Song" – theatre troupe Butterfly Theatre presents Shakespeare with accompanying music), followed by **Sunday 5 March** (popular community choir Voices in the Wilderness) and **Sunday 12 March** (Singers from "St Mary Magdalene's and Friends" presenting the "Songs of Ascent", the fifteen Psalms 120–134, sung to classic Anglican chant by South Australian composers). Tickets costing \$23 (\$18 concession) are now on sale through Fringetix via adelaidefringe.com.au or 1300 621 255.

These concerts are an important fund-raiser in the course of the year, and are also a great opportunity to introduce newcomers to our beautiful church. Please consider, and promote widely.

SPECIAL EVENT: THE PSALMS AND THE SONGS OF ASCENT, WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH

We have a special event in association with our final Fringe concert on the Psalms. On Wednesday 8 March at 7 pm there will be a workshop, **The Psalms and the Songs of Ascent**, led by Old Testament scholar the Revd Dr Melinda Cousins. Dr Cousins completed her PhD on the Psalms, and specifically on the Songs of Ascent, with reference to ideas of performance, imagination, emotion, and embodiment. Dr Cousins is the Director of Ministry Accreditation for the Baptist Churches of SA, a lecturer at Tabor College, and Teaching Pastor at the Richmond Baptist Church.

Free registration is via Eventbrite or email StMMAdelaide.Parish@outlook.com.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE IN LENT

The customs of **fasting** and **abstinence** have been observed from the earliest times. **Fasting** is understood, these days, to consist of one substantial meal a day, or for small meals to be taken in the morning and evening. **Abstinence** includes not consuming meat, and avoiding luxurious foods generally.

These acts of discipline are especially appropriate in Lent, setting the tone for the season through the call to turn away from sin and to be faithful to the gospel.

Archbishop Geoff invites the people of the diocese to join him, this year, in fasting and prayer on the Wednesdays during Lent. His prayers will focus on two aspects of the "Calls" that arose from the recent Lambeth Conference of Bishops. The Archbishop's prayer, which he invites us to join, is that we as a Diocesan community, and as individual members of it, might discern how to bear faithful witness to Christ and authentically proclaim the gospel in our Adelaide context.

Archbishop Geoff reminds us, "The point of fasting with prayer is not to change God's mind about something (or to lose weight) but to sharpen our awareness of God and our openness to God and to prompt us to pray."

WORSHIP DURING LENT

During Lent we make additional opportunities for worship available as part of our Lenten discipline. This year, the regular weekly pattern will include

Sunday 10 am, Sung Mass

Wednesday 8 am, Reflection and Prayer

Thursday 12 noon Angelus, 12.10 pm Mass Friday 6.15 pm, Stations of the Cross

The **Reflection on Wednesday mornings** will be based on Fr Philip Carter's series called "Thin Places" that will also be the blog content for Lent. You can see these reflections on the blog at stmarymagdalenesadelaide.org.

The **Stations of the Cross on Friday** is a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus's last day on earth, beginning with the condemnation before Pontius Pilate. The stations are commonly used as a pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, we recall and meditate on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then we move to the next station until all 14 are complete.

The Stations of the Cross are usually in the form of a series of 14 icons or images, such as those hanging in St Mary Magdalene's which are typical of the mid-20th century. The stations are most commonly prayed during Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The text of the Stations is on our web page at https://stmarymagdalenes.weebly.com/the-stations-of-the-cross.html

LENTEN STUDY: TRANSFORMATION: THE STORY OF NICODEMUS: 16 - 23 - 30 MARCH

Three-part Lenten study in two groups (Thursday 10am (Parco, 259 Hutt Street) or 7pm on Zoom)

Thu 16 "How can anyone be born after having grown old?" (Jn 3:1-17)

Thu 23 "Never has anyone spoken like this" (Jn 8:45-52)

Thu 30 "They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with spices in linen cloths" (Jn 19:38-42)

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 8 am Reflection and Prayer

Thursday 12 noon Angelus; **12.10 pm** Mass (traditional rite)

Friday 6.15 pm Stations of the Cross **Sunday 10 am** Sung Mass with choir

Mass is offered at St Peter's Cathedral from Monday to Friday at 7.30 am, and on Wednesday at 10 am.

Inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings to Fr Steven Ogden.

Confessions or confidential personal time with a priest are always available on request.

Regular Giving and Donations

Financial support for our mission and ministry through electronic funds transfer (EFT) is an efficient way of making regular contributions to your congregation. Regular giving helps us plan for the future and ensures you continue offering support when you can't make it to Church.

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The Magdalene Centre

82 Gilbert Street, Adelaide Tel (08) 8305 9389

Non-perishable food for those in need can be left in the baskets at the back of the church or delivered to the Magdalene Centre from 12 noon to 3 pm, Monday to Friday.

Donations of cash are welcome via https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/.

The Collective of St Mary Magdalene (Mary Mags Dinner)

Pray for all those who receive the Collective's weekly support, and who are seeking meals and companionship at other times during the week.

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Next Sunday, 5 March, at 10 am - The 2nd Sunday in Lent

Readings: Genesis 12.1-4a • Psalm 121 • Romans 4.1-17 • John 3.1-17

For Your Prayers

Pray for responsible leadership among the nations as the COVID-19 pandemic continues; pray for an end to violence and oppression; pray for peace and justice, especially for refugees, asylum seekers, and those seeking places of safety and security.

Pray for all those who are troubled in body, mind or spirit, especially Paull, Sim, Jasmin, Henry, John Edwards (priest), Peter Garland (priest), Robert Whalley (priest), John Parkes (bishop), Stephan Clark (priest), Mark, Olivia, Nance, Neil, Elaine, Edward and Neil.

Pray for those who have died: those who have worked and worshipped in this place before us; those who have died as a result of COVID-19 and in other tragic circumstances; those who have died recently, especially Sonia Coorey, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. † Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.