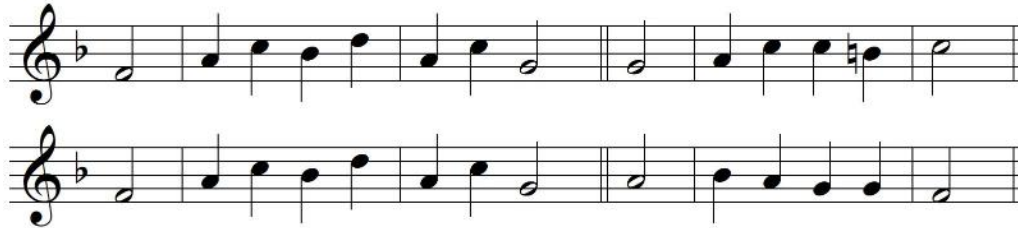


## The 4th Sunday in Lent

14 March 2021

A ministry of prayer for healing and wholeness will be offered in the Holy Innocents Chapel during the Communion of the People. If you would like to make a note of prayer points or special intentions for prayer, please use the card which is available at the rear of the church.

*When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn.*



**Pray that Jerusalem may have  
Peace and felicity:  
Let them that love thee and thy peace  
Have still prosperity.**

**2 Therefore I wish that peace may still  
Within thy walls remain,  
And ever may thy palaces  
Prosperity retain.**

**3 Now, for my friends' and kindred's sake,  
Peace be in thee, I'll say;  
And for the house of God our Lord  
I'll seek thy good always.**

Scottish Psalter, 1650

### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### Entrance Antiphon

Isaiah 66.11

*The choir sings the Entrance Antiphon.*

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

#### Greeting

✠ 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.**

*The priest or another minister may briefly introduce the Mass of the day.*

## Penitential Act

*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.

Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you bring light to those in darkness:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The priest says:*

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

## Collect

Let us pray.

Everlasting God

in whom we live and move and have our being,

you have made us for yourself,

and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you:

give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,

that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will,

no weakness prevent us from doing it;

that in your light we may see light,

and in your service find perfect freedom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Numbers 21.4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers.

The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole;

and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

For the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 107.1–3, 17–22



℞. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is — good.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim  
that he has redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

He gathered them out of the lands,  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. ℞

Some were fools far gone in transgression,  
and were afflicted because of their sins.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.

He sent forth his word and healed them  
and saved them from destruction. ℞

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy  
and the wonders he does for his children.

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and tell of his works with gladness. ℞

### Second Reading

Ephesians 2.1-10

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

For the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

John 3.16

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 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. 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. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,

**praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

Fr Gwilym Henry-Edwards

*Silence may be kept.*

**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**

*Pray for the world and for the church.*

### **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.*

Noth-ing can trou-ble, noth-ing can frigh-ten; those who seek God shall nev-er go  
want-ing. Noth-ing can trou-ble, noth-ing can frigh-ten; God a-lone fills us.

Jacques Berthier 1923-94

*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 of mercy and compassion,  
your Word calls us home to faith and love.  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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.**

All glory and honour, be yours now and always,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

He was tempted in every way as we are,  
yet he did not sin.

By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

By his grace we are able  
to triumph over every evil,  
and to walk in the way of his love.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san - na in the high - est.

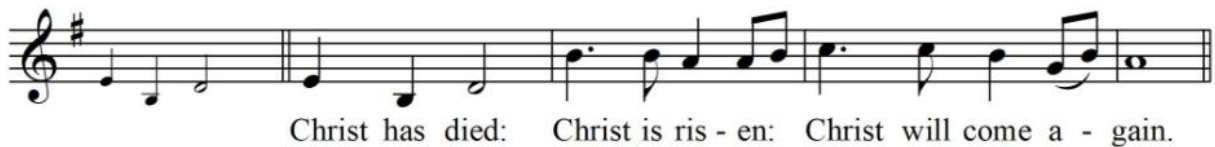
Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

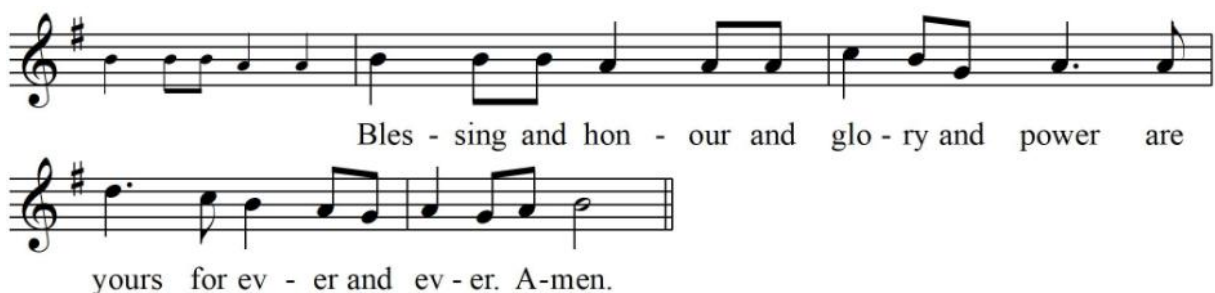
After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Renew us by your Holy Spirit  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:





## THE COMMUNION RITE

### The Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

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.

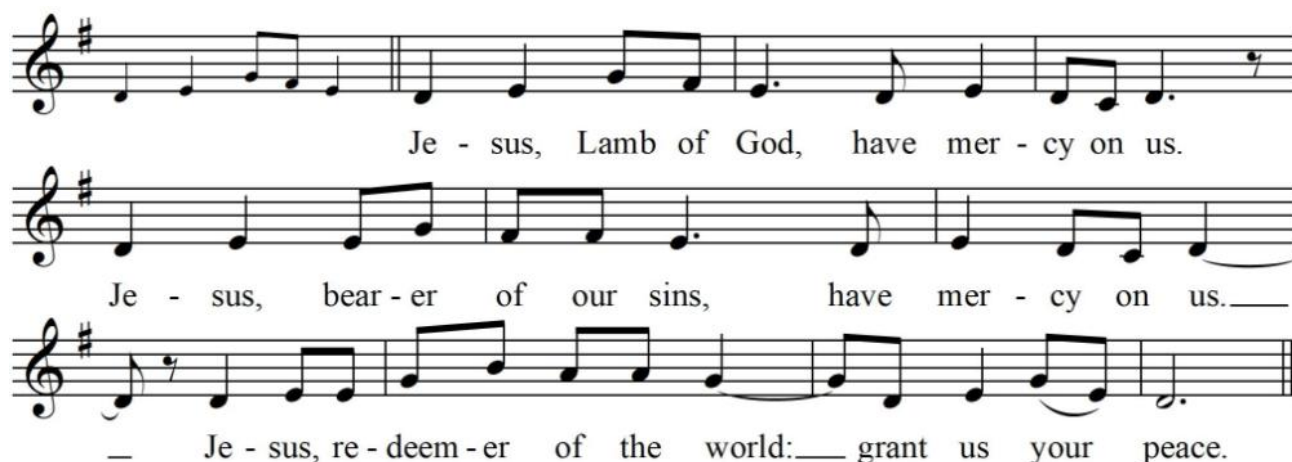
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### 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.*



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us. —

— Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: — grant us your peace.

### Invitation to Communion

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.**



Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ  
in remembrance that he died for us,  
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*All receive Holy Communion.*

*Communion will be administered in one kind only. Communicants are asked to approach in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning to their places via the side aisles.*

*Those who are not to receive the Blessed Sacrament are invited to unite themselves with Jesus by making a Spiritual Communion.*

## Act of Spiritual Communion

St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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*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.*

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## Communion Antiphon

cf. John 9.11, 28

*The choir sings:*

The Lord anointed my eyes, I went, I washed, I saw and believed in God.

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Giver of life,  
you enlighten all who come into the world.  
Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily praise your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## Postcommunion Hymn



**God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store:  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
costly cross, grave's shattered door.  
Gifted by you, we turn to you,  
offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever,  
gracious donor of our days.**

**2 Skills and time are ours for pressing  
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom,  
races joined, the Church made one.  
Now direct our daily labour,  
lest we strive for self alone;  
born with talents, make us servants  
fit to answer at your throne.**

3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through powers your grace conferred;  
ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to spread the Gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
serving you by loving all.

Robert Edwards 1915-2006

#### BLESSING OF SIMNEL CAKE ON REFRESHMENT SUNDAY

*At or after Mass on Refreshment Sunday.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, giver of all joy:  
receive and ✠ bless this cake,  
which earth has given and human hands have made,  
that it may be to us a symbol  
of our communion with you and with one another.

As its flour was once scattered over our land as wheat and now is one,  
so let us be one in anticipation  
of the gift of the new Jerusalem which, as your redeemed people,  
is our joy, our hope, our destiny, and our home.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### THE CONCLUDING RITES

##### **Prayer over the People and Blessing**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful,  
and in your kindness grant your servants this grace:  
that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbour,  
they may fulfil the whole of your commands.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,  
that you may find in him crucified  
a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sin forgiven;  
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.**

## NOTICES

### COVID-19 MISINFORMATION

The Archbishop has written to the Clergy to encourage them to distribute the Australian Government's Fact Sheet for the COVID Vaccine Rollout. Church leaders around the world have been speaking out amid warnings that misinformation and low uptake among some communities poses a risk to the programme's effectiveness in protecting the whole population.

The Fact Sheet is available on the web page <http://stmarymagdalenes.weebly.com/> under the COVID tab.

### ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday 21 March after the 10 am Mass. The business for the Annual Vestry Meeting is prescribed by ordinance, and includes receiving reports, the audited accounts, and the budget, and conducting elections.

There will be elections for the positions of Churchwarden (1), Parish Council (3 or a multiple of 3) and the Nomination Committee (3). Nomination forms are available and should be returned by Sunday 14 March. If you have any questions about serving in one of these ministries, please speak to either of the Wardens or Fr Gwilym.

The meeting will be chaired by the Archdeacon of the City of Adelaide and the Port, David Bassett, who will also preach at Mass on that day.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

We have for the past 12 months offered Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays in addition to Sunday worship. Fr Gwilym's appointment necessitates a review of the Tuesday Mass, as he is not available on that day. There will therefore be **no Mass on Tuesday** for the next few weeks while we consider the options.

If you have a particular view or preference as regards weekday worship, please let Fr Gwilym or the Wardens know.

### WORSHIP IN HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Parish Council discussed at its last meeting the schedule of worship for Holy Week and Easter. The changes in the past year, and the ongoing impact of the pandemic on church attendance, mean that there are a number of matters to be considered.

**Palm Sunday.** On this day we gather at 10.30 am at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral Mass for an ecumenical Blessing and Procession of Palms before returning to the church for Mass. Please note the late starting time and the location. Those for whom the walk is too much can gather at the Church

On **Wednesday in Holy Week** we will offer the meditative service of **Tenebrae** at 7.30 pm.

On **Maundy Thursday** the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** will be offered at 7.30 pm. The traditional footwashing will not be observed this year, as the restrictions imposed by the pandemic continue. After Mass, the **Watch of the Passion** begins. We have for many years been able to maintain this vigil throughout the night until the liturgies of Good Friday. We will make a roster available in a few weeks time, on the basis of which we will make a decision about the length and format of the Watch.

On **Good Friday**, we have previously celebrated the special Liturgy of the Day in two ways, a morning service with a contemporary feel and music, and a 3 pm traditional celebration at which the St John Passion is sung. Both of these services have substantial regular congregations, a significant number of whom do not attend at other times of the year. We will maintain these two offerings at the times of 10 am and 3 pm.

On **Easter Sunday**, we have for around 20 years celebrated the **Easter Vigil** at dawn, followed by a gala breakfast. Parish Council has come to the conclusion that the declining numbers at this special celebration – it is the greatest celebration of the Church's year! – mean that the time of the Vigil needs to be reconsidered, with the options being

- Saturday evening at 8 or 9 pm;
- Sunday morning at 6 am.

We will again ask for a show of hands on these options, or you may reply by email. Rest assured that whatever the time, there will be a suitably festive celebration to follow!

Finally, the **Mass of Easter Day** will be at 10 am.

## SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

**Thursday 12 noon**      **Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass** (traditional rite) (Church open 11.30 am – 1 pm)  
**Sunday 10 am**          **Sung Mass** with children's ministry and choir

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

Inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings to the Locum Priest. Confessions or confidential personal time with a priest are always available on request.

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### 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.

Our Details: Bank: Bankwest, 8 Rundle Mall, Adelaide 5000  
BSB 305 122, account no 0324654. Reference: Your name

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### The Magdalene Centre

*A partnership in mission between St Mary Magdalene's, St John's Halifax Street,  
St Peter's Cathedral, and Anglicare SA*

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.

Goods for the Bargain Centre are not able to be accepted at the present time owing to Covid-19 restrictions.

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

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### The Collective of St Magdalene (Drop-In Centre)

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

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### Next Sunday, 21 March, at 10 am – The 5th Sunday in Lent

Readings: Jeremiah 31.31-34 • Hebrews 5.5-10 • John 12.20-33

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### For Your Prayers

Pray for responsible leadership among the nations as the Covid-19 pandemic continues; pray for an end to racist violence and oppression; pray for peace and justice, especially for refugees and asylum seekers.

Pray for all those who are sick in body, mind or spirit, especially Paull, Valerie, Bishop David McCall, Sim, Clarice, Dulcie, Jasmin, Henry, Fr Gary Priest, Fr Bart O'Donovan, Beth, Chris and Linda Braby

Pray for those who have died recently, especially Phyllis Joan Crowley, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. *Rest ✕ eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

**Notice is given that the Annual Vestry Meeting of the Parish  
will be held after the 10 am Mass on Sunday 21 March.**

