

PEW SHEET

Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday)

15th March 2026

Welcome to Saint John's Finch Street at the heart of the East Malvern community. This iconic sandstone church is home to a welcoming and hospitable community committed to the worship of God in beauty and holiness in the classical Anglican tradition as well as loving and joyful outreach as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday

8:00am: Eucharist (Saint John's)
9:30am: Choral Eucharist (Saint John's)
9:30am: Sung Eucharist (Saint Agnes')
6:00pm: Choral Evensong
(Saint John's, First Sunday)
6:00pm: Evensong & Benediction
(Saint John's, Third Sunday)

Weekday Eucharists

10:00am: Tuesday (Saint Agnes')
10:15am: Friday (Saint John's)

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We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of this place and their stewardship of the land that now sustains us all and on which we worship the God of all Reconciliation and Hope

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The symbol ✠ indicates where the Sign of the Cross is customarily made. Text marked with 🎵 is sung together by both congregation and choir at 9:30am.

The Mass Setting this morning is by Philip Mathias. At 9:30am the Lent Prose is sung.

LENT PROSE

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.**

4. Sins oft committed now we lay before thee :
with true contrition, now no more we veil them :
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.**

*Attende
NEH 507*

Please stand when the bells are rung. The Ministers and Choir enter while the Opening Hymn is sung.

OPENING HYMN

**1. Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.**

**2. The Lord who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell with us in lowliness,
our pattern and our King:**

**3. still to the lowly soul
he will himself impart,
and for his cradle and his throne
chooses the pure in heart.**

4. Lord, we your presence seek;
 this blessing now renew:
 give us a pure and lowly heart,
 a temple fit for you.

John Keble 1792-1866 (vv. 1, 3) and others
 TIS 448

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

The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.

At 9:30am the priest sprinkles the people with Holy Water as the 'Asperges Me' is sung

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is divided into parts for the Cantor and the All. The lyrics are: 'Pu - ri - fy me, O Lord, with hys - sop and I shall be clean: wash me, O Lord, and I shall be whi - ter than snow. Have mer - cy on me, O God, in your en - du - ring good - ness: ac - cor - ding to the fulness of your compassion blot out my of - fen - ces. Wash me tho - rough - ly from my wick - ed - ness: and cleanse me from my sin. Glo - ry to God: Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit: as in the be - gin - ning so now, and for e - ver. A - men.' The score ends with the instruction 'Repeat antiphon'.

Cantor
 All
 Pu - ri - fy me, O Lord, with hys - sop and I shall be clean:
 wash me, O Lord, and I shall be whi - ter than snow. Fine
 Cantor
 Have mer - cy on me, O God, in your en - du - ring good - ness:
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 Repeat antiphon
 and for e - ver. A - men.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ Jesus said ‘This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off. Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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.

♪ Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

THE COLLECTS

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please sit. Before the Liturgy of the Word all children and their parents are invited to come forward to receive a prayer and blessing

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

[16.1-13]

The Lord said to Samuel, ‘How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.’ Samuel said, ‘How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.’ And the Lord said, ‘Take a heifer with you, and say, “I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.” Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.’ Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, ‘Do you come peaceably?’ He said, ‘Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.’ And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.’ But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.’ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, ‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, ‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel,

and Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The Lord has not chosen any of these.’ Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.’ He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, ‘Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.’ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

[23]

The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.

**He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.**

He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name’s sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:**

for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

You spread a table before me
in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.

**Surely your goodness and loving-kindness
will follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

[5.8-14]

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and

right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore it says,

‘Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.’

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand and turn to face the Book of the Gospels.

GOSPEL

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

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‘I am the light of the world,’ says the Lord;

‘those who follow me will have the light of life.’

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

[9:1-41]

Here it is customary to trace three small crosses on the forehead, lips and heart

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ Jesus answered, ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.’ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, ‘Go, wash in the pool of Siloam’ (which means

Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he

comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.’ They answered him, ‘You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?’ And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ He answered, ‘And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.’ Jesus said to him, ‘You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.’ He said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshipped him. Jesus said, ‘I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.’ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, ‘Surely we are not blind, are we?’ Jesus said to them, ‘If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, “We see”, your sin remains.

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

THE SERMON

The Sermon is followed by a time of reflection as the organist plays ‘Christus, der uns selig macht’ by Marcel Dupre

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together stand to 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, *here it is customary to make a slight bow*
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,
Here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist until ‘...became truly human’
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 *here it is customary to make a slight bow*
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 of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Please kneel

Father, creator of light, we hold in prayer all who walk in darkness, that they may know your love and perceive your glory. May your church shine as a light in the world and bring all peoples to you who are the true light. Send out your people in mission to proclaim your love and be a light to the world. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are caught up in works of darkness, those who misuse your world, those who have no respect for people or their feelings, those who deal in wickedness and vice. Renew and refresh your people that they may walk in your ways of righteousness and peace.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord, forgive the hurt we cause by our own negligence and stubbornness of mind. May the knowledge of your love bring joy to our homes, new love to our relationships, deep peace to our communities.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord in prayer we uphold before you all who are blind and all whose sight is failing. Bring healing and refreshment to all who are afflicted in body or spirit. Uphold and sustain those who are facing trials at this time. Comfort and fill with hope those who mourn or who are depressed or disquieted. We name before you in prayer from this parish: Ali, Andrew, Warwick, Harriet, Diane, Geoffrey, Lorraine, Bev and David.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We praise you, O Lord, for all who have entered into a fuller vision, all who have awakened to your glory in heaven and now see you face to face. Into this vision we hand into your care all who have died recently, Max Salveson, and those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Lorna Winifred Jordan Griffiths, Mavis Hilda Kleditz, Leslie Jean Hayman, Kassie Elizabeth Shackall, Mary Robinson, Una Mary Wishart.

Rest ✠ eternal grant to them, O Lord:

and let light perpetual shine upon them.

The prayers of intercession may conclude with a final prayer, after which all stand

GREETING OF PEACE

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet each other with a sign of Christ's peace.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

A collection is taken to support the life and mission of the parish.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Robe yourself, my soul, in gladness,
leave sin's gloomy den of sadness,
come where God in light is waiting,
come, begin the celebrating!
For the Lord brings me salvation,
issues me his invitation;
God most holy comes to win me,
comes from heaven to live within me.

2. Quickly let me go to meet him,
like a bride run out to greet him.
With his grace he stands there knocking;
let me now, my doors unlocking,
open wide the way before him,
say to him, as I adore him:
Come, dear Lord, let me receive you,
do not let me ever leave you.

3. How I hunger, loving Saviour,
for your goodness and your favour!
Often has my heart been burning;
for this food have I been yearning,
often thirsting for refreshing
in this cup of life and blessing,
given by him who here invites us,
and to God himself unites us.

4. All our thinking, as we ponder,
cannot comprehend this wonder,
that this living bread is boundless

though the people fed are countless,
and that Christ his blood is giving
with the wine we are receiving.
What a mystery, of God's planning,
past all human understanding!

5. Jesus, sun of life, my splendour,
Jesus, joy, and friend most tender,
Jesus, source of all my being,
all my thoughts and actions seeing:
at your feet I fall before you;
make me worthy to enjoy you
in this feast that you have given
as my food, the food from heaven.

6. Jesus, bread of life, I pray you,
let me cheerfully obey you,
and accept your invitation
for my good, not condemnation.
Let me eat this supper, knowing
what great love, Lord, you are showing.
Now on earth these gifts you give me,
as your guest in heaven receive me.

Johann Franck 1618-77 and others
TIS 503

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

♪ 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 our thanks and praise.

The priest continues in thanksgiving...

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:

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord,** *here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist*
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
♪ **Blessed ✠ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**
Hosanna in the highest.

The priest continues with the prayer of consecration... It is customary when the bells ring at the elevation of the Sacrament to make the ✠ Sign of the Cross

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

♪ **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues...

... we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

♪ **Blessing and honour and glory and power**
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

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

♪ **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom**
come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

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.

The priest breaks the bread while the Agnus Dei is sung

♩ **O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

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

All baptised Christians who seek Christ in this sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion. Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing instead. During Communion the Parish Choir sing the Motet, 'O Sacrum Convivium' by Olivier Messaien.

Notices may be given here, after which please stand. The priest prays the post-communion prayer, followed by

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The priest pronounces the blessing

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 sins forgiven; *here it is customary to bow, or genuflect on the left knee* and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

CLOSING HYMN

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of our God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
2. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
such music in the sinner's ears
is life, and health, and peace.
3. He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.
4. He speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
5. Hear him, you deaf; his praise, you dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, you lame, for joy!
6. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt
TIS 210

The organist plays the Postlude, 'Christus, der uns selig macht' by J. S. Bach.

Please join us for Morning Tea.

NEWS & NOTICES

EVENSONG WITH BENEDICTION TONIGHT 15 MARCH 6PM

Join us this Sunday evening at 6pm for our monthly service of Congregational Evensong with Benediction: prayers and blessing before the Blessed Sacrament. In keeping with that service it will be simple and participatory, and an opportunity to receive the blessing and benefit of Christ's presence amongst us. As always, followed by wine and cheese All are welcome!

ELECTION OF SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

The Vicar has received a mandate from the Archbishop of Melbourne directing him to invite the Electors of the Parish to proceed to the election of two Lay Representatives and one Alternate Lay Representative in preparation for the Fifty-Fifth Synod of the Diocese of Melbourne. Accordingly, an Election is to be held on Sunday 19th April. Nominations for Lay Representative and Alternate Lay Representative must be given to the Vicar before 8am on Sunday 12th April. Nomination Forms are available from the Vicar. If you would like to nominate somebody, or be considered for nomination, please speak with the Vicar.

LISTENING IN LENT – AN INVITATION FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

The Archbishop of Melbourne is inviting all people in the Diocese to participate in a season of 'Listening in Lent', inviting all churches and communities to listen together as part of one shared Anglican family. During Lent, we are being invited to create space to listen for what God is saying about our shared life and future as the Anglican Church. This listening takes place through individual reflections and locally facilitated conversations, using a small set of shared diocesan questions. The purpose of Listening in Lent is to gather prayerful insights from across many different contexts, so they can be held together and contribute to wider diocesan discernment. What is shared during this season will help shape understanding, prayer, and direction in the seasons that follow. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this process by visiting the 'Listening in Lent' webpage and completing the questionnaire which can be found at: www.melbourneanglican.org.au/listening-in-lent/

LENTEN STUDIES – WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM AT ST AGNES' HOUSE

The Lenten programme for this year has been published and includes details of the Lenten Study being offered this year focusing on 'The Way of Blessedness', reflecting on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, led by Fr Marc Billimoria. All are welcome to join on Wednesday evenings in Lent at 6:30pm at Saint Agnes' House, 116 Booran Road, Glen Huntly.

SAINT JOHN'S FINCH STREET

EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

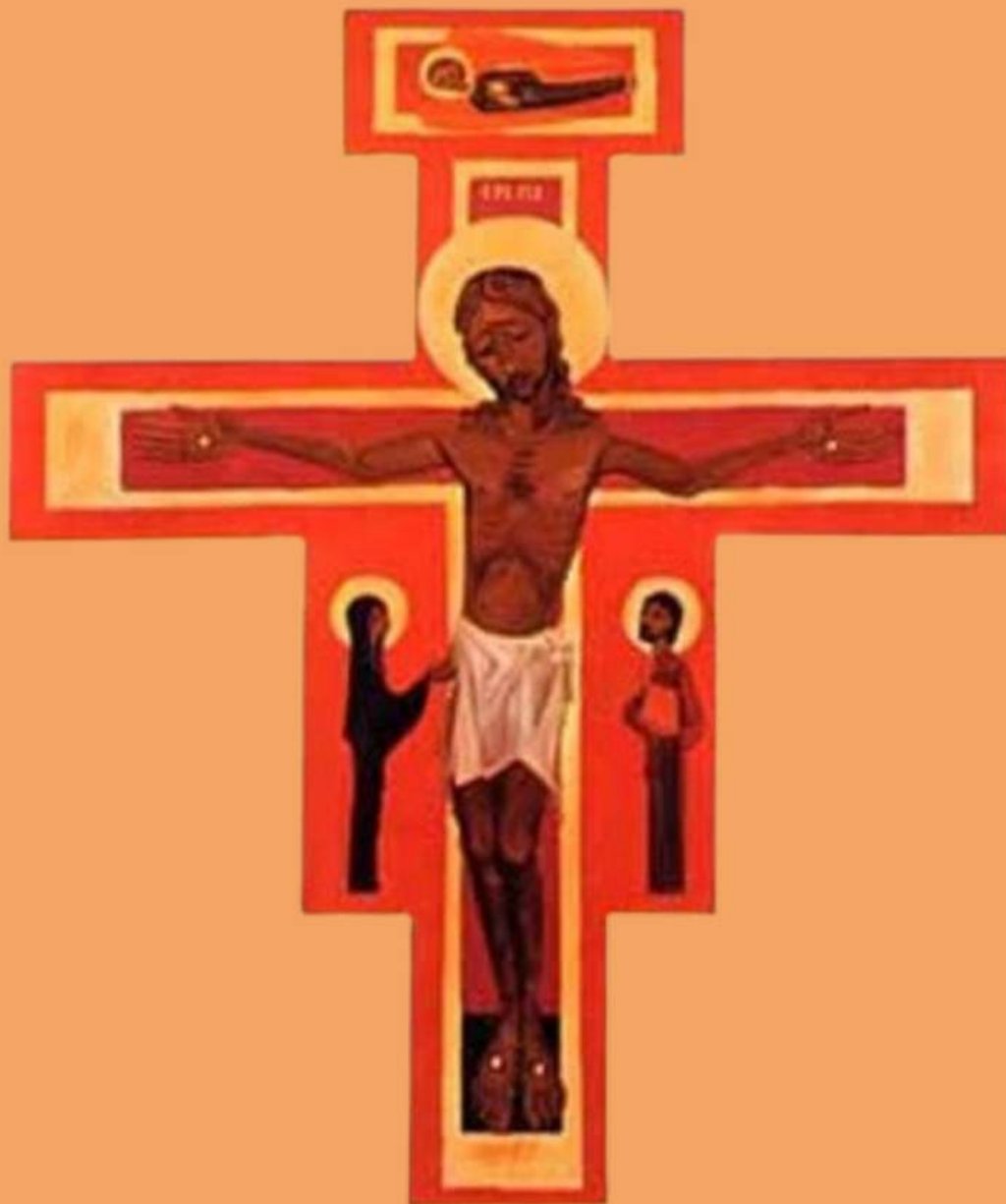
THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 6PM



**A SERVICE OF SONG AND SCRIPTURE, PRAYER AND
BLESSING BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

TAIZE PRAYER FOR LENT

WITH POPE ST JOHN PAUL II'S
STATIONS OF THE CROSS



SAINT AGNES' GLEN HUNTLY

TUESDAY 17 MARCH 6:30PM

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LENT LABYRINTH MEDITATION

*Journey with Jesus through the wilderness to the Cross
this Lent with this meditation using the Saint Agnes' Labyrinth*

FRIDAY 27

MARCH 5PM

Saint Agnes' Anglican Church
114 Booran Road, Glen Huntly

ADMISSION FREE

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Saint John's Finch Street and Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly

Ash Wednesday - 18 February

9:30am at Saint Agnes' and 6pm at Saint John's

'Way of Blessedness' Lenten Study

Wednesdays at 6:30pm at Saint Agnes' House

Lenten Taize Evening

Tuesday 17 March, 7pm at Saint Agnes'

Lenten Labyrinth Meditation

Friday 27 March, 5pm at Saint Agnes'

Daily Office Challenge - 9:15am and 4:45pm

Daily throughout Lent at both churches

'Called to Care' by Anglican Overseas Aid

Self-guided weekly study

'Holy Habits' with Sr Monica Clare

Self-guided daily reflections online use QR



Lent 2026

Sri Lankan Lunch

Chicken Kottu Rotti -

Sri Lankan Street Food.

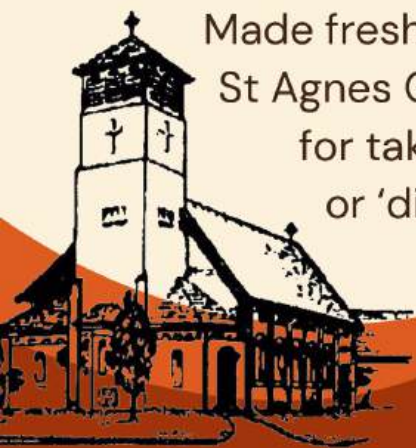
*Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly
114 Booran Road*

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*22 March
12noon*

Kottu roti is a popular Sri Lankan street food made on a hot griddle pan using roti (flat bread) which is cut into strips and cooked with a combination of onions, cabbage, leeks, eggs (optional), and chillies (optional) together with a meat curry (usually chicken or lamb).

Made fresh to order at
St Agnes Glen Huntly
for takeaway
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Listening in Lent

Help shape our shared future

An invitation to listen, reflect, and respond together

During Lent, you are invited to be part of Listening in Lent – an opportunity to pause, reflect, and share what you notice and hope for as part of the Diocese of Melbourne today, and as we look to the future together.

Take part by filling in the online questionnaire. It's open to everyone and every response is valued.

1. What do you most appreciate about the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Melbourne?

2. What do you least appreciate, or what do you sense God may be inviting us to leave behind?

3. What would you love to see God do in and through the Anglican Church over the next ten years?

4. What could we do now that would make a big difference?

Listening in Lent Survey

Have your say and share your reflections.



Scan the QR code
and click "Fill in the questionnaire"
to do the survey

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

29 March	Palm	8am	Eucharist
	Sunday	9.15am	Choral Eucharist with Palms

31 March	Holy	7.30pm	Choral Tenebrae
	Tuesday		

2 April	Maundy	7pm	Choral Eucharist with
	Thursday		Feet Washing & Vigil Watch

3 April	Good	10am	Liturgy of the Day
	Friday	3pm	Children & Families' Service

5 April	Easter	8am	Eucharist
	Sunday	9.30am	Choral Eucharist
		6pm	Evensong & Benediction

UPCOMING CONCERTS

8TH

Sunday, 6:00 pm:
JASON JI (SAX) & PO GOH (PIANO)

Before moving to Japan for further studies, Jason presents a program of Western staples, alongside Australian premiers by Sakamoto and Nishimura.

11TH

Wednesday, 7:00 pm:
SEAN KIM (PIANO)

Illumination: A Dialogue Across Eras traces a living thread through history from Bach's architectural clarity to Ravel's shimmering textures.

13TH

Friday, 6:00 pm:
EDMUND MANTELLI (VIOLA) & CEDAR QUARTET (STRINGS)

Presenting a wide variety of genres and eras including Bach, Haydn, Hindemith, and Australian composer Paul Stanhope.

15TH

Sunday, 1:00 pm:
HONK! (WIND QUINTET)

A concert of delightful French music including a spectacular arrangement of Ravel's *String Quartet in F Major*.

15TH

Sunday, 4:00 pm:
OCEAN SAX QUARTET

Presenting works originally for saxophone quartet, string quartet arrangements, and new works by Asian-Australian composers.

22ND

Sunday, 4:00 pm:
MARCUS HO (SAX) & PETER DE JAGER (PIANO)

Performing beautiful yet fatalistic works of the 20th century by composers Decruck, Tomasi, and Hindemith.

More details & tickets at
linktr.ee/finchstconcerts



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FINCH STREET

PALM CROSSES LENT 2026

An act of tactile
Prayer and Devotion through Lent

Each year parishioners of Saint John's Finch Street fold up to 5,000 palm crosses which are supplied to churches across Melbourne and beyond. Folding workshops are held throughout Lent and all are encouraged to participate in this simple act of Lenten dedication.

Something tangible - prayer that we may touch and hold onto.

Something devotional - an act of piety and prayerfulness.

Something simple - recalling us to the simple straightforwardness of our hope in the Cross.

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MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY *Wednesday February 18, 6pm*

TENEBRAE *Tuesday March 31, 7:30pm*

MAUNDY THURSDAY *Thursday April 2, 7pm*

GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTION *Friday April 3, 10am*

EASTER SUNDAY *Sunday April 5, 9:30am*

BACH CANTATA EVENSONG *Sunday May 3, 6pm*

SCHOLARS' SOIREE *Friday May 22, 7pm*

MIDWINTER COMPLINE *Sunday June 28, 8pm*

CHOIR SHOWCASE CONCERT *Friday July 31, 7pm*

CATHEDRAL EVENSONG *Sunday August 30, 4pm*

ALL SOULS' REQUIEM *Sunday November 1, 7pm*

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS *Sunday December 20, 7:30pm*

MIDNIGHT MASS *Thursday December 24, 11pm*

CHRISTMAS MORNING *Friday December 25, 9:30am*

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ROSTER	15 March 2026	22 March 2026
8.00am Eucharist		
Welcomer	David Arden	Joel Ringrose
Server	Roxane Hislop	Greg Thompson
Readers	David Richards Joel Ringrose	Greg Thompson Roxane Hislop
9:30am Eucharist		
Welcomers	Sue Lockey John Stuckey	Niki Morshedi Rosemary Wickett
Sub-Deacon	Rick Burman	Tim Clarke
Crucifer	Tim Clarke	Satoshi Okita
Acolytes	William and Manny	William and Manny
Gospel Bearer	Bella Ross	Bella Ross
Thurifer	TBA	TBA
Readers	James Buckmaster Bron Williams	Sue Lockey David Brennan
Intercessor	David Brennan	Jenny Thomson
Organist	Yi-Shuen Chan	Bruce Fethers
Post-Service Hospitality	Niki Morshedi Rosemary Wickett	Robin Richards Margaret Garing
6.00pm		
Welcomers	John Jobling	--
Readers	John Jobling Marigold Draper	--
Organist	Tim Clarke	--
Post Service Hospitality	David & Elizabeth Woods	--
Weekly Duties		
Flowers (for the Sunday)	No Flowers in Lent	No Flowers in Lent
Bins (for the week after Sunday)	David Arden <i>Garden & Garbage</i>	Jim Morse <i>Recycling & Garbage</i>



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