

## PEW SHEET

### Third Sunday in Lent

8<sup>th</sup> 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 'Mass for Three Voices' by Byrd.*

*At 9:30am the Lent Prose is sung.*

## LENT PROSE

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

3. God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated : bow down and  
hearken to thy weeping children : pity and pardon all our  
grievous trespasses.

**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. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee:  
let the water and blood,  
from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure,  
cleanse me from its guilt and power.**

2. Not the labours of my hands  
can fulfil thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears for ever flow,  
all for sin could not atone:  
thou must save, and thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,  
simply to thy cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Saviour, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when my eyelids close in death,  
when I soar through tracts unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.

*Augustus Montague Toplady 1740-78*  
TIS 222

✠ 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 on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff is labeled 'Cantor' and the second '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.' The piece ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'.

Cantor

Have \_\_\_\_\_ mer - cy on me, O God, in your en - du - ring good - ness: \_

All

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: \_

Cantor

and cleanse \_\_\_\_\_ me from my \_\_\_\_\_ sin. \_\_\_\_\_ Glo - ry \_\_\_\_\_ to God:

All

Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit: \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ the be - gin - ning so \_\_\_\_\_ now,

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.**

♪ Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.	<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>

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**

Lord God, our Redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; 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 Book of Exodus.

[17.1-17]

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose some men for us and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.' So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun set. And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the sword.

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Write this as a reminder in a book and recite it in the hearing of Joshua: I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.' And Moses built an altar and called it, 'The Lord is my

banner. He said, 'A hand upon the banner of the Lord! The Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.'

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

[95]

O come, let us sing out to the Lord:  
let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:  
and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God:  
and a great king above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth:  
and the peaks of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his and he made it:  
his hands moulded dry land.

**Come, let us worship and bow down:  
and kneel before the Lord our maker.**

For he is the Lord our God:  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

**Today if only you would hear his voice—  
'Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah:  
as on that day at Massah in the wilderness;**

'When your forebears tested me:  
put me to proof, though they had seen my works.

**'Forty years long I loathed that generation and said:  
"It is a people who err in their hearts,  
for they do not know my ways";**

'Of whom I swore in my wrath:  
"They shall not enter my rest."

## SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

[5.1-11]

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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.

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

‘The water that I will give,’ says the Lord, ‘will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal 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.

[4:5-42]

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

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

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him

must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

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

## **THE SERMON**

*The Sermon is followed by a time of reflection as Paul Annable plays on piano, 'Descent from the Cross'*

## 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*

Lord, as we journey towards the promised land, refresh, renew, restore us in your service. We pray for churches where life has become dull and dry. We pray for churches struggling for survival. We pray for Christians drained of energy and resources and remember especially those who thirst for your presence and your saving power.

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

We pray for all who thirst after justice, all who are working hard to improve. We remember all who are suffering from weariness and exhaustion. We pray for all who live in desert lands – remembering at this time particularly all caught up in war in the Middle East. Bring about justice, peace and safety.

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

We pray for all who are going through a period of test and dryness, in their faith or their relationships. We pray for those whose ardour has cooled, for all who have lost their first zeal and zest for life. We pray for all who are suffering from a lack of love in their homes. May they be refreshed and renewed by your love.

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

We remember all who feel wrung out or dried up, all who are wearied with the journey of life, all who feel they are near to perishing. We pray for all who cannot cope by themselves, for all who are in care, and for all carers. We remember all in palliative care or aged care homes. Meet them in their needs, as we also pray particularly this day for: Ali, Andrew, Warwick, Harriet, Diane, Geoffrey, Lorraine, Bev and David.

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

We give thanks for the fellowship of those whose journey is over, those who hunger and thirst no more, all who have been refreshed and restored in the anticipation of your Kingdom. May we share with them in the fullness of life which is eternal. Into this hope we commend all who have died recently,

and those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Joan Dorothy Berry, Daisey Florence Harrison, Leslie McNabb Harrison Emile Tilleard, Henrietta Pearce, Lydia Pearce.

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. Just as I am, without one plea  
but that your blood was shed for me,  
and that you would my Saviour be,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

2. Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind -  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yes, all I need, in you to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

4. Just as I am, you will receive,  
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because your promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

5. Just as I am – your love unknown  
has broken every barrier down  
now to be yours, and yours alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

6. Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

*Charlotte Elliott 1789-1871 alt  
TIS 584(ii)*

## 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:

*During the 'Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus' it is customary to make a low bow*

♪ Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,  
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

♪ Benedictus ✠ qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
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*

♪ Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

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

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

**O Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us your 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, 'Nachtlied' by Max Reger.*

*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. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink and live.'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till travelling days are done.

*Horatius Bonar 1808-89 alt*  
*TIS 585*

*The organist plays the Postlude*

*Please join us for Morning Tea.*

## NEWS & NOTICES

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### 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 19<sup>th</sup> April. Nominations for Lay Representative and Alternate Lay Representative must be given to the Vicar before 8am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Nomination Forms are available from the Vicar. If you would like to nominate somebody, or be considered for nomination, please speak with the Vicar.

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### 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/](http://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/listening-in-lent/)

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### 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.

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### PALM CROSS FOLDING – SUNDAY AFTER SERVICES

Welcome back to the “fold” all Palm Cross folders (and any new interested ones). You are welcome to join a quick folding class after the Sunday morning services. Saint John’s has a tradition of supplying fresh, green Palm Crosses on Palm Sunday for our parishioners and many other parishes and schools in the Melbourne Diocese. To join contact Mark 0422 430 893 or Robin 0412 545 002.



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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

# Sri Lankan Lunch

*Chicken Kottu Rotti -*

*Sri Lankan Street Food.*

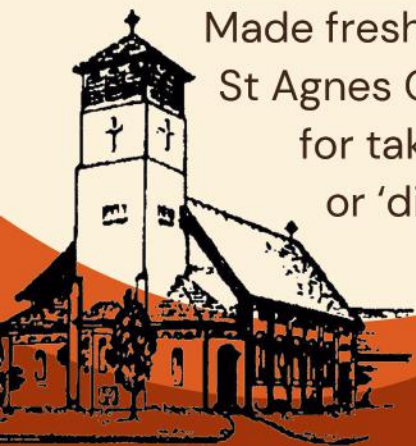
*Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly  
114 Booran Road*

**\$15**

*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  
or 'dine in'



**Pre-orders and payment can be made with  
Carole on 0416 971 309 until 18 March.  
All proceeds toward our Weekend Pantry  
and Community Garden ministries.**



# **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**

SAINT JOHN'S



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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# 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](https://linktr.ee/finchstconcerts)



<b>ROSTER</b>	<b>8 March 2026</b>	<b>15 March 2026</b>
<b>8.00am Eucharist</b>		
Welcomer	David Richards	David Arden
Server	Sue McMahon	Roxane Hislop
Readers	Roxane Hislop Sally Wallis	David Richards Joel Ringrose
<b>9:30am Eucharist</b>		
Welcomers	Rosemary Wickett Marg Garing	Sue Lockey John Stuckey
Sub-Deacon	Jane Dwyer	Rick Burman
Crucifer	Sebastian Harvey	Tim Clarke
Acolytes	William and Manny	William and Manny
Gospel Bearer	Bella Ross	Bella Ross
Thurifer	TBA	TBA
Readers	Don Heath Anne Kerin	James Buckmaster Bron Williams
Intercessor	Jane Fyfield	David Brennan
Organist	Tim Clarke	Yi-Shuen Chan
Post-Service Hospitality	Chris Martin Glenis Heath	Niki Morshedi Rosemary Wickett
<b>6.00pm</b>		
Welcomers	--	John Jobling
Readers	--	John Jobling Marigold Draper
Organist	--	Tim Clarke
Post Service Hospitality	--	David & Elizabeth Woods
<b>Weekly Duties</b>		
Flowers (for the Sunday)	No Flowers in Lent	No Flowers in Lent
Bins (for the week after Sunday)	David Richards <i>Recycling &amp; Garbage</i>	David Arden <i>Garden &amp; Garbage</i>



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