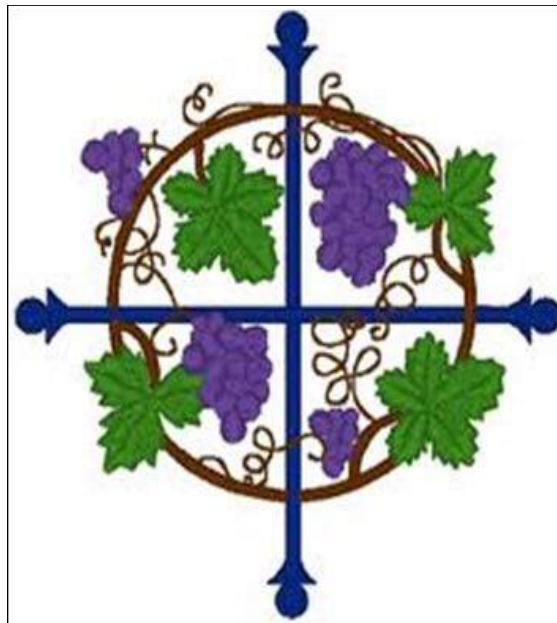


# ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE

**E A S T E R**



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**APRIL 2017**

**Fr Peter writes :**  
***Dear People of St Matthew's***

***CLOSE THE GATE—'SHUT THE '\*\*\*\*\*' GATE'***

*For this one farmer the worries are over,  
lie down and rest your head,  
Your time has been and struggles enough  
put the tractor in the shed.*

*The years weren't all easy, and some downright hard,  
but your faith and friendships not ended,  
your tools are away now sleep in peace.  
The fences have all been mended.*

*You raised a fine family,  
you worked the land well and always followed the Sun,  
hang up your shovel inside of the shed;  
your work here on earth is done.*

*With faith and with laughter your led life through,  
like the Murray as it winds far away  
the sun is setting, the cattle all bedded,  
and here now is the end of your day.*

*Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin;  
and the stories flow on like fine wine,  
shake the dirt off your boots  
and hang up your hat this one final time.*

*You always believed the good Lord would provide  
and he always managed somehow,  
the papers are read, the markets packed up  
no more sweat and worry for now.*

*The siren has sounded, the match is won,  
With the love and respect of your mates  
your spirit lives on, your love of the land,  
and we will close the gate.*

The recent funeral of Daryl Gray, local farmer, good bloke and St Matthews through and through was a proper celebration of life. He lived as though he would live forever and as so many other things he was right. Our Easter faith turns the tables on the greatest sorrow even certainties about things that we consider final or done and dusted are provisional, love and life will have the last word.



Fr Peter with Tiernan Brady

Easter isn't about death and suffering of someone totally remote from life in Albury, it is about transformation. Our Lenten lectures have all spoken to this theme. Young Victorian of the Year Jason Ball powerfully reminded us that people may not remember what we say or what we do but they will remember how we made them feel and challenged everyone to act with compassion. Father Rod Bower from Gosford, famous for his church signs challenged us to communicate differently and be the good news in our current world. Edward Santow, Australian Human Rights Commissioner, spoke of treating people from different backgrounds and religious perspectives with respect drawing from his own family background and asking questions about national policies to refugees. Practical compassion and kindness was also the theme of Sussan Ley's address 'Faith in the Firing Line' which was all about love in action. Reverend Dr Keith Mascord gave us new eyes to look upon old texts as he explored the intellectual 'cop out' of reading the bible in black and white and the resulting cruelty and injustice. He also invited us to be part of a national apology for damage to LGBTI people – again 'love in action'. Peter Evans, Deputy Chairman of Ramsay Health and Chairman of Ramsay Trust, gave a fascinating insight into making a difference in the community in health, education and the arts and pointed to the urgent need for governments and individuals to take up their opportunity. Tiernan Brady, Director of Australians for Equality, spoke of communities of hope and faith communities being part of a positive change. On Palm Sunday Julian Burnside AO QC, Human Rights Advocate, will highlight the minimum standards of practical kindness expected from governments and communities that have a background in the Christian tradition.

The Easter services are also on the theme of renewal and will be a good news message for all people all ages, and all faiths. As always, all invited, all welcome. Seniors Easter service where everyone is invited on Wednesday 12 April at 10.30am. If you would like Easter home communion, please contact the office.

### *Fr Peter*

Lent Guest Speakers :  
L-R Reverend Dr Keith Mascord, Sussan Ley MP, and Reverend Rod Bower



### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Cleaning of church.** By the time, you read this issue of the Grapevine, the choir will have been cleaned. The organ to be cleaned separately. Because of lent and Easter it was decided not to commence the cleaning of the Warrior chapel, St Francis Chapel, the sanctuary and the main body of the church until the 24<sup>th</sup> April. The Lady Chapel was not affected. While the scaffolding is up, light globes will be changed, also fire alarms will be replaced.

**Sound System** A new sound system will be installed in the very near future.

**Advertising sign.** We are looking at getting a digital sign which can be changed by Debra using the computer.

**Choir loft security.** Cameras have been purchased, these now have to be installed.

**Lady Chapel.** The platform has been removed and lo & behold there were tiles underneath. The altar has been moved, it is now on the eastern wall.

**Website.** James is doing a great job with the site.

**Facebook,** A new Facebook page for St Matthew's has been set up by Tom Summerfield. The Facebook page will be linked to the website.

**Anglican Food Room** 27 hampers were given out during February and numerous cups of tea & coffee.

**OP shop.** Takings for February \$462.65

**Finances** At the end of February the account was in the red by \$271.32. \$5,000 was transferred from Highgrove to cover the shortfall.

Mark Carden is now chairperson of the finance committee and is doing a marvellous job.

**Dragon Boat racing.** Thank you, Jane Atkinson, for organising the St Matthew's team.

*Kaye Kennedy* Secretary

Dragon Boat Racing Team





## Evening Group News

It was decided at the March meeting that we would cancel the April meeting

The next meeting will be on 18<sup>th</sup> May. At this meeting, we hope to have a guest speaker.

We will be holding a trivia night at Adamshurst on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August. More details later.

New members are always welcome. Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

**See pew sheet for the time because they do vary.**

*Kaye Kennedy* President

Lent Lecturer Edward Santow  
with Amanda Cohn



Lent: Edward Santow, Amanda  
Cohn and Fr Rod Bower:



Fr Peter with Mairi Johnston



Murray Gardens Service



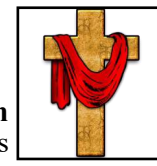
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## **MEDITATION**

### **GOOD FRIDAY – WORDS FROM THE CROSS**



“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me ?” (St Matthew ch: 27 verse 46) and Jesus said

**“It is finished.” (St John ch: 19 verse 30)**

For the three years of his ministry, Jesus had been proclaiming the New Covenant between God and humanity. The era of the Law, stretching over 1,400 years with its emphasis on Jewish religious life had ended. In Our Lord the new order was inaugurated. He gave his life “as a ransom for many”. As St Paul writes, **“God demonstrated his own love for us , in that while we were still sinful people, Christ died for us.”** (Romans 5:8) He goes to the cross on our behalf so that those who trust in him and follow his example of life, will have a place with him in the kingdom of heaven.

Just before Jesus died, he cried out from the cross, asking why did it seem that God had forsaken him. Why did he say those words ? Even though he was God, Jesus was also human, and on the cross he plumbed the uttermost depth of human experience – betrayal and crucifixion. We also experience tragedy in our own human existence, and can feel as if Our Heavenly Father has forgotten or deserted us.

Jesus had become apprehensive in the Garden of Gethsemane and asked... **“if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will but as you will.”** (St Matthew 26:39) Our Lord knew that he must go through with it. He had a conviction that he would not be left alone. By doing this he showed us that there would be no place or situation that we may experience where he had not been before.

Jesus’ last words spoken from the cross were “it is finished”, and with that he died. He had successfully completed his task , he had won the struggle over sin and death. He died a victor with a shout of triumph on his lips.

If we too cling to God (even when he seems far away or even not there at all) and hold on to what remains of our faith and trust, we will win through. We need to stand firm in our refusal to believe that Our Heavenly Father has forgotten or deserted us. Just like Jesus, we need to have a sure confidence in the care and protection of Our Heavenly Father. “Either he will shield us from suffering or give us unfailing strength to bear it”. (St Francis de Sales)

Always remember that “our hope lies not in the man we put on the moon, but in the man we put on the cross.” (Don Basham)

“There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.  
He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good;  
That we might go at last to Heaven, saved by his precious blood.”

I pray that you will have a happy and blessed Eastertide. *Father Colin*



### **Children's Church in March**

As the 3rd Sunday of March was "Harvest Festival" with one of the Lenten Guest speakers, there was no service at 10.30 on that day. However, the children were invited to the service, and asked to bring a tin of vegetables or fresh vegetables, which they brought forward during the service. The children were keen to get close to the live chickens under the pulpit.



The children are invited to be involved in both the Palm Sunday, (April 9th) and Easter services. Good Friday, April 14th and Easter Sunday 16th April.

*Julie Scott*, Spokesperson for Mother's Union Albury

**The Children's Church team** recently farewelled one of our faithful helpers, Roma Sykes, with an afternoon tea. Roma had been involved both with earlier Sunday School, in the Parish Centre for many years, as well as Children's Church, her cheerful personality and involved support will be greatly missed!.



*We wish all our readers -*  
**A Happy, Holy, and Safe,**  
**EASTER SEASON**



Lent Lecture Series





### Church Cleaning of the Choir Loft



Would you know of any one interested in doing Volunteer work at Borella House. It may be one hour or two hours per week or fortnight - commitment please Contact

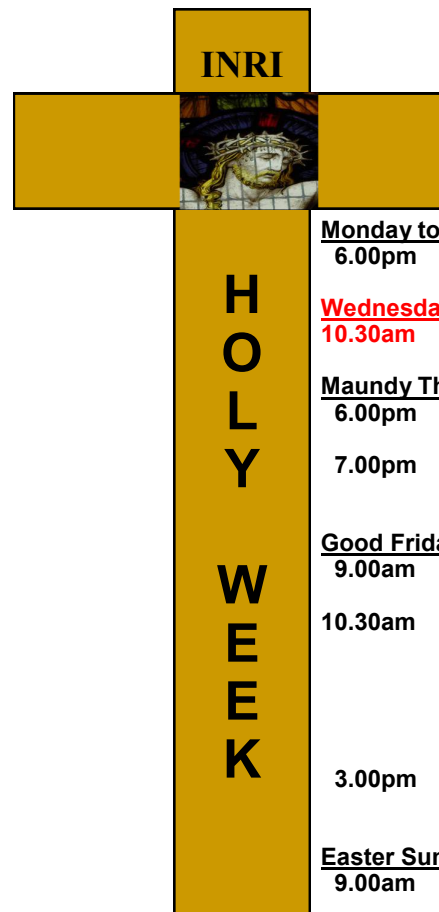
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**Monday to Wednesday**

**6.00pm** Compline Service

**Wednesday Seniors Easter Service**

**10.30am** Eucharist

**Maundy Thursday**

**6.00pm** Simple Lenten Meal and a glass of wine followed by

**7.00pm** Eucharist with washing of hands and stripping of Altar

**Good Friday**

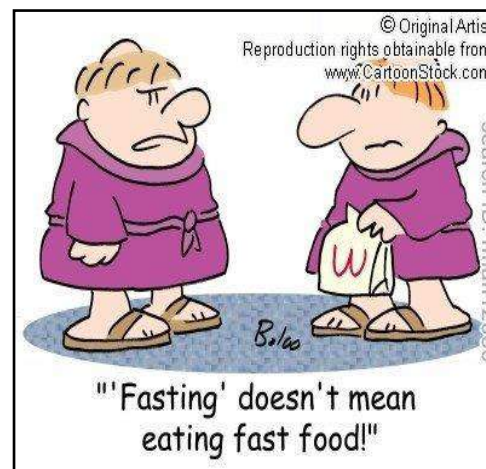
**9.00am** The Passion Hymns and Readings

**10.30am** Sharing the walk of witness, the Stations of the Cross. Starting at St Marks Church – Northern Albury and concluding with Fr Kevin at Sacred Heart Church, followed by Hot Cross Buns

**3.00pm** Music – From Darkness to Light with Greg Brown from Opera Australia

**Easter Sunday**

**9.00am** Family Communion Service, followed by Easter Egg Hunt



# **H U M O U R**

**We'll FINALLY, it just had to come to this sooner or later!**

**A blond man is in the bathroom and his wife shouts: "Did you find the shampoo?"**

He answers, "Yes, but I'm not sure what to do... it's for dry hair, and I've just wet mine."

A blond man spies a letter lying on his doormat.

It says on the envelope "DO NOT BEND ."

He spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick it up.

A blond man shouts frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!"

"Is this her first child?" asks the Doctor.

"No!" he shouts, "this is her husband!"

A blond man is in jail, the guard looks in his cell and sees him hanging by his feet.

"Just WHAT are you doing?" he asks.

"Hanging myself," the blond replies.

"The rope should be around your neck" says the guard.

"I tried that," he replies, "but then I couldn't breathe."

An Italian tourist asks a blond man: "Why do scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?"

To which the blond man replies: "If they fell forward, they'd still be in the boat."

A friend told the blond man: "Christmas is on a Friday this year."

The blond man then said, "Let's hope it's not the 13th."

Two blond men find three grenades, and they decide to take them to a police station.

One asked: "What if one explodes before we get there?"

The other says: "We'll lie and say we only found two."

## **FOR THE KIDS -**



**Q. What did the duck say to the comedian?    A. You quack me up**

**Q. What is the difference between a barking dog and an umbrella?**

**A.    You can shut the umbrella up.**



**Q. Why are dogs like hamburgers .    A. They are both sold by the pound.**

**Q. What do you give a pig with a rash    A. Oinkment.**

## **ON THE RECORD**

### *Baptisms*

*We welcome into Christ's family*

4 March        Aiah Jane PICKERING  
16 March      Kobe Thomas CHURCH



### *Weddings*

*We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony*

9 March        Anthony 'David' MORGAN &  
                     Kirstie Elizabeth JOHNSTON (Melbourne)  
18 March      Joshua James FULFORD &  
                     Chelsea Ann BROWN



### *Funerals*

*We pray for those who have died and extend our sympathies to those who mourn*

3 March        Robert John BROOKS  
10 March      Sarah Jane PURCHALL  
14 March      Richard DAINER  
17 March      Terry HOWARD  
22 March      Mary Irene JACKSON  
23 March      Nola HAWKRIDGE  
23 March      Janette Merlyn ZWAR  
31 March      Daryl Robert GRAY



### *Years Mind – April*


*We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time*

Lou NICHOLSON (2<sup>nd</sup>), Brendan David JONES (2<sup>nd</sup>), Peggy Jean GORDON (5<sup>th</sup>), 'Ros' Rosalind Myee COCKS (6<sup>th</sup>), Sheila Georgina ELLIS (7<sup>th</sup>), John Arthur APPLEBY (7<sup>th</sup>), Eva Edith COBCROFT (9<sup>th</sup>), Brian Albert ROBERTS (11<sup>th</sup>), Harold James William PURSS (12<sup>th</sup>), Margaret PIESSE (PS)(15<sup>th</sup>), Dillon WHITE (16<sup>th</sup>), David Ernest GRANT (16<sup>th</sup>), Nina Edith BERRY (17<sup>th</sup>), Dorothy Zillah CLARKE (19<sup>th</sup>), 'Rex' Allan JENKINS (19<sup>th</sup>), James Archibald KENNEDY (20<sup>th</sup>), Coral YARRINGTON (21<sup>st</sup>), William John FORBES (21<sup>st</sup>), 'Jack' John Maxwell TYRREL (21<sup>st</sup>), Mervyn EISENHauer (22<sup>n</sup>), Thomas FILIPOVIC (22<sup>nd</sup>), Dulcie May NICHOLS (22<sup>nd</sup>), Madaline KARAFFA (23<sup>rd</sup>), Peter BLEASDALE (24<sup>th</sup>), William COLEMAN (25<sup>th</sup>), Marlene Janice KENNEDY (25<sup>th</sup>), Norman John NICHOLS (26<sup>th</sup>), James Lester JACKSON (26<sup>th</sup>), Albert DAWSON (28<sup>th</sup>), Joan DAWSON (28<sup>th</sup>), Florence Helena KOTHE (29<sup>th</sup>), Alice 'Jean' HEINJUS (29<sup>th</sup>), Ivy Irene SMITHENBECKER (29<sup>th</sup>), Ern BLEASDALE (30<sup>th</sup>), 'Bob' Robert LAWSON (30<sup>th</sup>)



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No services

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10.00 a.m. Eucharist at Riverwood (except 1st Friday). All welcome

#### **SUNDAY**

9.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

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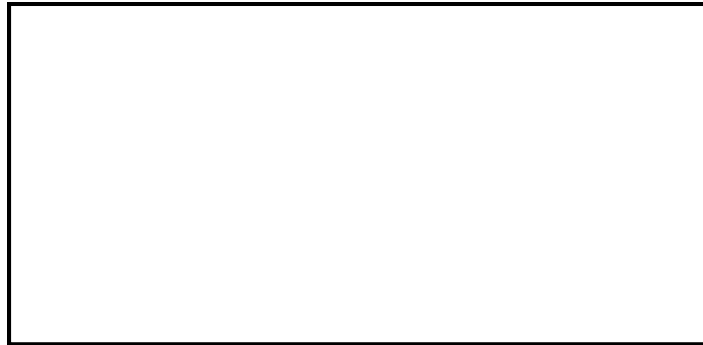
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