

ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



PARISH OF ALBURY

*In the heart of Albury
Welcomes all people*

APRIL 2018

Fr Peter writes :
Dear People of St Matthew's

Prayer

by Francisco X. Alarcon, translated by Francisco Aragon

*I want a God as my accomplice
and gets up late on Saturdays
and likes to drink café latte*

*A God who hurts to the last bone and
bites the air in pain*

*A jobless God
a striking God
a hungry God
a fugitive God
an exiled God
an enraged God*

*A God who longs from jail
for a change in the order of things*

I want a more Godlike God

*The God of Easter is emerging from the tomb of the church's limited retelling of
the story and the good news is that people are finding hope bouncing down the
street which is great news for all*

Easter is about finding life where you least expect it and the triumph of compassion over judgement and cruelty, it is a celebration of hope. Ironically the most hopeless, the outsider, the refugee, those most broken who are likeliest to best illustrate the themes of new life rather than those "with a license to sell the story".

The joy of the resurrection does not fill the whole world in fact in many places it doesn't even fill a few pews, but a glimpse of it is found in the parents who took 650 children to Albury botanical gardens to be part of an Easter egg hunt, the kindness of the Rotary Club of Albury Hume using their 40th anniversary to donate 40 hats and support for St Matthews work with the homeless, those who donate time or money or ideas to extend the works of practical compassion in partnership with Carevan and other agencies it's found in the kindness of strangers and an increasing number of people who use their opportunity to preserve the environment, help the vulnerable and model community service and sacrifice to younger people.

Lent has been a time of fresh ideas with Bishop Andrew Curnow setting the scene for the Lent "impossible until it is done" Fr Rod Bower reminding us that carrying the cross is about bringing about change through engagement with

personal and political action Tim Fischer and Cathy McGowan illustrating the difference that Australians can make in the seed bank but also triumphing when institutions attempt to bury you, concluding with the vivid Mexican quote “they tried to bury us but didn’t know we were seeds”.

At evensong the Dean of Brisbane gave a most memorable address also on our website, Hugh Mackay spoke of the changing demographics of Australia and increasing isolation of modern life against a background of increased technology to enable global communication.

He reminded us that the efforts of organizations in shooting off emails is little more than data sharing and a poor substitute for relationship implicit in genuine communication.

Sussan Ley’s impressive address highlighting the lives of Nelson Mandela, Alan Turing and Emma Gonzales elicited themes of discrimination and injustice that have been overcome through sacrifice and the present opportunities for individuals to make a difference despite the failures of institutions and systems. Palm Sunday with real donkeys kicks off Holy week moving from worn out ideas of “in house” guilt and obligation to service, freedom and new life for all people.

Our seniors service on Wednesday, Maundy Thursday in conjunction with Carevan, Good Friday with our 9.00am liturgy, 10.30 shared Stations of the Cross at North Albury and 3pm Messiah and sacred music and followed by Easter day with chicks, lambs, alpacas and babies, baptisms and wonderful music is a real celebration of new life and all are warmly invited.

Future highlights also include the Friday of Easter week with a 5pm Interfaith service to open an important Refugee Conference with Gillian Triggs and Julian Burnside.

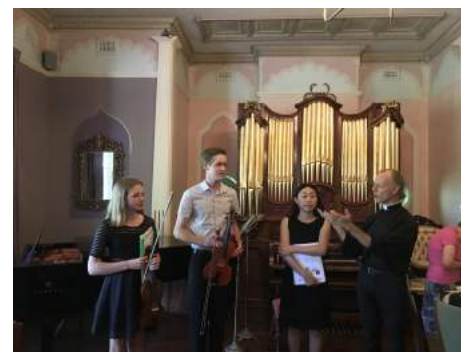
Anzac field of remembrance opening on the 17th of April.

Sunday 22nd of April with scouts and guides for St George’s day.

Albury **Chamber Music Festival Launch** – 5th May at 3pm a special concert with star tenor and aria finalist Shanul Sharma, ahead of the festival weekend in November when the Governor of NSW will be present.

Mother’s Day High Tea in the Ballroom at Adamshurst on Sunday 13th May at 11.30am. Cost \$50, bookings essential and tickets available at the parish office.

Fr Peter



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

National Trust. Donations to the National Trust are tax deductible and the money in the fund can be used for things like painting of the rectory or any work relating to heritage items in the grounds.

Choir Loft security. Martin Hendriks is making the frame so that security doors can be put on the 1st landing of the stairs. This to make the choir loft secure for the organists.

Solar Panels we have a quote for the panels and are seeking other quotes.

The Garden. The working bee was great. A massive pile of rubbish was removed and this was taken away by Brian Baker, Matthew-Paul & David Murray. Thank you to everyone who helped Robyn Gibbs is the coordinator of the friends of the garden. If you have any ideas or if you are able to help please contact Robyn. The watering system is ready to be installed. Key locks to be installed on the taps so that they cannot be turned on and left on. Tree near front fence will need to be pruned and as it is a heritage tree, National Trust will cover the cost. Leah from Albury City has come and looked at tree near Courthouse fence, she says it cannot be cut down but can be pruned.



Gazebo to be put on rectory driveway near the veranda for the people who come for coffee. This will take them away from the gazebo which is in the memorial garden.

Rectory. Needs painting money will probably come from National Trust.

Pastoral Care. The team holds regular meetings. We continue to work with the Carevan team who will prepare the meal for Maundy Thursday. Someone from Carevan will speak at the service. They are only coming to St Matthew's on a Tuesday night.

Food Room. 16 hampers, 328 drinks, 126 meals which are prepared by David Sutherland given out in February. Takings for the op shop **\$523.85**

Launch of Chamber Music Festival. 5th May probably at 2.30 pm Shanul Sharma to sing. Expecting Geoffrey & Ann Blayney, Nance Grant, Lady Potter to come.

Book Fair 14th April. To be held in the church and grounds. Good quality books are required. **NO MAGAZINES OR ENCYCLOPEDIAS.** The books will need to be sorted during the week prior to the book fair.

Book launch. Later in the year Geoffrey Blayney will be launching his latest book.

On the 6th May Libby Gilchrist will be launching her book

Kaye Kennedy Secretary

Easter—

At Easter, love and resurrection become the perfect whole. The tomb is empty, Christ has risen glorious from the dead. Lord help me to cherish the revelation of your new beginning.

Love and resurrection have made me whole. *Amen*

EASTER SERVICE TIMES

Palm Sunday

9.00 am Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

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

7.00 pm Eucharist with washing of hands and stripping of Altar



Good Friday

9.00 am The Passion Hymns and Readings

10.30 am Sharing the walk of witness, the Stations of the Cross. Starting at St Marks Church – Northern Albury

3.00 pm Musical Meditation – A Journey from Darkness to Light

Easter Sunday

9.00am Family Communion Service and Baptism, followed by Easter Egg Hunt



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Children's church in March

Again, children's church was held in the Rectory, but will return to the church after the Lenten season. Our theme this month was 'Getting ready for Easter'.

Rev'd Catherine Dawson took the service, and told the story of 'Rocky' the rock who was the rock rolled in front of Jesus tomb. He was unhappy as he felt he had let Jesus down, by letting His body be stolen, but then learned that an angel moved the stone, and that he really was a 'rock star' having been part of the Easter story! Tom Summerfield played the electronic piano and we thank him.

After the communion service, where everybody was included, the 15 children and their Mums, Dads, Grandparents etc. moved into the front room and had fun decorating butterflies, symbolizing the Spirit of God. After the craft, we had a great lot of helpers to set the sunroom up for morning tea, the children enjoyed some yummy ice-creams on sticks, while the parents chatted over a cuppa. The Children's Church team wish everyone a happy, Holy, and safe Easter, and invite the children's church congregation to participate in the Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Day services. We thank David and Matthew-Paul for setting up for our service.

We will all return to the Church for the April 15th 10.30am Service.

Julie Scott, Spokesperson for Children's Church via Albury Branch M.U.



Lent 3—Tim Fischer and Cathy McGowan



Lent 3—Evensong—Peter Catt



Lent 4—Hugh Mackay



Evening Group Meeting—
Thelma, Norma, Margaret, Del, Essie,
Helen, Beryl, Kaye, and Sandra

Lent 5—Sussan Ley



Fundraiser—High Tea at Adamshurst



TUNES ON TUESDAY

1.10pm-1.50pm

Fortnightly



For the kids :



Q. How do you find a lost Easter bunny? A. Make a noise like a carrot.

Q. What lies in a pram and wobbles? A. A jelly baby.

Q. What school subject are snakes best at? A. Hiss-tory.

Q. What can you serve but never eat? A. A tennis ball



H U M O U R



A Catholic Priest, a Baptist Preacher and a Rabbi were sitting around drinking coffee. Someone made the comment that preaching to people isn't really all that hard, a real challenge would be to preach to a bear.

One thing led to another, and they decided that each would find a bear and attempt to convert it to their religion.

Seven days later, they all came together to discuss their experiences.

Father Flannery, who had his arm in a sling and had various bandages on his body and limbs, went first.

Well, he said, I went into the woods to find me a bear. And when I found him, I began to read to him from the Catechism. Well, that bear came after me and began to slap me around. So I quickly grabbed my holy water, sprinkled him and, Holy Mary Mother of God, he became as gentle as a lamb.

The Reverend Billy Bob the Baptist spoke next. He was in a wheel chair and had an IV drip. I went out and found me a bear. And then I began to read to my bear from the Bible! But that bear came after me. We wrestled down one hill, until we came to a creek. So I quickly dunked him and baptized his hairy soul. And just like you said, he became as gentle as a lamb.

The Priest and the Reverend both looked down at the Rabbi, who was lying in a hospital bed. He was in a body cast and traction with IV's and monitors running in and out of him. The Rabbi looked up and said: Looking back on it, circumcision may not have been the best way to start.

Murphy applied for a fork lift operator post at a famous Irish firm based in Dublin.

A Norwegian applied for the same job and since both applicants had similar qualifications, they were asked to take a test and led to a quiet room with no interruptions by the Manager.

When the results were in, both men had scored 19 out of 20.

The manager went to Murphy and said, "Thank you for coming to the interview, but we've decided to give the Norwegian the job."

Murphy,... "And why would you be doing that? We both got 19 questions correct. This being Ireland and me being Irish surely I should get the job."

Manager, "We have made our decision not on the correct answers, but on the question you got wrong."

Murphy, "And just how would one incorrect answer be better than another?"

Manager "That's Simple; on question number 7 the Norwegian wrote down, 'I don't know.'

You put down, 'Neither do I.' "

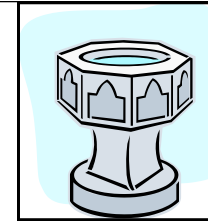
'I don't know.'

ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

3 March Hope Anne KNIGHT
17 March Ivy Janette BRUCE
Harvey Spencer DAVENPORT



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

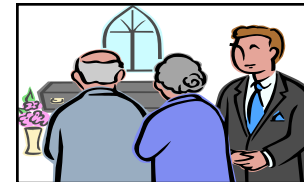
3 March Benjamin Thomas SMITH &
Tracy Michele ROBINSON



Funerals

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

1 March Helen Maree EAMES
8 March Rhonda Leonie SINCLAIR



Years Mind – April

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

Lou NICHOLSON (2nd), Brendan David JONES (2nd), James MITCHELL (3rd), Peggy Jean GORDON (5th), 'Ros' Rosalind Myee` COCKS (6th), Sheila Georgina ELLIS (7th), John Arthur APPLEBY (7th), Eva Edith COBCROFT (9th), Brian Albert ROBERTS (11th), Harold James William PURSS (12th), Benjamin Winston BAILEY (13th), Margaret PIESSE (PS) (15th), Dillon WHITE (16th), David Ernest GRANT (16th), Nina Edith BERRY (17th), Dorothy Zillah CLARKE (19th), 'Rex' Allan JENKINS (19th), James Archibald KENNEDY (20th), Coral YARRINGTON (21st), William John FORBES (21st), 'Jack' John Maxwell TYRRELL (21st), Laurence Henry ALLOTT (Priest)(21st), Mervyn EISENHAUER (22nd), Thomas FILIPOVIC (22nd), Dulcie May NICHOLS (22nd), Madaline KARAFFA (23rd), Peter BLEASDALE (24th), William COLEMAN (25th), Marlene Janice KENNEDY (25th), Stephen SEYMOUR (25th), Norman John NICHOLS (26th), James Lester JACKSON (26th), Albert DAWSON (28th), Joan DAWSON (28th), Florence Helena KOTHE (29th), Alice Jean HEINJUS (29th), Ivy Irene SMITHENBECKER (29th), Ern BLEASDALE (30th), 'Bob' Robert LAWSON (30th), Roberta Margaret SLOANE (30th)



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10:30 am. Eucharist

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No services

FRIDAY

10:00 am. Eucharist at Riverwood (except 2nd Friday). All welcome

SUNDAY

9:00 am. Sung Eucharist

10:30 am. Children's Church 3rd Sunday every month

5:00 pm. Evensong (only 1st Sunday of every month)

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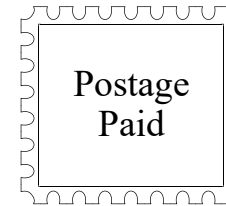
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