ST LUKE'S CHURCH



THE PARISH OF MODBURY and GOLDEN GROVE

Sunday, 10th March, 2024 WELCOME

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

How often do you invite others to church? Your friends, your family, your children and grandchildren?

If you come to church faithfully week in and week out and yet it does nothing for you, if it doesn't change you or your life in any way; if its just something you sit through out of habit, of course you don't want your friends and family to endure the same. Unless the church is helping you mature spiritually, to live better and more integrated lives, then all the encouragement in the world, all my pleading and energy is not going to persuade you to bring your friends and family to church. Its not going to persuade anyone to come to church. But as RIck Warren wrote in *The Purpose Driven Church*

"A church full of genuinely changed people attracts others. If you study healthy churches you'll discover that when God finds a church that is doing a quality job of winning, nurturing, equipping, and sending out believers, he sends that church plenty of raw material. On the other hand, why would God send a lot of prospects to a church that doesn't know what to do with them? In any church where lives are being changed, marriages are being saved, and love is flowing freely, you'll have to lock the doors to keep people from attending. People are attracted to churches with quality worship, preaching, ministry, and fellowship. Quality attracts quantity. Every pastor needs to ask a very tough question: If most of our members never invite anyone to come to our church, what are they saying (by their actions) about the quality of what our church offers? "(Rick Warren, *Purpose Driven Church* p55). It is a tough question!

When Rick Warren wrote about the quality of what we offer, he had in mind something a whole lot more profound than the form and presentation of the Sunday services. Its got a whole lot more to do with our understanding of conversion....what we think that coming to Christ means and how we think that happens. That's what we'll be looking at in today's sermon.

Reminder - the Annual Vestry meeting will be held this morning at 11am.

The Crucifixion of Christ Icon. You will notice that the icon which was moved from St Mark's has been hung in the baptistry as planned. The Icon of the crucifixion of Christ was painted by John Kalentsis and was donated in memory of Doris Loft and Joan Alice Smyth. Doris was the wife of Howard Loft and Joan was the mother of Margaret Caddy. It was installed at St Marks, Golden Grove and blessed by the archbishop on 20 th July 1997. The work is based on the painting "Crucifixion" by an Italian painter Giunta Pisano which resides in the National Museum of San Matteo in Pisa. Those of you with keen eyes might also have noticed the letters INBI above Christ's head and been puzzled because you are more used to seeing the letters INRI. Be assured that this is not an error. The inscription above Jesus' at his crucifixion was "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews" (John 19:19). The sign was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek so that many people could read it (John 19:20). The letters INRI are the abbreviation for the Latin form while INBI is the Greek form.

Parish Outing - The Stations of the Cross. Everyone is very warmly encouraged to join us on Saturday, 23rd March, when we make a pilgrimage to the Sacred Garden of the Passionist Monastery at Glen Osmond, The Sacred Garden is a very beautiful space dedicated to peace, tranquility, reflection and prayer. It is also home to fourteen magnificent marble sculptures depicting the Stations of the Cross which we will use as the focus for a time of prayer and reflection as we prepare for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Pack a picnic lunch and a folding chair because we will enjoy lunch together afterwards, weather permitting. There is a sign up sheet at the rear of the church, please indicate if you will need a lift or if you will have space in your car for others. We will meet here at St Luke's at 10.00 am and organise our car pool before heading off to Glen Osmond.

For the Love of God - Diocesan Conference Saturday 20th April. A day of encouragement. Register now. St. Peter's Girls School, Stonyfell. Everyone is invited. More information to come. Contact educationprograms@sbc.edu.au

General Rosters for April, May and June 2024. We must thank all of the members of the St Lukes congregation who participate in one or more of the various ministries that contribute to our Sunday services. Your contribution is vital. It is again time for us to start preparing the general rosters for April, May and June. If you involved in one or more of these ministries and expect to be unavailable for 2 or more weeks during that period, could you please let us know by texting by 17th March at the latest;

- 8.00 am Service Helen Mayes 0403 955 270 and
- 9.30 am Service Roster Warren Henriks 0474 759 301

Recycling for groceries - **\$48.80** has been raised through recycling of cans/bottles, etc, (from 28/1/2024 to 2/3/24). These funds will be used to purchase groceries for distribution through the Op Shop. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. Audrey Dewell

Flowers this week are in loving memory of Rosina Brown.

Anyone wishing to have memorial flowers for a loved one can add their name to the required date on the roster in the Balcony room. Money can be given directly to the flower arranger or office staff who will pass it on. Thank you. Helen Bradshaw.

FOR PRAYER

The health and well-being of those needing immediate prayers:

Susan Restell, Jose, Damian Wyld, Glenys Williams, Bryan Mason, Rhonda Hill, Duane Fowler, Betty Bryson, Debbie Southren, Greg Downton, Anne Pfitzner, Ann and Fred Tee, Marion Ford, Vimla Mukerji, Kathy Fennell, Roland Barker, Jeremy Bollen, Eric Walton, Ron Rockliffe, Jenny Lawton, Mercedes Siguenza, Aaron Watkins, Max Pontifex, Matthew Pontifex, Zarinah, Maureen McCarthy

Those who need ongoing prayers for healing and well-being:

Helen Gummow, Jessie Waters, Donald & Marjory Prince, Beth Morgan, Emily Cahill, Emmett Bollen, Bryan Shillabeer, Cathie, Faith Drodge, Catherine Cooling, Carol Aitken, Malcolm Mayes, Naomi, Vicky Pattie, Jake Drury, Samantha Drury, Nerida Fidock, Brian Gummow, Michaela Kinnoch, Mia, Muriel Taylor and family, Joy Pedlar and family, Sylvia and Bill McDonald, Chris Davies, Robbie Fowler, Flack family, Jean, Cilla Harvey, Joanne Clark and family, Jean Downton and family, Gary Fawcett and family, Mary Turner, Robert Rechner, Melissa Burtenshaw, Peter Morris, Zoe, Jeanette and Allan Canton, Sue Fawcett, Andrew Mitchell, Frances K.

Cycle of Prayer. This week we keep before God in our prayers the following members of our Parish family:

Chris & Mark Robjohns, Saham Rostani, Margaret Shillabeer, Shirley & Stewart Shrimplin and the Pastoral Care team.

Those who have died and whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Amy Stewart, Sylvia Parkinson, Leonard Bayly, Malcolm Challen, Tony Gent.

+ Rest in peace and rise in glory.

Requests for prayer should be made to Deb Travis 0450 950 112 (8am service); June Hindmarch 0402 138 694 (9.30am service); or speak to Jean Rechner 0409 816 115 (Thursday service).

Next week's readings

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Genesis 1:26-31 Psalm 63:1-8 Ephesians 3:14-4:16 Luke 24:36-49

ROSTER REMINDER for 9.30am service next Sunday

Reader 1: Peter Caddy
Reader 2: Jeni Cooling

Intercessor: Lyn Ho

Sidespersons: Michael Southren & John McIntosh Welcoming: Maria Harrison & Jean McIntosh Morning Tea: Ann Dixon & Doris de Silva

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WEEKLY PEW SHEET Please forward information to the church email or put a note

under the office door by Wednesday.

CHURCH BANK DETAILS BSB No: 015 300

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REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday	Bible Study	10.00am
Tuesday	Holy Communion	8.30am
	Community Garden	9.30am
Wednesday	Foodbank (fortnightly)	10.00am
	Bible Study	10.00am
Thursday	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Stretch & Balance	2.30pm (fortnightly)
	Christian Meditation	3.45pm (fortnightly)
Friday	Community Garden	9.30am
Community Garden BBQ	1st Tuesday of the month	11.30am
Bari Worship	1st & 3rd Sunday of the month	11.30am
Men's Group	2 nd Thursday of the month	7.30pm
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