

Parish of St Christopher's City Beach

PEW SHEET



A very warm welcome to St Christopher's. You are invited to stay for morning tea after the 9am & 9.30am services.

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Cheques for the parish to be made payable to: **'ACF: Parish of City Beach'**

First Sunday of Lent
26 February 2023



Sentence

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Joel 2.13

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin: give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your will, that, as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



SERVICE TIMES AT ST CHRISTOPHERS



SUNDAY EUCHARIST SERVICE 7.30 & 9.30am

COMBINED EUCHARIST SERVICE: **First Sunday of the Month** 9.00am

MIDWEEK EUCHARIST SERVICE: Wednesday 10.00am

Please visit our website: stchristophersanglicanchurchcitybeach.weebly.com
for sermons, liturgical & prayer resources & other links

Ngala kaaditj Nyoongar moort keyen kaadak nidja boodja.
We acknowledge the Nyoongar people as the original custodians of this land.



Reflection – First Sunday in Lent: Matthew 4.1-11

The Gospel for the First Sunday in Lent is always the Temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. With each temptation, Jesus gets stronger until in the end He dismisses Satan from Him - Jesus is the one in command of the situation - Jesus is in command of Himself.

Each Lent, we enter a spiritual wilderness. It is meant to be a challenging time - a time to develop a spiritual maturity. We live in an age when the importance of having our needs met is recognised - but as Christians, we sometimes have to remember that, ultimately, our needs can only be fulfilled by God. In Lent, we try, like Jesus, to set our “wants” to one side - and also try to set our needs in their proper context. We may fast - or deny ourselves - or perceive that we are to give time and attention to something we often neglect (like prayer!). Whatever it is, there is a long way ahead - and we will be tempted to give up - what is the point of it when the rest of the world is full of ways of making life comfortable? But we are not “denying ourselves” to make ourselves miserable but to challenge ourselves: just what does my being a son or daughter of God mean? Just where do my priorities lie? What do I actually need - and how many of my “needs” turn out to be wants? Sometimes the only way to find out is to try to live without them for a while! www.sacredspace.ie

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Our parish community: The Parish Council, Lay Pastoral Ministers, Liturgical Assistants, Revd. Pat, and all who serve in the varying ministries of our parish.
- ❖ The Anglican Church: Abp Canterbury Justin Welby; Primate Abp Geoffrey Smith, Abp Kay Goldsworthy AO; Assistant Bishop Kate Wilmot, Ordinands in training at Wollaston Theological College.
- ❖ All who are in need, sick or grieving: Revd. Joyce, Colin, Karyn, David, Chum, Michaela,
- ❖ Our World: Ukraine, Middle East, Turkey, Syria, Sudan

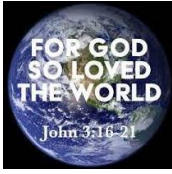
PLEASE INFORM REVD. PAT OR JOY CAMPBELL IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME ADDED OR REMOVED FROM THE LIST



ANOINTING and PRAYER for healing is available immediately after Holy Communion. Please sit in the chair next to the votive candle. Alternatively, speak to Revd. Pat

ROSTER FOR SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2023

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17	
	9.00am
LPM/LA	Ann Boyer
WELCOMERS	Joy Campbell & Margie Nayler
FIRST READING	Joy Campbell
SECOND READING	Margie Nayler
MORNING TEA	Rita Rock & Melanie Elliott
FRESHEN & FLOWERS	No flowers during Lent
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DO YOUR DUTIES PLEASE SWAP AND ADVISE REVD. PAT	



Reflection – Second Sunday in Lent John 3.1-17

The season of Lent is always challenging. We are invited to take time and reflect on our lives and see how we can play a part in making a better world for all. The story of Nicodemus in the Gospel of John is a warning that faith is not about having all the answers but being able to live in the tension, having an open mind and watching for signs. The dialogue follows a common pattern: a person asks a question, Jesus gives a puzzling answer, the person misunderstands, Jesus gives an even more puzzling answer, then slowly a discourse follows. The fact that there was no instant understanding didn't deter Nicodemus, he was willing to watch and wait, listen and learn. This rich and powerful individual would be found after the crucifixion bringing expensive ointments to anoint Jesus' body.

In our search for certainties in life, we sometimes need to let go of our natural desire to find answers, trust that with God all things are possible, always looking for those small signs that He is at work in the world.

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ROSTER FOR SUNDAY 12 MARCH 2023

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42		
	7.30am	9.30am
LPM/LA	Joy Campbell	Sarah Masterton
WELCOMERS	J Munt & L King	Don Stewart & Pam Hann
FIRST READING	Jocelyn Munt	Don Stewart
SECOND READING	Lyn King	Lynne Lightfoot
MORNING TEA		Ann Boyer
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Diary Dates

Sunday 26 February	Songs of Praise Service & Sausage Sizzle 5pm
Mondays in Feb/ March	Toddler Jam 9.30am
Tuesday 28 February	Ocean Gardens Holy Communion 10am
Wednesdays in March	Mid-Week Eucharist 10am
Wednesdays in March	Lenten Study 6.30-7.30pm
Friday 3 March	World Day of Prayer Service St Christophers 10am
Monday 13 March	Taizé Service 6.30pm
Sunday 19 February	Crosslinks Monthly Service (Floreat Park) 5.30pm



We are not taking up a collection during the service. You will find the offertory plate at the back of the church at the entry to the worship area. Direct debit forms are also available in the foyer and on our website. Thank you for your contribution to the work and mission of the church which is very gratefully received.

I am exploring the possibility of a **Parish Day Out** to New Norcia sometime in June. At this moment in time I am looking for expressions of interest only. Should sufficient people be interested then I will set the wheels in motion. All I can confirm right now is that will be a weekday and there will be a cost involved. Please indicate your interest by signing the sheet in the foyer – *Revd. Pat*

HEALTH WORK & SAFETY

Health Work & Safety in the parish is the responsibility of all, and we encourage everyone to promptly report all unsafe matters you see within the church building or grounds to Bob Laurenson (9341 5914) or David Munt (9385 9323). Please check out the Health and Safety noticeboard in the hall regularly for important information including 'emergency evacuation' procedures.

Parish Songs of Praise Evensong and Sausage Sizzle 26 February 2023 at 5pm

Join with us to sing some favourite hymns followed by a time of fellowship and friendship.



LENTEN STUDY 2023

Wednesday's in March 6.30-7.30pm

The study will be preceded by an optional barbeque commencing at 5.30pm. BYO meat!

Please join us in **A Journey Through the Stations of the Cross** in the Anglican tradition. By entering into a deeper understanding and experience of the passion of Jesus, we might then be ready to celebrate Easter with newfound joy and freedom.



World Day of Prayer 2023

TAIWAN

St Christopher's Anglican Church
City Beach

FRIDAY 3 MARCH 10am

LENT



"Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me."
Psalm 51:10

THE FIRST COMPUTER DATES BACK TO
ADAM AND EVE.



IT WAS AN APPLE WITH LIMITED MEMORY,
JUST ONE BYTE,
AND THEN EVERYTHING CRASHED.

TAIZE

a service in prayer and song
& silence and scripture

Monday 13 March at 6.30pm

PLEASE TURN PHONES OFF OR TO
SILENT!



Congratulations and blessings to all who celebrate a birthday or anniversary in the coming fortnight!

