

PARISH OF ST CHRISTOPHER'S CITY BEACH
PEW SHEET



Welcome to St Christopher's

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

Last Sunday After Epiphany
14 February 2021



Sentence

It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

Collect (Prayer of the day)

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lectionary Readings for 21 February

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1.9-15



SERVICE TIMES AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S



SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE at 07:30 & 09:30AM

COMBINED HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE: **First Sunday of the Month** at 09:00AM

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE: Wednesday at 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.

COVID – 19 SafeWA

EVERY PERSON who enters St Christopher's church at **ANY TIME** will be required to register their attendance either by use of the SafeWA App or by completing the manual register provided.

Please **DO NOT** come to church if you are unwell - Please use **hand sanitiser** provided - Please maintain **safe social distancing**.



Reflection on Today's gospel reading from Sacred Space (Mark 9.2-9)

The strange event we know as the Transfiguration follows immediately after the confession of Peter about Jesus' identity as Messiah and the foretelling of his rejection, sufferings, and death at the hands of his own people which came as such a shock to the disciples. Today's experience seems to be a kind of glimpse of Jesus as the Son of God to prepare them for when the Passion actually takes place. Only the three closest companions of Jesus – Peter, James, and John – are chosen for this experience.

The transfiguration was for the benefit of the disciples, for their faith and confidence in the lasting glory of Jesus at bad times. It can be the same of each of us in prayer. God's voice still echoes, inviting us to listen to Jesus. Let us allow ourself to be drawn into the presence of the Beloved, invited to be close as were Peter, James, and John. Rest a while in prayer and just say, 'It's good to be here.'



Please Pray For:



- ❖ Our parish community: those who are feeling isolated and anxious. The Parish Council, Lay Pastoral Ministers, Liturgical Assistants, Readers and Revd. Pat.
- ❖ The Anglican Church: Abp Canterbury Justin Welby; Primate Abp Geoffrey Smith, Abp Kay Goldsworthy AO, Assistant Bishops Kate and Jeremy.
- ❖ Those in need, sick or bereaved: Dennille, Joshua, Jenni, Hendy, Denise, Bethany, Margaret King, Margaret Perry, Colin, Paul & Dan.
- ❖ This week: For all whose lives continue to be affected by the COVID pandemic, bushfires and cyclone.

ROSTER FOR SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2021

	07:30AM	09:30AM
LPM/LA	Ann Boyer	Nicole Deeny
WELCOMERS	J Campbell & M Nayler	J Davis & D Shepherd
1ST READING	Joy Campbell	Judith Davis
SECOND READING	Margie Nayler	Lyn Lightfoot
MORNING TEA		E Embleton & N Laurenson
FRESHEN (No Flowers)	J Campbell & M Nayler	

DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY

<i>Wednesday 17 February</i>	<i>Holy Communion Service & Distribution of Ashes 10:00AM & 6PM</i>
<i>Wednesday 17 February</i>	<i>Parish Council meeting 4.00PM</i>
<i>Saturday 20 February</i>	<i>Parish Dinner - POSTPONED</i>
<i>Sunday 21 February</i>	<i>Crosslinks Service, St Nicholas 5.30PM</i>
<i>Tuesday 23 February</i>	<i>Holy Communion Ocean Gardens 10:00AM</i>
<i>Wednesday 24 February</i>	<i>Holy Communion 10AM</i>
<i>Wednesday 24 February</i>	<i>Lenten Study Group 6.30-7.30PM</i>



The History of Ash Wednesday

The ceremony of blessing ashes made from the previous year's burned palms and using these ashes to mark the foreheads of the faithful has become almost universally used in Western churches to begin the penitential season of Lent.

Ancient Hebrew practice, as described in the Old Testament, often included the putting on of ashes and sackcloth as a sign of penitence and mourning. Daniel's prayer [Daniel 9:3] illustrates this practice: "Then I turned my face to the Lord God seeking him by prayer and supplication, with fastings and sackcloth and ashes."

As the priest makes the sign of the Cross on our foreheads with the ashes, saying "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or the dictum "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" it is made clear that not only are we following ancient penitential practice, but that we are remembering that the sin of our father Adam brought death and destruction into the world. We are subject to that death and are only saved from utter and final destruction by the death and Resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Liturgical scholars believe that the Christian use of ashes for repentance originated when public penance was practiced. Those who had been excommunicated for serious sins would stand at the doors of the church dressed in sackcloth and be sprinkled with ashes as penitential psalms were sung. The doors were then shut and the penitents were not received back into the church until Maundy Thursday. This practice, which may have begun in Gaul in the 6th century and later spread to other parts of the West, was by the 10th century extended to include all Christians as they were called to an intense time of repentance in Lent.

PARISH SUNDOWNER POSTPONED

We have regrettably decided to postpone ST CHRISTOPHER'S ANNUAL PARISH SUNDOWNER until after Easter. More details in due course.



The feast of St Valentine, which occurs today, is worth celebrating as it reminds us that all love is a reflection of God's love for us.

Valentine was a bishop in the early church. He performed Christian marriages for young couples. There was a prohibition on all marriages at the time except those recognised

by the state. Valentine was jailed. While in jail, he is believed to have cured the jailer's daughter of blindness. Just before he died he wrote her a letter which he signed "Your Valentine." Because of this he has become the patron saint of love.

The Rector responds to concern that Lent is a downer



IMPORTANT REMINDER – SAFE MINISTRY FORMS

If you were recently provided with Safe Ministry Forms to complete - (Diocese of Perth Volunteer Form 5 and National Volunteer Police Clearance) please can you return to Reverend Pat as soon as possible along with proof of identity requirements. Your timely assistance in this matter is very much appreciated.

World Day of Prayer 2021

St. Cecelia's Church, Grantham St. Floreat, Friday 5 March 2021 at 10 am.

Congratulations!

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blessings to all who celebrate a birthday or anniversary this coming week.

LENTEN STUDY 2021

This year we will be exploring the book:

LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT - A DEVOTION THROUGH TEN OBJECTS

By Jill J. DUFFIELD