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*The Parish Paper of
MOE-NEWBOROUGH
St Aidan's Newborough
St Luke's Moe
St James Yallourn North*

A Parish Prayer

**God our Creator, when
you speak there is light
and life.**

**Fill us with your Holy Spirit
so that we may listen to
one another,
speak the truth in love,
and bear much fruit in the
service of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

FEBRUARY 2026

SUMMER HEAT

• Fr Giles Motisi—Priest in Charge

The end of summer would be for us a complete circle of the four seasons. It has been a good experience for us since coming from the Tropics where we only have two seasons. A lot of

people told us in winter

that we would enjoy the warm summer. Which has been warm and pleasant, but when the temperatures got above 40 it has become very hot and uncomfortable.

A lot of what we tried growing in the backyard would have all dried up if we didn't water them daily. Even on a very hot day the plants look dry and show signs that they were dying.

Every time I look at these plants I was reminded of a story I read years ago of a similar situation. A man had a garden that he enjoyed walking through every day. In summer he found that a part of his garden had plants that were dry and dying because it had not water while the other part of his garden which had water running through it looked green and healthy.

He thought to himself, "I must do something to save my plants". He had an idea, so he walks to his bamboo tree and said to him, "I want to use you". The bamboo was very happy and glad that his master wanted to use him. "Yes, master I am happy that you want to use me". But the master said to him, "I will have to cut you down to use you". Bamboo hearing this felt very sad and was silent for a long time. He then looked up at his master and finally said, "Master I am yours do what you want with me".

The gardener then went on and told the bamboo that in order to use him he will have to remove his branches and cut the end bit of him off. This made the bamboo very sad. The master even told the bamboo that he will split him open and remove the knobs. Finally with much sadness the bamboo said, "Master do what you want with me I am all yours".

The master cut the bamboo down, removed the branches and cut the end off and split it open and removed the knobs. He then took both halves, split the bamboo and channelled water to the dry part of his garden. The thirsty and dry plants began to look green and healthy.

God loves to use us as his channels of blessing like the bamboo, but he has to deal with us like he did to



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the bamboo because there may be blockages. We saw on Wednesday this week that when Jesus went to his hometown he was amazed at their unbelief and as a result, he could not do any deeds of power. Mk6.6

There could be blockages like the Nazarenes of unbelief, of unforgiveness, and many more in us. As we approach lent let us come like the bamboo and surrender ourselves, "Master do what you want with me, I am all yours".

Let us let the master remove the things that act as blockages so that we too can be vessels that



he can use to channel life giving water to those thirsty souls and give them life.

U-Turn to God

• Fr Jeff Richardson

LENT is nearly upon us.

Church goers will receive the imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, as a symbol that Lent is a time of self-reflection, repentance and new life, and are encouraged to regularly attend Holy Communion and Lenten Studies. It is a wonderful time of spiritual preparation for Easter, which fills believers with renewed light, hope, peace and joy, and the promise of the resurrection to eternal life. During Lent many people struggle with the notion of repentance and so what I offer in this reflection is some thoughts on repentance. This is not a definitive explanation of repentance, but I hope it leads you into a deeper sense of repentance in your own life.

The word repentance comes from the Greek *metan-oia*, which expresses more than just remorse or sorrow or a change of mind. It's a change of heart. Repentance isn't setting off in a direction in your car, slowing down and then from time to time hitting the brakes. Repentance is more like, stopping your car making a U-turn and driving in the opposite direction, to where you were going. And it's an invitation to turn away from the wrongs (sins) in life, and turn towards what causes life to bloom, Jesus Christ the Son of God. Once you make that U-turn the trip's GPS and fuel is generated by the Holy Spirit.

Repentance is not a prison sentence. Rather it liberates us from what we have inflicted upon ourselves and others. *Metanoia*, a change of heart, a radical change in direction is God's strategy for a world, that relates to those seeking



an abundant life, filled with peace and love, fully transformative, a gift of God, liberating our hearts to be free to know and worship God, because we have made that U-turn in life, to experience true *Metanoia* (repentance) and knowing Repentance is never a prison sentence. It is pure freedom.

Often repentance is couched in threatening terms: "You must repent if you want to go to heaven". *Metanoia* is not a threat. It is an open-handed gift to any person wishing to make that U-turn in life. The idea of "repentance OR else" does not sit easily with our Gospel understanding of repentance.

God's call to repentance is filled with God's grace, mercy, love, deep compassion and God's relentless desire to see us live a full abundant life, led by the Spirit, who imparts "the peace of God that passes all understanding" (Philippians 4:7). Like a door opening from darkness into a radiant light, repentance is the doorknob that unlocks the door – the U-turn you make when you realise you are going the wrong way.

Repentance that opens the door from darkness to light is available to all people, even to those we deem unworthy of the light of Christ and a new life in the Kingdom of Heaven. The Bondi Massacre, 14 December 2025, whereat fifteen innocent people were gunned down during the festival of light, Hanukkah, allegedly by Sajid Akram and his son Naveed Akram (who survived), many people said they cannot be forgiven. Yet in God's plan for redemption, even a person wrapped in the deepest darkest evil, through true repentance can receive the gift of God's redemption, even though that person must face the consequences of his/her actions through the judicial process.

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From Christmas to Easter: A Journey of Light

• Editor

Every year when we come to February, we are always well into the season of epiphany which begins with the celebration of the feast of epiphany—the arrival of the wise men to worship Jesus.

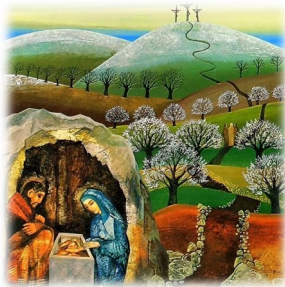
Because of the varying dates of Easter (there are 35 possibilities), depending on the year, we find ourselves close to Lent or not so close.

February also begins with the presentation of the Lord. The time when Jesus was presented in the temple 40 days after his birth. Mary and Joseph were observing the purification right after childbirth (Leviticus 12) and the redemption of the firstborn (Exodus 13:12 – 15). It was at this time that Jesus was recognised by Simeon and Anna at the temple and they prophesied of him. Simeon spoke of Jesus as 'a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel' (Luke 2:32)

Consequently, this feast is also celebrated Candlemass, a festival of light.

This year we are closer to Lent than some years with Ash Wednesday on 18 February. This closeness highlights how our journey from Christmas to Easter is one continuous journey.

As the seasons turn, the Church invites us to see Christmas and Easter not as separate celebrations,



but as one unfolding story of God's love.

In the manger we meet God's vulnerability; on the cross we meet God's costly compassion, his all forgiving love; at the empty tomb we meet God's renewing hope revealed in the darkest moment of Jesus life and in his cry from the cross 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing' (Luke 23:34)

The Christ who is born among us also walks with us through every season of life — our joys, our burdens, and our longings for renewal.

A Moment to Reflect

Where do I notice "manger moments" — places of new beginning or fragile hope?

Where do I feel the weight of "cross moments" — griefs, struggles, or things too heavy to carry alone?

Where might God be preparing resurrection hope, even if I cannot yet see it?

Fr Giles article p1 and Fr Jeff p2 may enlighten your reflections on this journey.

A Prayer for the Journey

God of the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb, walk with me through this season. Hold my joys and my sorrows, and lead me toward the light that no darkness can overcome. Amen.

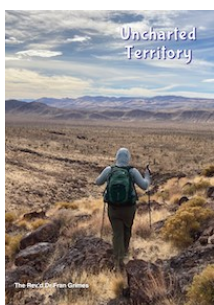
Major Easter Dates p9 and Lenten Study below

Our monthly family service on the Fourth Sunday of each month is a new beginning in this journey for our Parish and for Families with Children.

LENTEN STUDY 2026

This series of Lenten studies will lead participants on a journey in Uncharted Territory using the Year 'A' Readings.

This series of Lenten studies will take us on a journey through uncharted territory to find that in all life's uncertainties Jesus Christ can show us the Way. Drawing on Sunday's lectionary readings for Lent during Year A we are invited to walk with Jesus into some of His many encounters and realise that He was charting a brand new map for the tired old ways of life. Everything about Jesus was laying out a new map for the people of first century Palestine and it is the same today. The temptation is to use maps that the world lays out for us and never find the way to Life in all its fullness. In each of the studies over the next 6 weeks we will explore how Jesus



can lead us out of the old life negating paths that the world offers into the path of life that God created each one of us to live.

The Study has been written by the Reverend Canon Dr. Fran Grimes, Rector of the Parish of Corner Inlet.

The cost of the study book is **\$10.95**. If you have not ordered a book and would like one you place your name on the list in the church foyer or call (Rev) Bruce Charles 0429 045 132.

You are welcome to order one for personal reflection whilst not being part of one of the groups.

There are two Lenten Study Groups:

Thursday Mornings at St. Lukes between 10.30am and 12 noon commencing Thursday February 19th.

Friday afternoon at St Aidan's between 1.30pm and 3pm commencing Friday February 20th.

Fr Giles will be at both groups.



Around the Parish

Parish Council Report

Parish Council News January 2026

Hello Alive and Linked Readers,

Our first parish Council meeting for 2026 was on Sunday, January 18th. The following reflects the outcomes from our meeting.

Walhalla:

Proposal for Events and Worship at St John's Walhalla

During the recent Parish Council meeting, a couple outside the Anglican church put forward a suggestion to introduce new events and opportunities for worship at St John's Walhalla. At present, the Parish Council is reviewing these ideas to determine their suitability and potential implementation. Further updates will be provided as the Council's considerations progress.

Time of Prayer for Our Parish

Father Giles invites everyone to pray for our parish each Saturday at 7pm from home for 15–20 minutes. You may use your own words, the pew sheet, or personal inspiration. Even while apart, we can unite in spirit through intentional prayer, reflecting on Matthew 18:20 and the power of collective faith.

Upcoming Services and Parish Events

Sung Eucharist Services

Sung Eucharist Services will take place on the first Sunday of every month during the 10am service. The first of these services is scheduled for 1st February. All parishioners are warmly invited to participate in this special expression of worship.

Family Services

Family Services are being introduced and will initially be held at 5pm on the fourth Sunday of each month. The first Family Service will be on 22nd February, taking place at St Aidan's. These services are designed to be welcoming and accessible for families of all ages.

Congregational Meetings

Congregational meetings have been arranged to follow our regular Sunday service on two dates: 1st March and 7th June. These meetings provide an important opportunity for members of the parish to discuss matters affecting our community and share in decision-making.

Anniversary of Father Giles' Induction

On 9th April, we will mark the one-year anniversary since Father Giles was inducted as our Parish Priest in Charge. This milestone offers us a chance to reflect on and celebrate his ministry and leadership over the past year.

Regular Parish Group Meetings

Several parish groups hold regular meetings throughout the year, providing opportunities for involvement and collaboration across various aspects of parish life.

The Parish Council is the governing body of the Parish. According to the Parish Admin Act the Council under the direction of and in co-operation with the Priest in Charge, must promote within the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. To support them in this role, the Council has set up a number of groups, led by the Parish Priest or his delegate and has at least one councillor, together with other safe ministry compliant parishioners on it. As an advisory group anyone in the Parish can join the group. Particularly, for a small Parish this gives anyone who is interested the chance to contribute. If you are interested in any of the groups, speak to Fr Giles, Russell Savige (Chair of PC) or me.

Parish Council: Gathers after our worship service on the third Sunday of each month. Meetings commence at 12.30pm, and all council members are encouraged to attend and participate in parish governance.

Ministry and Pastoral Care Group: This group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 4.30 pm. The last was on Wednesday, 4th February. Members focus on supporting the pastoral needs and ministries within our community.

Visioning Group: The Visioning Group convenes on the second Sunday of each month at 4.30pm. The group works together to discern and plan for the direction and growth of the parish.

Finance Group: The Finance Group meets quarterly on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 4.30pm. This group is responsible for overseeing the parish's finances and ensuring sound stewardship of resources.

The council discussed the installation of bench seats in the area where the former lavender patch was

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located. This initiative may be supported by the Mothers' Union, which is instigating the positioning of red bench seats as part of their campaign against domestic violence. The placement of these seats aims to offer a visible sign of support for those affected by domestic violence, while also providing practical seating for parishioners and visitors to the grounds.

Key Dates for Lent and Easter

All are warmly invited to participate in these special observances as we journey together through Lent towards the joy of Easter. Major Events are listed on page 9 of this Newsletter.

The Opportunity Shops

Our three shops reopened their doors on Monday, 12th January. The response from the community has been overwhelmingly positive, with a significant number of donations received since reopening. In particular, the Yallourn North shop experienced exceptionally strong sales during the first week of operation, taking over \$2,000. This impressive result reflects both the hard work of volunteers and the ongoing support of the local community.

Listening Post

During the first week of reopening, the Listening Post welcomed a total of 17 people. The overall atmosphere was reported as positive and cheerful, contributing to a vibrant environment for both volunteers and visitors.

Get out for Good

The 'Get out for Good' program is currently in recess and will open again on the 10th February.

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Repentance in this case cannot take away the dark evil of the past, nor the hope of reparation, but it allows that person to find the light of God's love and ultimately that peace which God freely gives to everyone who repents and turns to God (the criminal on the cross next to Jesus, Luke 23:39-43).

It is highly unlikely we have been wrapped in this deep deep darkness of evil, as seen in the Bondi Massacre, but in all of us there is darkness (our wrongs, our sins, our misdeeds,...) and Lent is a time in the Church Calendar, when we acknowledge more openly the darkness in our lives, and make that U-turn or open the door to the fullness of God's Light, in which is gifted to us God's unfailing love, peace and joy, and experience new life in the Spirit who continues to

Silent Prayer and Meditation Group

Began meeting again on 13th January continuing to explore how we experience God, especially in Silence and ways we can learn to be still.

Vision Group

In December the Group spent some time reflecting on the foundations of our Faith as expressed within our Anglican Faith Tradition.

In January, they turned to how we ensure that our church is a safe environment for everyone as a major priority. To support this, an occupational therapist will be engaged to conduct a thorough safety audit of the premises. Additionally, consultation with congregation members and stakeholders will take place to gather input and address any concerns related to safety.

Items for consideration:

At St James Yallourn North, there is currently a safety issue regarding toilet facilities. Only one toilet is operational and the footpath leading to the toilet presents accessibility challenges.

Chairs for those requiring more support. Request have been made for supportive chairs to be placed in the church. Thank you to Glenis Schulz for her donation of a chair with armrests.

The council discussed the need for a **defibrillator** within the church premises. Members considered the benefits of having a defibrillator available on-site to improve safety and respond effectively in the event of a cardiac emergency.

Thank you and best wishes, Julie Bruce (Secretary)

sustain us in God's grace and mercy and leads us to live as disciples of Christ.

This Season of Lent is a special time. It reminds us of our need to prayerfully repent each day. It assures us of God's unfailing love and goodness. It opens new pathways to experience the Light of Christ. It helps us to seek more fully the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It is the opportune time to make our U-turn or to turn the doorknob that leads us out of darkness in light. But most of all Lent reflects our whole lives, as EACH DAY we come before God with repentant hearts, seeking light over darkness.



Worship Services in the Parish

St Aidan's 111 Torres St, Newborough

Sundays, 10am

Preceded by Prayer Time 9.30am to 9.45am

St Luke's, 47 South St, Moe

Wednesdays, 10am

Both services followed by Morning Tea



OUR MINISTRY TO THE AGED (January 2026 be finalised)

Communion by extension from our Sunday Eucharist

Latrobe Valley Village Hostel 11.00 am First & Third Tuesday

Narracan Gardens Hostel 10.30 am Second & Fourth Monday

Narracan Gardens Nursing Home 11,00am Second & Fourth Wednesday



OPPORTUNITY SHOP MINISTRY

Newborough Shop 46 Rutherglen Road. Open Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 2pm

Moe Shop 7 Anzac Street Open Monday to Friday 10 am to 2pm

Yallourn North Shop Reserve Street Open Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm

Check out our Facebook Page Moe & Newborough Anglican Op Shops.

Our thanks to our wonderful volunteers and there is always room for more if you would like to join us. Support of our Food relief program is much appreciated.

Contact Stephen Heath 0438 913 572

Get out for Good—restorative justice for the Kingdom of God.



Every Tuesday in the Madge Vinnell Centre, 10am—2pm.

A program in partnership with the Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry established by Anglicare Victoria. An Anglican Church Welfare Agency.

The "Get out for Good" program, provides social and emotional support for people who have been released from prison to find social and emotional support. It provides a safe space to talk about what they are going through and encouragement to reconnect with family, friends and community. The program acts to strengthen people's ability to identify and develop their own resources and build capacity while making the adjustment from prison to the "outside"

First Meeting 2026, 10 February

Prayer and Meditation Group.



The group meets every Wednesday, 7.00pm in the Madge Vinnell Centre.

Our current focus is 'Reflecting on how we experience God in our time together', particularly in a time of Silence and how our practice could help people to have a deeper experience of our Worship. Contact 0429 045 132



The Listening Post

Every Friday from 10am to 12 pm in the Madge Vinnell Centre, at the back of 7 Anzac St, Moe.

The Listening Post provides an opportunity for anyone in the community who would like to come and share in an enjoyable social morning and chat about their lives, if they feel the need. It also provides an opportunity to discuss a variety of social and life issues including discussing matters of faith. Tea, Coffee and a scrumptious morning tea are provided. The Listening Post also has a food bank that provides some essential food items for anyone in need. The food is free as is attendance. Contact 5127 1119



Parish Website

Don't forget to check out our website. You will find copies of past newsletters and pew notes, recordings of the Sunday Sermons if you missed out or would like to hear again and up to date news of what is happening in the parish.

www.moenewboroughanglican.org.au

We have been having major IT issues with our recordings of the services on the Web Site. The text of Fr Giles Sermons will be available shortly. We are also hoping to revamp the site soon.

Pre Christmas Working Bee



Keeping the grounds in order of our various properties and especially the churches and community garden, is a major task, especially

before major events and festivals. Pictured on the bottom right: Jeannette Ringin, Fr Giles, Jan Misiurka, Graeme Nicholls, Ken Mehaffey, Stephen Heath, Mary Nicholls, Julie Bruce (taking photo) and Julia Motisi pictured top left, spent several hours on Saturday 6th December preparing St Aidan's for the Christmas Season. The results of their labours in the picture above. This was followed by Catherine and Ben Darmanin clearing the trees in the Car Park. Thankfully, parking is less hazardous now.

Working Bees are always advertised in this Newsletter and anyone who is able to help is much appreciated. Similarly, anyone who feels prompted at any other time a part from Working Bee to do some tidying or more serious gardening is most welcome.

If you do any work in the community garden, there is a book, by the entrance to record your presence (OH&S)



MENS BREAKFAST

First Saturday of each month at 8.30am, at THE MADGE VINNELL CENTRE behind the Op Shop at 7 Anzac Street Moe. Parking at the rear of the site accessed by Trinity Lane.

Next Mens Breakfast Saturday , 7th February 2026 at 8.30am.

All are welcome for this time of fellowship. If you are a new person interested in attending please contact Stephen Heath 0438 913 572 to help with catering arrangements. Cost \$10. Profits to Parish Food Relief Program.

COST OF LIVING RELIEF:

Our Op shop staff report that the need for food and other basic commodities continues to be a major priority. If you are able to assist you can :

- drop off goods at the Op Shop,
- place them in the box provided at the Church
- ask someone to collect them
- make a donation in the collection plate on Sunday in an Envelope marked Food Relief • Make a Donation by Direct Debit (See Parish Banking details on p16)



Baptism of Mia Alice Ross (Born 19th July 2025)

It was with great joy that the parish celebrated the baptism of Mia Alice Ross on the Australia Day weekend, Sunday 25 January at 10 am.

Mia is the 2nd daughter of Danielle and Tristan Ross. Mia is Bev Ross' great-granddaughter. Bev is a long-term member of the parish.

Danielle and Tristan with their two children live outside Yallourn North and are members of the congregation. Danielle works as Education Support at Traralgon Secondary College and Tristan, works in Customer Support with Aussie broadband.

The Godparents were: Skye Douglas, a lifelong friend of Daniel's, who now lives in Adelaide with her partner Laurence, Andrew de Riter, Danielle's brother and Aynslee de Groot, Andrew's partner.

Skye works in dental administration. Andrew works on the family farm outside Stratford and Ainsley works as a Teachers Aid in the Sale Primary School.

Fr Giles was the celebrant for the service and assisted Fr Bruce in conducting the baptism. Fr Bruce had baptised Mia's sister, Keira in March 2024 and has had a long-term relationship with the family.

As it turned out, because Fr Bruce was recovering from surgery and could not hold Mia for the baptism, Fr Giles held her while Fr Bruce baptised her. Helen Davis was the Lay Reader and Russell Savige, the organist.

Many of us wonder at how children of each generation seem more advanced than previous generations, possibly beneficiaries of the collective growth of human nature. A generational process.

At one stage in the service, Keira, (pictured left above) who is not yet 3 years old, sat with the hymnbook open mimicking in sounds as if she was reading the book. It was quite beautiful.

Mia, as many children are was a little stunned by the water being poured over her, was then totally engaged while she was anointed with oil, given the baptismal candle lit from the Paschal candle representing the resurrection light of Christ, and welcomed into the church.

In introducing the Baptismal Party, Fr Bruce commented "I am deeply encouraged by the time Spent with both the parents and godparents in preparation for this baptism and their understanding of the commitments that they are making on behalf of Mia".

After the Service, Fr Giles, his wife, Julia and Fr Bruce enjoyed a very relaxed lunch at Tristan's parents, Malcom and Fiona Ross's place at Tanjil South. Many ended up in the swimming pool.

From Left: Skye, Andrew, Aynslee, Danielle, Mia, Keira and Tristan





You are invited to forward the names (&dates) of loved ones who have died so that they may be remembered, especially those who have been fellow worshippers.

We remember those who have died in the past month:

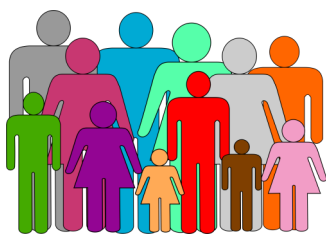
From the Lectionary

2nd Presentation, 3rd First Anglican Service at Sydney Cove, 14th Cyril and Methodius bishop missionaries to the Slavs, 17th Holy Innocents, 20th William Grant Broughton, first bishop of Australia, 24th Matthias Apostle & Martyr, 27th George Herbert, parish priest, poet



Birthday Greetings

for FEBRUARY Penny Clothier, David Davies, Barbara Harvey, Stephen Heath, Fr. Giles Motisi, Julia Motisi, Graeme Nicholls, Jacqui White



OUR PARISH FAMILY

We are pleased to share that Shirley & Ros Bennetts, long standing members of the parish, have moved into care accommodation at Warragul and Penny Clothier is now at Narracan Gardens and is enjoying joining in the services that the parish provides. It is also good to hear that Ray Jackson and Nancye Goodman have both returned to their homes after a stay in hospital before Christmas.

A number of our parish family are experiencing health concerns. We pray for them each week and assure them that we are ever mindful of them.

Our Journey to Lent and Easter

As we look ahead to the Lent and Easter season, please take note of the following important dates within our parish calendar:

Tuesday 17th February: Shrove Tuesday

(Pancake Day) 12md at Marion’s, 49 Scorpio Drive, Moe

This day, also known as Pancake Day, precedes the start of Lent and is traditionally marked by enjoying pancakes.

All are welcome to attend.

Please let Beryl or Mary know by Sunday 15th

Ash Wednesday 18th February

The beginning of Lent, marked by a special service where ashes are placed on the foreheads of worshippers as a sign of repentance.

10am Service at St Luke’s,
7pm service at St Aidan’s

Family Service, Sunday, 22nd October, 5pm at St Aidan’s. A new beginning to share the journey of faith with young people and their families,

Holy Week Services

(Subject to final confirmation)

Palm Sunday 29th March 10am at St Aidan’s

This Sunday commemorates Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem and marks the start of Holy Week.

Monday 30th March: 6pm at St Luke’s

Tuesday 31st March: 6pm at St Aidan’s

Wednesday 1st April: 10am at St Luke’s

7pm Stations of the Cross at St Luke’s

Followed by Prayer and Meditation Group

Maundy Thursday 2nd April: 7pm at St Aidan’s

Our commemoration of Jesus instituting the last Supper.

Good Friday 3rd April: 10am at St Aidan’s

A solemn day remembering the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, with a reflective service held in the parish.

Easter Vigil Saturday 4th April: 7pm at St Aidan’s.

The Lighting of the Easter Fire and celebrating the resurrection.

Easter Sunday 5th April: 10am at St Aidan’s

The most significant day in the Christian calendar, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of new life.



TABLE
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NEW BEGINNINGS : Hope Restored



We welcome the New Year, often, with great celebrations. New Year can be an incentive for people to talk of fresh starts, maybe to consider resolutions to “do better.. It sometimes comes with a sense of relief and hope that the future can heal trials of the past. God offers us this opportunity ALL the time as He is calling ALL PEOPLE through and because of His LOVE.

Christian Songwriter, Michael Mangan reflects that in 2 songs

1 .“THIS IS THE TIME

This is the time to stop

This is the time for new beginnings

This is the time to open up our hearts.

This is the time to dream

This is the time to build bridges.

This is the time to ,make a bold new start.

We are working for a world of justice

Where every heart is free

A land of love and peace and unity

As we travel on together

Believing in a dream

This is the time to start again

Together you and me.

SONG 2 “OUT OF ASHES

Fire in the forest leaves us ashes,

Ashes lie smoking on the ground.

All the old and dead wood lies in ashes

But don't be sad, don't let it bring you down

FOR IN THE ASHES new seeds are sown

From the ashes, new life will grow.

Leave the past in ashes

Let the old things give way

Now we leave our failings far behind us

Leave them in a forest fire to burn

All that's left behind is cold grey ashes

And in the ashes now to God we turn.

The Christian LENTEN SEASON, being the 40 days leading up to EASTER , commences on a day known as ASH WEDNESDAY., when we, too, recognise the need to dispose of aspects of our lives that prevent our union and potential in knowing, enjoying and serving God. Ashes are used to symbolise that forgiveness made possible through the Easter Story, and therefore the gifted Hope for the future.

Watch our church's program as we help one another to understand the possibilities available to us through God's Love now.. His forgiveness (illustrated by burnt ashes, encourages new seeds of growth in our relationship to God and so we may experience His presence forever. through our Faith and Hope in Him.

Discussion or reflection.



How might we as individuals or families, friends use the LENTEN SEASON to understand God's plans for us.?

Do some extra reading:

Ecclesiastes 3:1 -8. (Old Testament)

How true has that being in your lives.?



Consider How God may have supported you in lifes' changing times. Share if you are able.

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SEEKING OURSELVES IN LENT



Lent Word Find



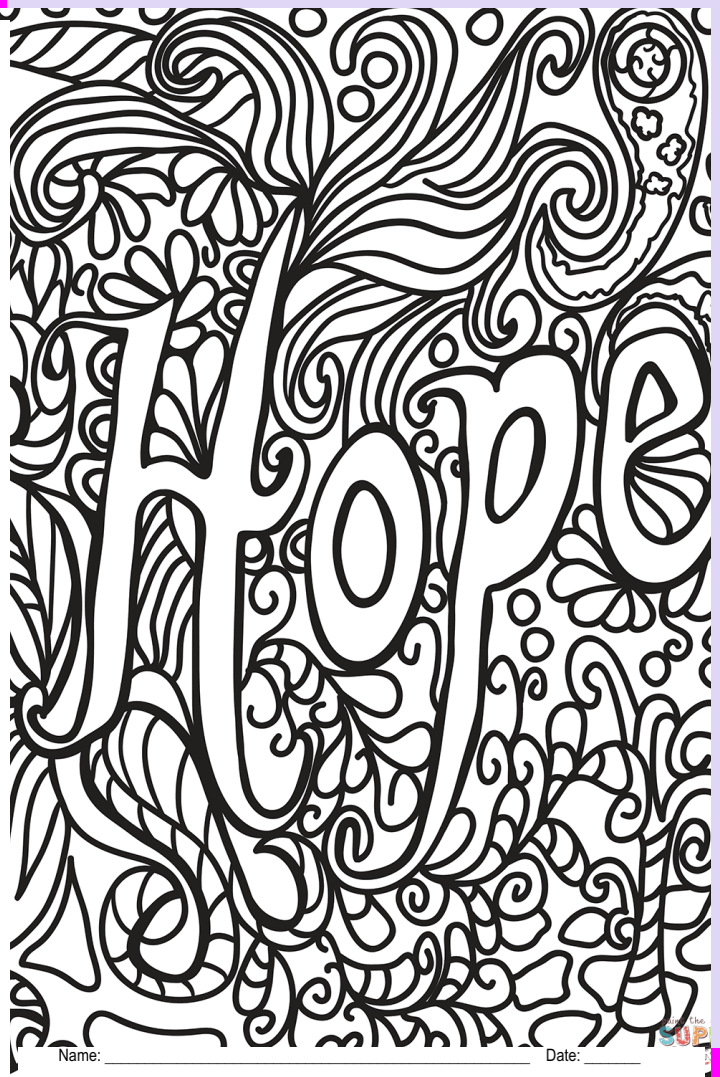
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- Purple
- Prayer
- Sunday
- Forty Days
- Resurrection

- Lent
- Holy
- Palm
- White
- Ashes
- Risen
- Priest
- Jesus

- Easter
- Fasting
- Sacrifice
- Forehead
- Holy Saturday

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Lent Is For Loving

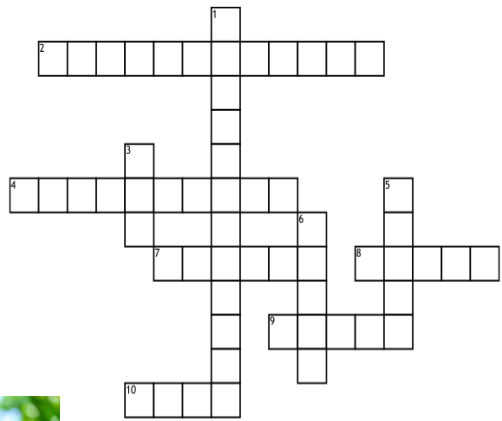
abey		Forgive someone	
Be Thankful		Be honest	
Pray for someone in need			
Celebrate Mass	Help a person without being asked	Let someone else go first	Help Others
Respect Others	Pray to the Holy Spirit	Put a smile on someone's face	Ask for forgiveness
Share	Share	Pray for your family	Be Kind
Smile	Share	Put a smile on someone's face	Pray for your family
Share	Celebrate Mass	Pray for a classmate	Be Kind
Tell Jesus You Love Him	Pray for a classmate	Say a kind word	Be Kind
Be Kind	Say a kind word	Do neat work in school	Share
Say please	Do neat work in school	Sing a song of praise	Share
Celebrate Mass	Do neat work in school	Sing a song of praise	Share
Show Others You Care	Do neat work in school	Sing a song of praise	Share
End day by saying	Do neat work in school	Sing a song of praise	Share



Can + will we all do something extra?

I am with you always

Lent Crossword



Across

2. On which important day does Lent end?
4. What is celebrated a week before Easter?
7. How many disciples did Jesus have?
8. How many days long is Lent?

Down

1. What day does Lent start on?
3. Substance placed on our heads at the start of Lent.
5. What did Jesus did on?
6. Who resurrected on Easter?
9. Who betrayed Jesus?
10. Who was Jesus's mother?

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Family Service, A new beginning

Beginning Sunday, 22nd October, 5pm at St Aidan's. A new beginning to share the journey of faith with young people and their families, Monthly Service every Fourth Sunday

For information about sacraments of the church: baptism, reconciliation, first communion, marriage or to speak to someone concerning your faith or life, please contact Fr Giles or call the Parish .

St Luke's Moe: 49 South Street Moe;

Eucharist: Wednesday 10am

St Aidan's: 111 Torres St, Newborough;

Eucharist Sundays 10am

St. James Yallourn North: Reserve Road Yallourn North

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ORGANISATIONS AND CONTACTS

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Get Out for Good,

Silent Prayer and Meditation Group,

Listening Post A Drop in Centre. A place to drop in for a chat over Morning Tea.

Mothers Union

Men's Breakfast

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