

**Parish of Moe-Newborough
St Aidan's, Newborough
Sunday 1st March 2026, 10.00am**

**Second Sunday in Lent
Sung Eucharist**



Celebrant:

Rev'd Giles Motisi

**Welcome to our service today. For those who are able, please join us
for our Congregational meeting after the service. (Refreshments
available)**

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Sentence

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3.16

Prayer of the Season

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive: grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1st Reading

Genesis 12.1-4a

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ ⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills: but where shall I find help?

² **My help comes from the Lord: who has made heaven and earth.**

³ He will not suffer your foot to stumble: and he who watches over you will not sleep.

⁴ **Be sure he who has charge of Israel: will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵ The Lord himself is your keeper: the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;

⁶ **The sun shall not strike you by day: nor shall the moon by night.**

⁷ The Lord will defend you from all evil: it is he who will guard your life.

⁸ **The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in: from this time forward for evermore.**

2nd Reading

Romans 4.1-5; 4.13-17

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the

adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Gospel

John 3.1-17

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 3,
beginning at the 1st verse **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ ³ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ ⁵ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

INTERCESSION
PRAYERS
FOR THIS SUNDAY

Worldwide Church

- The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
- The Anglican Church in Australia and all involved in General Synod

Our Diocese:

- Bishop Richard & Leanne
- All involved in the administration of our Diocese.
- Eastern Region: Avon, Bairnsdale, Croajingolong, Heyfield, Lakes Entrance & Metung, Maffra, Omeo, Orbost, Paynesville, Rosedale, Sale and Tambo. Regional Dean : Lyndon Phillips

Our Parish:

We pray for Father Giles, Julia, Frank, Peter, Darol and Joana and their family and friends in PNG.

We continue to pray for all involved in running the Modawa Institute and for the students attending.

We pray for our Congregational meeting today as we continue to seek renewal and growth in our parish to encourage a community focused on faith, purpose, outreach, and mission.

We pray for our Parish Council and all parish groups and sub-committees, our op shops and volunteers.

We pray for the health, safety and wellbeing of all parish members and think of those who have asked for our prayers: Alisha, Annabel, Anne, Brendan, Carolyn, Dave, David, Elly, Freya, Jane, John, John, Kevin, Laila, Lina, Nancye, Narrelle, Pauline, Ray, Rita and Yvonne, along with their families and friends.

We give thanks for the lives of Glen Dorling and John Gannon and think of those who grieve their deaths at this time.

Pews News

Time of Prayer for our Parish Father Giles has asked for people to dedicate a short time (15-20 minutes) each Saturday evening from 7pm, in our own homes, to pray specifically for our parish, using our own words, ideas from the pew sheet or with what God lays on our hearts and minds.

We can join collectively in spirit while praying intentionally in our own homes. Matthew 18:20 states “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them” and reminds us of the significance of joining in faith and prayer

Father Giles prays at St Luke’s daily at 8am and 7pm and invites others to join him if they are able.

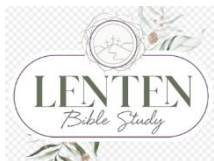


Please join others at an ecumenical service for the World Day of Prayer at St Kieran’s on Friday 6th March, 10.30am. Nigeria is the country of focus in 2026. Morning Tea provided.

Vision Group meets next Sunday (8th) at 4.30pm.



To be held on 4th Sunday each month St Aidan’s at 5pm



There are 2 Study groups:
10.30am Thursdays at St Luke’s, and 1.30pm Friday at St Aidan’s.

People can also use the study for personal reflection at home.
(Books \$12 – see Bruce)

The Week Ahead

Monday 2nd March:

Tuesday 3rd March:

G4G meet at MVC from 10am

11am Latrobe Valley Village

Wednesday 4th March:

10am Wednesday Holy Communion service at St Lukes

4.30pm Ministry and Pastoral Care Group meet at St Aidan's

7pm Prayer and Meditation Group at Madge Vinnell Centre,
Anzac Street, Moe.

Friday 6th March:

No Listening Post today. Back on Friday 13th.

10.30am World Day of Prayer at St Kieran's. All are invited to attend.

Saturday 7th March

8.30am Mens Breakfast MVC

Sunday 8th March: Third Sunday in Lent

9.30am Parish Prayer time in Chapel -All welcome to join.

10.00am Holy Communion at St Aidan's, Newborough

Readings: Exodus 17: 1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5: 1-11

John 4: 5-42

4.30pm Vision Group meet at St Aidan's

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Services:

Wednesday 10.00am St Luke's, 47 South Street, Moe

Sunday 10.00am St Aidan's, 111 Torres Street, Newborough

(Unless advertised as otherwise)

Parish Direct Banking Details:

Account Name: Moe-Newborough Parish Council

BSB: 083 773 **Account:** 915 154 737