

Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

Weekly Bulletin

3 March 2019

Transfiguration

In the coming week

Today

- 3.00pm Liturgy Team-St Andrew's
5.00pm. Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

Monday 4 March

- 3pm. Home Group-Verna Rice
7.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday 5 March

- 9.00am Craft Group-The Cottage
1.30pm Bible Study- 104 Gallipoli Ave
3.00pm Cursillo Group Reunion-St Andrew's
7.00pm Pancake Night-St Andrew's

Wednesday 6 March

- 10.00am Ash Wednesday/Mothers Union
Communion-St Andrew's
10.00am Communion-Peninsula Village
6.00pm Prayer,Praise-Ash Wednesday-
StLuke's
7.00pm Bible Study-Rosemary Bond

Thursday 7 March

- 8.30am. Communion-St Luke's
10.00am Little Pelicans-St Andrew's
10.30am Coffee&Chat-Ruby's Umina

Next Sunday 10 March

- 8.00am Morning Prayer-St Andrew's
10.00am Eucharist-St Luke's
3.00pm Pastoral Partners-St Andrew's
5.00pm. Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

Welcome to everyone visiting our churches!

Our services are all slightly different, but each offers a friendly space in which you can worship God and be part of God's community.

St Andrew's at 8am: Holy Communion, is a less formal worship service, each Sunday except the second Sunday of the Month when we observe **Morning Prayer**.

St Luke's at 10am: Holy Eucharist has a more formal style of worship. The Eucharist is also celebrated at St Luke's on Thursdays at 8:30am.

St Andrew's at 5pm: Sunday Night Live or 4:30pm: Messy Church (3rd Sunday of each month) is a space for families with children and the young at heart to join in informal and fun worship, discussion and activities.

At our Sunday morning services you will need the **middle pages of this booklet** to join in the prayers and the Psalm that we read together.

If you need a **gluten-free wafer** at Communion, please tell the person who welcomed you at the front door before the service.

We pray in silence before worship

Before worship speak to God.

During worship let God speak to you.

After Worship speak to each other.

Both of our churches are equipped with an audio loop. If you use a hearing aid, use the 'T' switch to connect.



Rector's Reflection

Dear friends,

The Transfiguration episode, found in all three synoptic gospels, is key to our understanding of Jesus as the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets, as represented by Moses and Elijah respectively.

The Transfiguration is one of the five major milestones in the life of Jesus as expressed in the gospel narrative, the others being Baptism, Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension. The mount of Transfiguration is a pivotal moment where humanity and divinity come together, where temporal and eternal meet, with Jesus himself as the point of connection - acting as the bridge between heaven and earth.

To be transfigured means to change into something more glorious and beautiful. As our point of connection with God, Jesus calls us to a life transfigured. Change is often painful but necessary lest we stagnate. Our church is undergoing a time of change, which is discomfoting for some, but ultimately necessary for a healthy future.

Commencing next week, the season of Lent presents the church with an opportunity to consider how we might change into something more beautiful as truly reflective of God's glory.

Lent is an exercise in self-examination and the purging our lives of things that are contrary to God's desires for us.

What needs purging from your life? Perhaps you harbour a, deep-seated, resentment of another because of some perceived wrong. Perhaps you've a guilty conscience for an unresolved wrong against another. Perhaps you're inclined to gossip or are stubbornly set in your ways. These are but a few examples of that which afflicts the human condition - dis-eases that need expunging from our daily lives.

The aforementioned afflictions have no place in the life of the Christian. The Transfigured Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith has modelled a different way of living for our emulation. May we like he be changed from glory into glory.

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent, both churches will play host to liturgies; the first at St Andrew's will be at 10am, and the second at St Luke's will be at 6pm in conjunction with our first Wednesday service. I warmly invite your attendance.

May God bless you this week.

Fr Michael

From the Parish

Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting to present the 2017 Audited Financial Statement and Report will be held on Sunday 17th March 2019 at 11.15am at St Luke's Church. Copies of the Report are available today.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish of Woy Woy will be held on Sunday 17th March, 2019 at 11.30am at St Luke's Church. Copies of the Annual Report are available today.

Nomination Forms

Nomination Forms for the positions of Warden (2) Parish Councillors (5) and Mission Secretary (1) are available.

Currently these positions are held by -

Warden	Jacky King Nicola O'Regan
Councillors	Hendrina Collison Nevin Cramond Sue Gates Marina Hanson John Meek John Powell Ruth Simon
Mission Secretary	Rosemary Gillham

Prayer for all in Newcastle Diocese

As the diocese considers future strategies maybe we can each pray this prayer

*Come Holy Spirit of God, restore the lives which, without you, are lifeless and dead;
kindle the hearts, which without you, are cold and dull;
enlighten the minds which, without you, are dark and blind;
fill the church which, without you, is an empty room;
teach us how to praise and pray that we may grow together in love and have courage to make wise decisions as servants, messengers and ambassadors of God's reign,
all this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen*

Lenten Studies

There will be 3 Lenten Studies on Prayer using videos and discussion. On Tuesdays at 1.30pm at 104 Gallipoli Ave Woy Woy beginning on 12th March. On Thursdays at 2 pm and 7 pm at St Andrew's beginning 14th March.

There will also be a Lenten Study exploring the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ through eyewitness accounts of the Apostle Peter using a book of 40 daily reflections titled "Peter at the Cross" by David Mulready. on Wednesdays at 7pm at 58 North Burge Road, Woy Woy beginning 20th March.

Please add your name to the Sign-up sheets if you intend joining one of the groups.

For additional information please contact Rosemary Gillham 0408 416 181- Tuesday group, Fr Michael 0417 650 805. - Thursday Groups OR Rosemary Bond 0409 454 990 Wednesday Group and for copies of the book.

We pray in silence before worship

As you prepare for this morning's service please pray for yourself and those around you. You might like to reflect on this thought for the week:

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John 1.14

The prayer of the day

O God, glorious and faithful, you reveal the beauty of your face to those who seek you with a sincere heart: strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open our hearts to its transforming power, so that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's readings

Exodus 34.29-35 Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2 Luke 9.28-36

8.00am Rosemary Gillham Rosemary Gillham

10.00am Anthea Haughain Meryl Schofield

This morning's hymns

MP1201 Longing for light

234 How good, Lord to be here

732 Lift up your hearts

703 *As the deer pants for the water*

216 Rejoice, the Lord is King

For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Child and Parenting Programme in Toronto, Coonabarabran and Newcastle.



Wider Community:

The First Peoples of the Diocese. Leaders of commerce, business and industry. All those who are suffering because of the drought, bushfires and floods.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. The Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. The Church of the Province of South East Asia. Diocese of Ballarat.

In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishops, Peter, Sonia and Charlie. The priests and people of MICA Ministries and Newcastle St John's. Mission to Seafarers.

In the Parish of Woy Woy:

We pray for our ministry team, Fr Michael and Anthea, and we pray for ourselves and the work we do in the mission of this parish.

For those seeking God's help:

Olga Arkell, Joan Armstrong, Shannon, Hendrina Collison, Brett Donnelly, Jean Doré, Carol Fraser, Jenny, Bill Gates, Sandra Heath, Elaine Rand, Lucy Roy, Lorraine, Mary, Rebecca, Joy Woodward.

The family of Patricia Cameron whose funeral will be at St Luke's on Monday.

Would those who wish to include names in the above list, please ensure that permission has been obtained from the person or their carer.

Readings for this week

Exodus 34.29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Psalm 99

(To be said by alternate half verse)

1. The Lord is king, let the nations tremble:

he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion:

he is high above all nations.

3 Let them praise your great and terrible name:

for holy is the Lord.

4 The Mighty One is king and loves justice:

you have established equity, you have dealt righteousness and justice in Jacob.

5 O exalt the Lord our God:

and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name:

they called to the Lord and he answered.

7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud:

they kept to his teachings and the law that he gave them.

8 You answered them, O Lord our God:

you were a forgiving God to them, and pardoned their wrongdoing.

9 O exalt the Lord our God:

and bow down towards his holy hill, for the Lord our God is holy.

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Gospel: Luke 9.28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

For next week

First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26.1-11 Psalm 91.1-2,9-16
Romans 10.4-13 Luke 4.1-13

Hymns

569 Guide me O thou great redeemer

591 Forty days and forty nights

576 O for a closer walk

502 *Soul of my Saviour*

223 How sweet the name of Jesus

Notices

Spirituality in the Pub

Tuesday 5th March, 2019, 7.30pm - 9.00pm

The Grange Hotel Function Room

Cnr: Renwick St & Pacific Hwy, WYOMING

Bistro opens at 5-30pm.

Inquiries: 4328 2596 or 0498 588 261

Theme 2019: "Reflections on my Spiritual Journey"

TWO SPEAKERS:

Rabbi Jeffrey Kamins: Senior Rabbi at Emanuel is involved in interfaith dialogue and committed to social justice projects, particularly concerning refugees, the environment and animal rights.

Paul McFarlane: Trained nurse and Anglican Pastor with Masters' Degree in Loss & Grief, currently leads a team of volunteer chaplains, trains paramedics and is a community ambassador with "RU OK?".

Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Night

A Pancake Night will be held at St Andrew's on Tuesday at 7pm. Featuring a couple of ABM videos.

Please add your name to the Sign-up sheet if you will be attending.

St Luke's Morning Tea

Over the years Terry has been a stalwart in assembling the Hall each Sunday for our Morning Tea. We need people to step in when Terry is not available. If you are able to be a back-up for Terry could you please contact Irene Dunn on 4342 3830 and let her have your contact details.

Name Badges

We are about to order some more Name Badges, if you require one could you please let the Office know. They are \$20 each for either a Pin or a Magnet

Wheelchair

If anyone is in need of a brand new, heavy duty wheelchair, Sue Fahey has one and she would like to donate it to someone in need of it. Please ring her on 0418 296 635.

BCA Boxes

It is that time again! March is the month for the collection of the box money.

Could you please have your box to the office or to church by 24th March?

Many thanks

Rosemary G

Generosity

Thank you

This week we say thank you to **volunteers who teach children** at Sunday Night Live and Messy Church. Thank you for all you do..

Samaritans

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items and place them in the baskets provided near the door of the church for the work of the **Samaritans** organisation in our diocese.

Direct giving

Thank you for your generous financial giving to the mission of our parish. We encourage parishioners to give directly to the '**Anglican Parish of Woy Woy**' account: BSB 032-527 ACCOUNT 228059.

Reminder

If you would like a notice in the bulletin please give information to office staff by Thursday for inclusion in the bulletin the following Sunday.

Parish Churches

St Luke's: 151 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy(opposite Park Rd)
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9.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Friday

Refreshments are served after each of the services. We would love you to join us! At St Andrew's, refreshments are served in the foyer, and at St Lukes in the church hall.

At the end of the service, please introduce yourself so that we can welcome you properly. Ask for our Welcome Pack, which offers more information about who we are and what we do.