

Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

Weekly Bulletin

28 April 2019

Second Sunday of Easter

In the coming week

Today

5.00pm Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's

Monday 29 April

3.00pm Home Group-Verna Rice

7.00pm Choir Practice-St Luke's

Tuesday 30 April

9.00am Craft Group-The Cottage

1.30pm Bible Study-104 Gallipoli Ave

Wednesday 1 May

9.30am Mothers Union-St Andrew's

10.00am Communion-Peninsula Village

Thursday 2 May

8.30am Communion-St Luke's

10.00am Little Pelicans-St Andrew's

10.30am Coffee & Chat-Ruby's, Umina

4.30pm Messy Church Team-The Cottage

Next Sunday 5 May

8.00am Communion-St Andrew's

10.00am Communion-St Luke'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 Communion is a more formal style of worship. Holy Communion 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.

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.



Reflection

Over the past few weeks we have witnessed or celebrated several history-making events of great significance. There was the awful massacre in the mosque in Christchurch, then the terrible fire in the 800-year-old Notre Dame cathedral, the bombings in Sri Lanka and on Thursday we celebrated Anzac Day when we remembered the tragedy and horrors of the wars of the last century. In the midst of it all, we Christians have celebrated Easter – the event that changed the way we live our lives in relation to God, the event that gives us hope and purpose and meaning. In the Easter story we see the worst of human nature as our Saviour was tortured, humiliated, deserted, betrayed and killed; and we see the glorious nature of God as love and forgiveness are offered to those who least deserve it.

The message of Easter is that in the midst of the worst scenarios that human-kind can produce, there is always hope and God can redeem any situation if we allow him. The accounts of Jesus' disciples seeing their risen Lord are amazing – not least because the disciples did not expect to see him again. They had lost all hope. It is easy for us when world events overwhelm and shock us, to also lose hope – to forget the resurrection and Jesus' triumph over evil and death. Jesus' suffering was real – the marks of that suffering were in his hands and side – and yet because of

the suffering and pain and death, new life had come.

In his book, 'Surprised by Hope', Tom Wright writes – 'Hope is what you get when you suddenly realise that a different worldview is possible, a worldview in which the rich, the powerful and the unscrupulous do not after all have the last word. The same worldview shift which is demanded by the resurrection of Jesus is the shift that will enable us to transform the world.' (p87)

The resurrection of Jesus gives us hope for eternal life – a place in heaven when we die – but it also gives us hope for the transformation of things here and now, because with God all things are possible – even the overcoming of death.

Is it possible that out of the massacre in Christchurch and the bombings in Sri Lanka a better way of relating to people across racial and religious divides will emerge? Is it possible that in the rebuilding and restoration of Notre Dame cathedral a revival in Christian spirituality and faith will come? Is it possible that through Anzac remembrances future generations will be more determined to work for peace in our world?

These are things we need to be praying for and believing possible because of the resurrection.

We are people of hope.

God bless you this Easter season

Rosemary

From the Parish

Wednesday Bible Study

This group will be in recess for two weeks. We will resume on Wednesday 15th May at 7pm.

New members are welcome. Enquiries to Rosemary Bond 0409 454 990.

St Luke's Only - Parish Directory

The copy of the Parish Directory in St Luke's disappeared so if you had amended or added your details on the copy that was in St Luke's could you please do so again so we can amend the Directory to be printed next week.

Prayer for our Parish

Heavenly Father, we bring before you our parish of Woy Woy.

We give thanks for what has been good in the past and ask for forgiveness for the things that have brought grief and pain to ourselves and others. Strengthen our faith and give us the courage to look forward to the future, depending on your Holy Spirit for guidance and wisdom. Unite us in the truth and fill us with your love so that we may love one another well. Give us a vision for the extension of your kingdom here on the Peninsula, and teach us to praise you in everything.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour. Amen.



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:

Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'
John 20.27

The prayer of the week

Living God,
for whom no door is closed,
no heart is locked:
draw us beyond our doubts,
till we see your Christ
and touch his wounds where they bleed in others.
This we ask through Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's readings

Acts 5.27-32	Psalm 118.14-29
Revelation 1.4-8	John 20.19-31
8.00am. Nevin Cramond	Lynette Cramond
10.00am Kathy Martin	Sari Steward

This morning's hymns

MP295 I serve a risen saviour
418 She sits like a bird
658 I the Lord of sea and sky
MP553 Peace I give to you
382 Now the green blade rises

For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Child Youth and Family
Early Intervention and
Activities (EIA) Service.



Wider Community:

The First Peoples of the Diocese. Hospitals and medical centres. All those who are suffering because of the drought. The people of Sri Lanka.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. The Scottish Episcopal Church. Church Missionary Society.

In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishops, Peter, Sonia and Charlie.
Anglican Care and Retired Clergy.

In the Parish of Woy Woy:

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

For those seeking God's help:

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

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

Acts 5.27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Psalm 118.14-29

14 The Lord is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.

15 The sounds of joy and deliverance:
are in the tents of the righteous.

16 The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:

the right hand of the Lord raises up.

17 I shall not die but live:

and proclaim the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has disciplined me hard:

but he has not given me over to death.

19 Open me the gates of righteousness:

and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord:

the righteous shall enter it.

21 I will praise you, for you answered me:

and have become my salvation.

22 The stone that the builders rejected:

has become the head of the corner.

23 This is the Lord's doing:

and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made:

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

25 O Lord, save us, we pray:

O Lord, send us prosperity.

26 Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord:

from the house of the Lord we bless you.

27 The Lord is God, and he has given us light:

guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God and I will praise you:

you are my God, I will exalt you.

29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:

and his mercy endures for ever.

Revelation 1.4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth
will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Gospel: John 20.19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

For next week

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9.1-6

Psalm 30

Revelation 5.6-14

John 21.1-14

Hymns

361 The day of resurrection

125 The God of Abraham (v.1,2,4,6)

219 Jesus comes

519 *Be it know to us*

388 Easter glory fills the skies (v.1,2,6,7,8)

Notices

Introduction to Christian Meditation

“Be still and know that I am God” Psalm 46.10.

You are invited to a six part series - Leo Mahon Room, St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

This free series provides an opportunity for those interested in finding out about Christian Meditation. To experience the practice in a small group, to learn about its origins and the teachings of Fr John Main, and to discover its relevance as a form of prayer for the contemporary world.

Monday evening: 6-7pm, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3 and 17.

For more information contact Marian 0432 882 776.

Spirituality in the Pub

Tuesday 7th May, 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:

Matthew French: A graduate law student, Matthew comes from a strong Catholic family, and is following a call to youth ministry in four parishes on the Central Coast.

Daniel Petrie is currently Acting Assistant Principal at St. Leo's Catholic College and specialises in synergy between curriculum design, innovative liturgy and service programs.

A Walk Through Time

Vivien Sale presents

A Walk Through Time - Central Coast Show Case

Ten Artists - Ten inspired responses

One Night - One community.

The Art House, 18th May 7.30pm

theartousewyong.com.au 02 4335 4485

Generosity

Thank you

This week we say thank you to **Pam Borland** for laundering and care of linen. Thank you for the work that 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)
St Andrew's 360 Ocean Beach Rd, Umina (near Albion St)

Ministry Team

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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.