

## Collects for March

**3 March:** O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**10 March:** Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**17 March:** O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**24 March:** Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**31 March:** Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF SORRENTO AND RYE

St John's Pt Nepean Rd  
Sorrento



St Andrew's Lyons St  
Rye

## March 2019

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## March Readings

(Includes 7 April)

### 3 March

Isaiah 55.10-13 PS 92.1-4,12-15 1Corinthians 15.51-58 Luke 6.39-49

### 10 March

Deuteronomy 26.1-11 PS 91.1-2,9-16 Romans 10.4-13 Luke 4.1-15

### 17 March

Genesis 15.1-12,17-18 PS 27 Philipians 3.17-4.1 Luke 9.28-36

### 24 March

Isaiah 55.1-9 PS 63.1-9 1Corinthians 10.1-13 Luke 13.31-35

### 31 March

Joshua 5.2-12 PS 32 2Corinthians 5.16-21 Luke 15.11-32

### 7 April

Isaiah 43.16-21 PS 126 Philipians 3.3-14 John 12.1-8

# Weekly Diary

- Sundays:** 08:30am - Eucharist at St John's Sorrento  
10:30am - Eucharist at St Andrew's Rye
- Tuesdays:** 09:30am – Ladies Craft Group - St Andrew's  
**Tuesdays:** 10:30am – Bible Study at St John's Fellowship Room
- Wednesdays:** 08:45am - The Meditation Group - St Andrew's  
10:00am - Eucharist - St Andrew's  
10:45am - Bible Study at St Andrew Rye
- Thursdays:** 08:15 -09:15 Bread Café  
09:30am - Playgroup - St Andrew's
- Fridays:** 11:00am - Friday Club - St Andrew's

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## Parish News



**Bread Cafe St Andrew's Church:** First Thursday of each month at 08:15 is a YUMMY cooked brekkie. All invited!

**Trading table at St Andrew Rye:** Next one is first Sunday in March.

**Cell Groups:** The Pastoral Shepherds and the Pastoral Visitor will meet with Fr Nick at the Vicarage on Saturday 16 March from 10:00 – 12:00.

**Parish Council** meets on Tuesday 19 March at 7pm.

### **Concert@ St John Sorrento Sunday 3 March at 6pm:**

Soprano SHAUNTAI BATZKE will delight us with arias and songs from the classical repertoire.

She will be joined by DAVID SMITH, our well-loved and immensely talented local pianist, who will accompany her and who will also perform pieces including Liszt and Scriabin. Don't miss this opportunity to hear Shauntai before she appears in the local Opera 'Buckley' which will tell the story of the escaped convict Buckley who lived amongst indigenous people in this area for some years.

Shauntai is a principal artist with the Indigenous Opera Company "Short Black Opera". Refreshments will be provided after the concert.

Tickets \$25. Available from JackanAndy's Op Shop, at services at St John's Sorrento and St Andrew's Rye, and at the door. Ring 0408 316 938 for more information.

**Ash Wednesday** is 6 March. We will have our Ash Wednesday Communion at St Andrew's at 10:00am to include the Imposition of Ashes.

**NEXUS:** Our March Get Together will be at Japara, Rye Sands, Aged Care Home. Kirsten Mackenzie is the Home Manager and will show us over the property and tell us about it. It would be best to car pool if possible as parking is on the street. Date Tuesday 12 March. Time 2 pm. Place 36-40 Weir Street Rye. All are welcome but please let Elaine Nicholls know (5984 5110) or Faye Kirk (5985 8835) if you are coming as we are invited to enjoy afternoon tea.

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**Pew Sheet deadline** for April is 20 March.

**Everyday Evangelism:** Sessions 4 & 5 are on 4 March and 11 March. It is a course helping followers of Jesus to be equipped *in Everyday Evangelism* is being run from Langwarrin Parish Church Hall from 7:30pm-9:30pm. Why not join those of us going from our parish? Fr Nick

### **Forward Dates:**

- 18 April @ 7pm Maundy Thursday Communion at St John's
- 19 April @ 08:30 Good Friday Liturgy of the Cross at St John's
- 19 April @ 10:30 Good Friday Liturgy of the Cross at St Andrew's
- 21 April @ 07:30 Easter Day Communion at St John's
- 21 April @ 09:00 Easter Day Communion at St John's
- 21 April @ 10:30 Easter Day Communion at St John's
- 21 April @ 10:30 Easter Day Communion at St Andrew's



### **Weddings:**

Raymond & Beverley will be married at St John's on Saturday 2 March @ 1:30am.  
James and Isobel will be married at St John's on Saturday 2 March @ 3:30pm.  
Clinton & Alice will be married at St John's on Saturday 23 March @ 12:00pm.  
Chee-ky & Melanie will be married at St John's on Saturday 3 March @ 3:30pm.  
We wish all of them well.

**Giving Thanks:** Each month Fr Nick is asking us all to give thanks for one particular aspect of our ministry and witness by holding an individual or group in prayerful thanksgiving to God. We pray for our Lay Pastoral Shepherds - Mandy, Rod, Lynn, Faye, Deb, Val, Elizabeth and Ray.

**Prayer to pray:** *"God of mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our parish to grow in number, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen".*

**We hold close in prayer:**

Kate and Florence. David Gibbons. Annette Croad. Joyce Phillingham. Gavin Johnstone (Lesle Gibbon's son). David Johnston. June and Bill Williamson.

**More widely we pray for:** Those whose frontline work encourages young people not to gamble and take drugs. Kirsteen and the staff and residents at Japara Rye Sands Aged Care Home, Weir Street, Rye.

**Saturday Morning Parish Breakfast:** No plans for 2019 as yet.



**A New choir:**

Ken is forming a new choir at St John Sorrento. Why not speak with him if you'd like more info? It's going to be fun and will be glorifying to God in worship.



**This year will be Lent with a difference. Instead of a sermon on each of the five Sundays in Lent some brave worshippers are going to give a testimony of faith by being interviewed by me. It will be a way of hearing how the Holy Spirit of God calls every believer to evangelise the Christ. The testimonies will hopefully give each of us confidence to do likewise.**

## A message from the Vicar.



If I am asked (which I often am) what it is like being the Vicar of St John Sorrento & St Andrew Rye I reply by saying it is one of the most friendliest and warm-hearted parishes I've ever known, and because of that it makes me want to be associated with the parish at every level. You'd be amazed at the wide variety of people who ask me about what it is like being your Vicar. These include wedding couples, funeral families, baptism families, my clergy colleagues, and more recently – our Bishop who came and had coffee with me at the Vicarage for nearly two hours, prayed for me, and asked me to remain as your Vicar for quite a few more years by faithfully guiding you deeper into the Lord Jesus.

When I worshipped at the Anglican Church of St Peter in Queenstown, New Zealand on a Sunday last November I took note that on the front page of the pew sheet of that parish it gave a name and telephone number of the Vicar and then underneath said: *Ministry Team – The Whole Parish.*

I need to make a point that we do not keep an attendance register of the names of people who attend worship each week. Nobody clocks on and off at our two churches as at a factory or office or hospital. As required by church law, we record the number of worshippers at each service but we do not log the names of worshippers. I am very much aware that some of our worshippers go to the city or the countryside or interstate to visit family at weekends, some even have their primary home in the city with their second home in our parish, and others travel to other regions of Australia or go overseas. Our parish has a Vicar (me) and it has a Ministry Team (you). It cannot be expected of me to mentally log worshippers in and out of church each Sunday. All of us need to play a part in the ministry of this parish, and that includes watching out for one another.

Finally, please may I remind you that we have a team of loyal and dedicated Pastoral Lay Shepherds in our Parish. They are: Mandy Wallace; Elizabeth Bradshaw, Faye Kirk, Rod Binns, Ray Kenny, Val Smith, Deb Gribble, Lynn Heyes. We also have Daphne Blore acting as my Licensed Pastoral Visitor. If you are not in one of the Pastoral Cell Groups under the care of a Lay Shepherd then all you need do is tell me and I will happily place you in one.

God's peace in and joy Jesus.

Fr Nick



**Sunday 31 March JOINT Service at St John Sorrento at 10:30.  
No Service at St Andrew's. Late morning tea after the service.  
Please come along and bring some food we can all share.**



As you can see, I've added some graphics to the pew sheet to try to make it more eye-catching and give it a magazine feel. Is it an improvement? Let me know. Fr Nick