

Collects for April

7 April: Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

14 April: Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

21 April: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

28 April: Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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April Readings (Includes 5 May)

7 April

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

14 April [Palm Sunday]

Isaiah 50.4-9 PS 31.9-18 Philippians 2.5-11 Luke 19.28-40

21 April [Easter Day]

Acts 10.34-43 1 Corinthians 15.19-26 John 20.1-18

28 April

Acts 5.27-32 PS 118.14-29 Revelation 1.4-8 John 20.19-31

5 May

Acts 9.1-6 PS 30 Revelation 5.6-14 John 21.1-19

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:** 08:15am - 09:15am Bread Café
09:30am - Playgroup - St Andrew's
- Fridays:** 11:00am - Friday Club - St Andrew's

Parish News



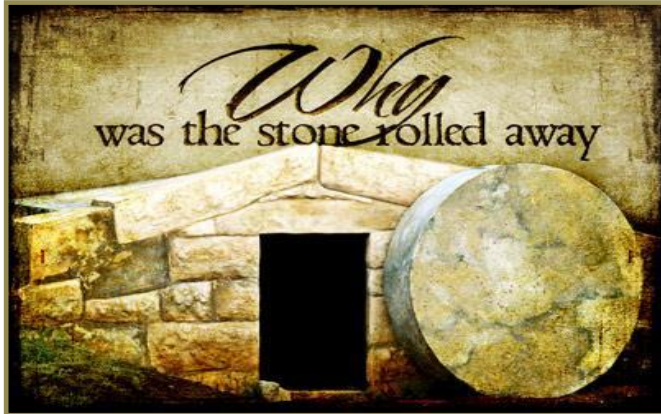
Bread Cafe St Andrew's Church is open and thriving! Come along and enjoy the coffee, tea, toast, friendliness ... and remember that on the First Thursday of each month at 08:15 it's a cooked brekkie. All invited! God is growing the café.

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

Saturday Morning Parish Breakfast: Fr Ray Kenny is asking if someone would like to take over organising this. Please let him know if you are.

NEXUS: 9 April @ Rosebud Community Garden. Hear about and be shown the garden. 2pm Leon Avenue Rosebud. Afternoon tea included.

Pew Sheet deadline for May is 17 April.



Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Acts of Worship:

- 14 April @ 08:30 Palm Sunday at St John's
- 14 April @ 10:30 Palm Sunday at St Andrew's
- 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

Parish Council meets on Tuesday 16 April at 7pm.

New choir:

Ken has formed a new choir at St John Sorrento. We hope the choir will be asked to sing at weddings. They are making a joyous song.

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.

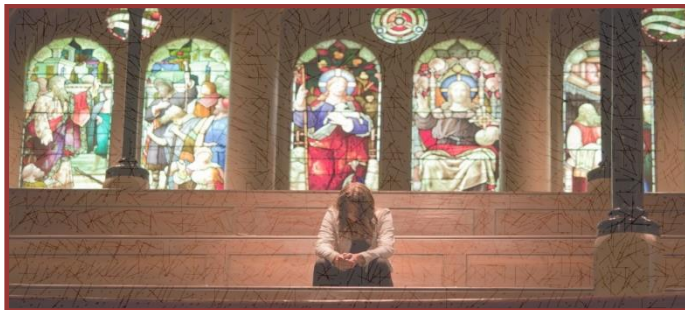
More widely we pray for: The people of New Zealand and their Government. For our Government in Australia.



Getting Married:

We congratulate Annie and Pete who will marry at St John Sorrento (4pm) on Friday 12 April. We also congratulate Cloe and Harley who will marry at St John Sorrento (4pm) on Saturday 13 April.

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. This month we pray for those who are involved in the Wednesday Morning Meditation Group.



“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”.



Now Hear This!

- Before he was arrested and crucified Jesus commanded His followers (disciples) to care for one another. We have a group of Lay Pastoral Shepherds in the parish who work with me, and I with them, trying to make what Jesus spoke of to happen. If you would like to join a Cell Group and therefore have a Lay Pastoral Shepherd pray for you, make contact with you from time to time, and let you know what's happening so you can have some contact time with others then please speak with me. So far we have about 80 -90 people who are in one of the Cell Groups and who have a designated Lay Shepherd.
- At our most recent Lay Shepherd meeting at the Vicarage it was suggested that we hold a film and pizza night. We are working on that idea. It was also mentioned that we need one or two more Lay Shepherds. Again, please speak with me if that is what God is calling you to consider.
- You will note that I have included an image above the Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Services. You can read the words for yourself. I encourage you to think of the words within the image and quietly ask what the words mean.
- Many of spoken of how they have enjoyed the personal testimonies given so far through Lent at worship on Sundays. The final Lenten testimony will be given on Sunday 7 April (Lent 5/Passiontide). On Palm Sunday it is my intention is to bring together a variety of what has been shared by those who have so beautifully given their testimony of faith in Jesus.
- I wish you all a blessed Holy Week and Easter. May Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, to take up your cross and follow Him.

Fr Nick