

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF SORRENTO AND RYE

St John's Pt Nepean Rd  
Sorrento



St Andrew's Lyons St  
Rye

## February 2020

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## 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 Rye  
09:30am - Bible Study at St John's Fellowship Room  
**Wednesdays:** 08:45am - The Meditation Group - St Andrew's Rye  
10:00am - Eucharist - St Andrew's Rye  
10:45am - Bible Study at St Andrew's Rye  
**Thursdays:** 08:15am - Bread Café [BBQ every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs) St Andrew's  
**Fridays:** 11:00am - Friday Club - St Andrew's Rye

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## **2 February: (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)**

Malachi 3.1-4 PS24 Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40

## **9 February**

Isaiah 58.1-9 PS 112 1 Corinthians 2.1-13 Matthew 5.13-20

## **16 February**

Deuteronomy 10.12-22 PS 119.1-8 1 Corinthians 3.1-9 Matthew 5.21-37

## **23 February [Transfiguration]**

Exodus 24.12-18 PS 2 2 Peter 1.16-21 Matthew 17.1-9

## **1 March [Lent]**

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 PS 32 Romans 5.12-21 Matthew 4.1-11

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## Parish News

**Parish Council is:** Fr Nick Wallace (Vicar); Mac McPherson (Warden); Rod Binns (Warden); Angela Raffaele (Warden); Val Smith; Bev Baltissen; Cheralyn O'Sullivan; Shirley Bird; Carol Barelli; Pauline Powell, Aileen Newell; Lynn Heyes;

**Parish Council** will meet on Tuesday, 18 February, 2020 at 7pm.

**Bible Study at St Andrew's Rye:** Commencing Wednesday January 29th a four week bible study on the colourful Old Testament character Nehemiah. Sessions will begin after the 10 am Eucharist. Studies will be led by Fr Ray Kenny.

**Pew Sheet deadline:** The cut-off date for the March edition is 18 February 2020.

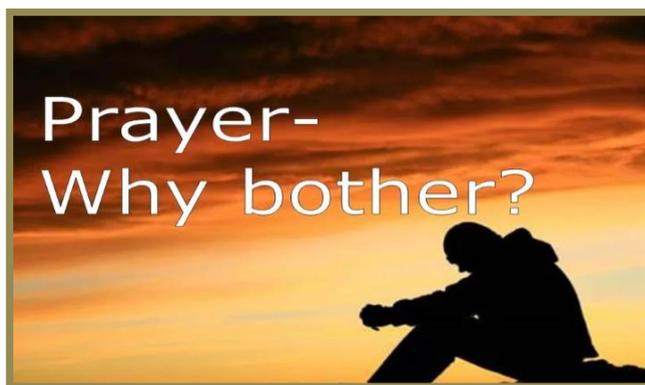
**Happy Birthday:** During February we wish David Ball and Kath Khan a very happy birthday and many more to come.

**February Concert:** Sunday afternoon February 2<sup>nd</sup>, St John's. 'Bohemian Nights' concert with Ernie Gruner and Phil Carroll. Join us for an adventure from Budapest to Buenos Aires with folk and gypsy music. Tickets \$25 will be available from Jack an Andy's Op Shop or Trybooking.

**Nexus:** The first Nexus meeting of 2020 will be a garden party on Tuesday 11 February at 2 pm. Come to Faye Kirk's beautiful garden, 2799 Point Nepean Road, Rye. Invite a friend and bring an easy to carry chair and enjoy a delicious Devonshire Tea, and have some ideas about our 2020 program.

**Joint Parish Worship at St John Sorrento on Sunday 29 March. 09:30.**

**No service at Rye.** We will welcome Bishop Paul Barker who will also dedicate the new organ at St John's. Please bring some food to share with others and eat at the end of service. We do not have the facility to cook or reheat food at Sorrento. At 2:30 there will be an organ recital. The Recitalist is Lachlan Redd assistant, organist at the cathedral. Entry by donation to hopefully cover the recital fee.



**Can we pray for you and others?**

Not a single response to this offer last month or the month before. Surely people need praying for? At both of our Op-Shops, and at both of our churches, there are prayer cards. If you need prayer, or know someone who does, then please fill in a card and follow the easy instructions. Better still; give one to a friend or family member or an Op-Shop customer. Fr Nick.

**We hold close in prayer:** All staff and residents at Japara Rye Sands Care Home. Kate and Florence. Annette Croad. Joyce Phillingham. June Williamson. Leslie Gibbons. The family and friends of Lance Dixon (R.I.P). Di Binns and her family following the death of her Mum, Joan Wood (R.I.P.)

*“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”.*

**More widely we pray for:** The terrible devastation to people, property, whole communities, the environment and wildlife due to widespread fire in Australia.



**Here is a prayer sent to me by the Revd Garry Deverell. Garry is a fellow Priest in our diocese and is Aboriginal:**

*God of Jesus Christ  
we come to you because there is no-where else to turn.  
There is a famine in our land, a famine with regard to living and telling the truth.*

*We confess that we invaded this land and enslaved its peoples,  
the people who have cared for this country and its waterways for thousands upon  
thousands of years.*

*Cont...*

*We confess that we have wilfully ignored the wisdom of the First Peoples,  
wisdom about how to live in this country in a way that honours  
and preserves all life,  
that we have trampled their knowledge underfoot and treated it with contempt.*

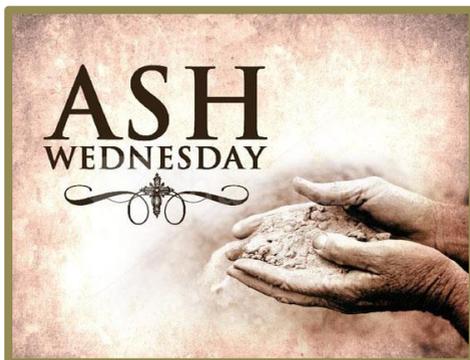
*We confess that we have treated the land itself with contempt,  
and its seas and waterways also.  
We have not cared for it as we ought to have done.  
Instead we have exploited and raped it to feed our selfish appetites.*

*Now the land is sick.  
It weeps and cries out in pain.  
Its plants and animals, the rich tapestry of its eco-systems,  
are burning up for lack of nourishment and care.  
And it is our fault.*

*Teach us, O God, to amend both our lives  
and the political and economic systems in which they are embedded.  
Teach us to treasure the First Nations of this land  
and their wisdom about how to live here with respect and sensitivity.  
Teach us to treasure the country and waterways on which we depend,  
its cycles and seasons, its plants and animals, its fragile and beautiful ecosystems.  
Teach us to call our political leaders to account.  
Teach us, O God, to live and tell the truth.*

*God of Jesus Christ,  
We come to you because there is no-where else to turn.  
Have mercy on us and free us from our sins.  
Amen.*

**Ash Wednesday: 26 February.** 10:00 Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at St Andrew's Rye. All are welcome.



Sometime in February we in our parish will begin a two-year Renewal Initiative.  
More news will follow soon.



### **Reception into the Anglican Church:**

If you have joined the Anglican Parish of Sorrento & Rye from another Christian denomination (e.g. Baptists, Uniting Church, Church of Rome ...) and you have not been 'Received' into the Anglican Church, you are invited to be 'received' by Bishop Paul when he joins us for worship at St John Sorrento on Sunday 29 March. I have asked Bishop Paul to share with me the words (liturgy) he will use and would be happy to show you to encourage you.

Fr Nick

## Collects for February

**2 February:** Almighty and ever living God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Amen.*

**9 February:** Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Amen.*

**16 February:** O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

**23 February:** 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.*