

Collects for March

1 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.*

8 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.*

15 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.*

22 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.*

29 March: 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.*

ANGLICAN PARISH OF SORRENTO AND RYE

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Sorrento



St Andrew's Lyons St
Rye

March 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
Tuesdays:	09:30am – 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 [Cooked on 1st & 3rd Thursdays]
Fridays:	11:00am - Friday Club - St Andrew's

Sunday Bible Readings for March 2020

1 March

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

8 March

Genesis 12.1-4 PS 121 Romans 4.1-17 John 3.1-17

15 March

Exodus 17.1-7 PS 95 Romans 5.1-11 John 4.5-42

22 March

1 Samuel 16.1-13 PS 23 Ephesians 5.8-14 John 9.1-41

29 March

Ezekiel 37.1-14 PS 130 Romans 8.6-11 John 11.1-45

5 April [Palm Sunday]

Isaiah 50.4-9 PS 118.1-2,19-29 Philippians 2.5-11 Matthew 21.1-11

Parish News

Coronavirus advice for worshippers: The office of the Archbishop has issued guidelines for clergy based on information received from the WHO. The guidelines are being explained by Fr Nick at all acts of worship. Please pay particular attention to the advice given by not attending church if you are unwell with a viral infection. We will of course pray for your speedy recovery when you ask us.

Parish Council is: Fr Nick Wallace; 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 17 March 2020 at 7pm.

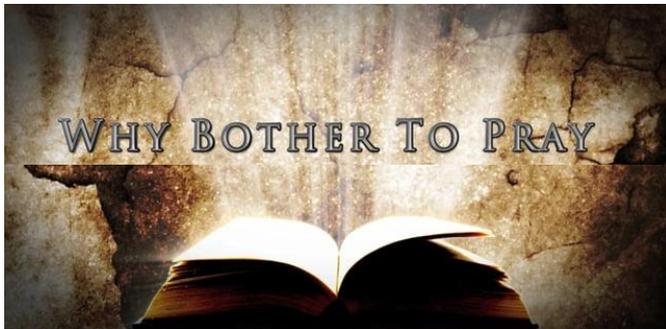
Bible Study at St Andrew Rye: A look at the colourful Old Testament character Nehemiah. Sessions begin after the 10 am Eucharist. Studies are led by Fr Ray Kenny.

Pew Sheet deadline: The cut-off date for the April edition is 23 March.

Nexus: March 10. A visit to Boneo Discovery Park to see the Sand Sculptures "Animalia". Cost \$12. Afternoon tea at own cost.

Joint Parish Worship at St John Sorrento on Sunday 29 March. 10:30
(Note change of time) No service at Rye.

We will welcome Bishop Paul Barker who will also dedicate the new organ at St John's and receive some worshippers into the Anglican Church. Please bring some food to share with others and eat at the end of service. Remember that we do not have the facility to cook or reheat food at Sorrento. At 2:15 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? 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.

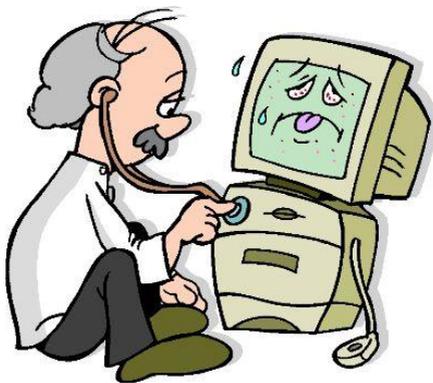
Holy Baptism: Emmeline Michaela Howe will be baptised at St John's on Sunday 8 March at the 08:30 service.

Weddings: Nicholas & Melinda will marry at St John's on Saturday 7 March at 12:00. Gordon & Maria will marry at St John's on Saturday 14 March at 2pm. Andrew & Melissa will marry at St John Sorrento on Friday 27 March at 3:30 pm.

We hold close in prayer: Kate and Florence. Annette Croad. Joyce Phillingham. June Williamson. Leslie Gibbons. All at Japara Rye Sands.

"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".

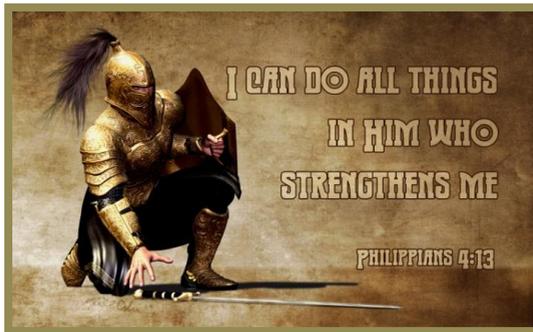
More widely we pray for: The victims of the Coronavirus and all who treat the sick of it. We also pray for medical scientists searching for an urgent remedy. We pray for Doctors and Nurses and other Hospital Staff and the risks of contamination for them.



Emails: A glitch has occurred with my sorrento-rye-outlook.com email address. I advise anyone wishing to email me to use office@srac.org.au until further notice. Fr Nick.

God Changed My Life

Lent 2020: Last year I invited five worshippers to give a personal testimony on the Sundays of Lent. I am repeating that invitation again this year. On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of Lent three believers in Jesus will each give a testimony at Sorrento & Rye.



A message from Fr Nick: Last month, I gave a short sermon at a Wednesday morning communion service about being Warriors for God. I recall that the story of David and Goliath was the reading of the day. I was asked to make available a prayer which, when I first came to this parish, I laminated and affixed to the front door of both of our churches.

It was a farewell prayer given to me by a monk who lives at the Benedictine Abbey of Quarr situated in my last UK Parish. The prayer is very special to me because it was placed with my name on it inside a bundle of spiritual books handed to me by Brother Finbar. Finbar said he hoped that I would go to Australia and be brave and courageous and a warrior in my ministry, as he reckoned I had been on the Isle of Wight for a decade.

“For we are the temple of the living God; as God said “I will live in them, and move among them, and I will be their God; and they shall be my temple””

2 Cor.6-16

Dearest God my Father, I call upon you to witness and partecipe in my solemn consecration to you. I come to you now as one who is still learning how to know you and love you, how to praise you and thank you, how to offer up to you all the blessings and crosses you have given me, and how to ask forgiveness and mercy.

I also come to you as a warrior, strong in my resolve to serve and honour you. But most importantly, I come to you as a wide-eyed child, that you, Creator of the vast universe are truly my Father. Although, I have wandered far from you in my lifetime I choose now to return, for I long to be with you in your house forever.

In your presence, with full knowledge and free will, I consecrate myself to you. Like a small child, I approach; I lay tenderly against your heart, and I ask that you hold me tightly and never let me go. Let me be a temple for you to dwell in, Father, and with the greatest love and tenderness, may I be your gentle and loyal companion, carrying you within me all the days of my life.

May I bring to you my family and friends, strangers I have yet to meet, so that they might also see your light and feel your tender love. When you dwell in us, there is a blessed connection between heaven and earth. May more and more of your children consecrate themselves to you. As Jesus taught us to pray, “May your Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen”.

