

Newsletter

The Fifth Sunday
after Epiphany
9th February, 2020

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF SOUTH PERTH

9 Ridge Street, South Perth WA 6151

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*Office hours Tuesday and Friday
9.30am – 2.30pm*



We acknowledge Wadjuk Bibbulman people as the original owners and custodians of this Swan River Land we are meeting on today.

Sunday Sung Eucharist @ 9am

Tuesday Said Eucharist @ 10am with healing ministry

‘Families @ 5:30’ Eucharist (1st & 3rd Saturday of the month except January)

Music for today		
Setting	Dudman	
Processional Hymn	448	Blest are the pure in heart
Offertory Hymn	154	Great is your faithfulness
Recessional Hymn	347	We sing the praise of him who died
Communion	Organ music	

Please pray for:

Andrew & family, Narelle Hall, Pam Sibly, Benjamin, Shane, Daisy Christie, Wayne Sibly, Sonia, Jill Ford, Jade Martin, Joyce, Gary Taylor, John, Andrew, Oliver, Elaine Clarke & Robert Lindsay.

We give thanks for the lives of:

Margaret Weaver, Pauline Langford & Paul Palthe,
and all those whose anniversaries occur during the coming week.

From the Rector

In Act 1 of Hamlet, Polonius advises his son “to thine own self be true”. Great advice but not always easy to follow. It’s so easy to get caught up with social, peer group, and religious pressures that we can easily lose sight of our individual identities and what we are all about.



In today’s gospel, Jesus uses the metaphors of salt and light to help us understand how vital it is for us to be faithful to who we are. We are salt – we enhance others; we are light – we shine for others. Salt, eaten by itself, is bitter. It is meant to be used with something else - as a preservative, or to enhance the flavour. A lighthouse beacon shines out, but it fulfils its purpose most clearly when it is seen by crew members of a passing ship and guides them safely home. The underlying message of these metaphors is that who we are as disciples always finds its deepest meaning in who we are in relationship to God and others. Just as salt and light make a difference when they interact with other things, so the good that disciples do is measured in their relationship to others.

Today’s first reading makes the gospel metaphors very concrete. We are vindicated and glorify God when we act decisively as God acts: we are to feed the hungry; shelter the oppressed and homeless; clothe the naked; and remove oppression. Practically speaking, for us today, this might mean that we should get involved in social justice ministries, or maybe simply take stock of our busy lives and reflect on what has value and meaning for the good of others and what doesn’t and then make changes! True discipleship always involves ongoing discernment about how we are in relation to God and others. Anything less is selling ourselves short of being true to ourselves.

Have a great week.

Fr. Nick

For your diary...

Every week

Tuesday – Friday	9am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	10am	Said Eucharist with healing ministry
Wednesday	10am	Mainly Music (School terms only)

This week

Sun 9 th Feb	3 pm	Fringe World – The Piano Men
Wed 12 th Feb	10.30 am	Eucharist at Balmoral Nursing Home
Sat 15 th Feb	7.30 pm	Fringe World - 'An Evening in Paradise' featuring Alessandro Pittorino (Organ), Bonnie De La hunty (Soprano) and Nick Fitzpatrick (Visual Artist)
Sun 16 th Feb	9am	Sung Eucharist with the Commissioning of the Choir, followed by morning tea.

Save the date!

Thurs 20 th Feb	10.30 am 7.30 pm	Eucharist at Le Fanu Court <u>CANCELLED</u> Parish Council
Tues 25 th Feb	6.30 pm	Shrove Tuesday – Pancake supper
Wed 26 th Feb	7 pm	Ash Wednesday – Said Eucharist with ashing
Sat 29 th Feb	5.30 pm	Club 3:16 Pancake Challenge
Tues 3 March	10:45 am	Lent Group in the Hall
Wed 4 March	7 pm	Lent Group in the Hall

To arrange home or hospital visits, Baptisms, and Weddings please contact
Fr. Nick - Tel. 0447 224 451 Email. Fr. Nick@me.com

Next week's Roster - *Sunday 16th February 2020*

LA: Roberta	Gifts: Etim family
Reader 1: Angela	Prayers: Elizabeth
Reader 2: Roberta	Sidesduty: Ian & Diane
Sacristan: Margaret	Kitchen: Robin & Ann

Next week's Readings - *Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

Deuteronomy 10: 12-22 Psalm 119: 1-8 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9
Matthew 5: 21-37

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Volunteering Opportunities

We need volunteers to help with various aspects of church life and if you would like to help with any of the following, please speak to Fr. Nick or one of the wardens:

Treasurer: The role involves helping to prepare the annual budget and monitoring the financial performance against it on a monthly basis. The Treasurer is a member of Parish Council which meets once a month. In addition, the Treasurer is responsible for checking and authorising payments and presenting the accounts to the annual meeting. This role does not involve bookkeeping. (Time commitment: 7-8 hours per month).

Youth Ministry: This year we are launching 'Club 3:16' for our older children. They will meet approximately once a month on a Saturday evening for organised activities. Volunteers will help plan and supervise these activities. (Time commitment: 3-4 hours per month).

Publicity: As we seek to engage more with the wider community, we are looking for one or more volunteers who can help with publicity. This will involve sending out press releases for events to local media, helping to prepare publicity material (posters, email, social media etc.), and sending it out. (Time commitment: 2-3 hours per event).

Shrove Tuesday – PANCAKE dinner

Join us for a pancake dinner on Shrove Tuesday.

Tuesday 25th February 2020 at 6.30pm. \$20 Adults / \$10 children

Please put your name down on the sign up sheet if you will be attending. For catering purposes, please let us know if you have any dietary requirements such as gluten free, vegan etc.

We would also like some volunteers to help with the catering and set up for this dinner. Please let Roberta know that you can help.

New Rosters – Sunday 9am

It is nearly time to draw up our next lot of Sunday rosters. This roster will cover the months of **March, April & May 2020**. Please put your name and the dates you will not be available, on the sign-up sheet. Thank you.

Readings

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

God redefines the meaning of fasting to include doing social justice.

Thus says the Lord; Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear-guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Isaiah 58: 1-9a

Hear the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 112

Those who fear the Lord are lights because they order their affairs with justice e.g. giving to the poor.

Alleluia, blessed are those who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land,
a generation of the faithful that will be blest.

Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness endures for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
gracious and full of compassion are the righteous.

It goes well with those who are generous in lending
and order their affairs with justice,

For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil tidings;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

Their heart is sustained and will not fear,
until they see the downfall of their foes.

They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands fast for ever;
their head will be exalted with honour.

The wicked shall see it and be angry; they shall gnash their teeth in despair;
the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Psalms 112

A Reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

Paul affirms the demonstration of the “Spirit and power” and not any form of human wisdom because true wisdom comes from God and can only be taught by the Spirit.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you, except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed, to perish. But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of

glory. But, as it is written, ‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him’— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny. ‘For who has known the mind of the Lord, so as to instruct him?’ But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2: 1-16

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus tells the disciples that they are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Jesus went up the mountain and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to teach them: ‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. ‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5: 13-20

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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