

Dates for the Diary

- 23rd February—Jenny attending Bishop in Council.
- 24th February—NO Mid week service or Bible Study
- HOY—1.30pm, St Aidan's Hall
- 1st March—Parish Council 1pm at Art Reach, Beech Forest
- 3rd March—Wednesday Service and Bible Study.
- 5th March—World day of Prayer—St Aidan's
- 24th March—Hoy—1.30pm , St Aidan's Hall

St Aidan's Roster—28th February

1st Reading—Michael McMahon, 2nd Reading—Rita White, Morning Tea—The Brandon's!

The Lighter Side of Life



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Anglican Parish of the Otways

21st February, 2021

1st Sunday of Lent



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Welcome to worship today.
Thankyou for adhering to our COVID restrictions:

- Use of Hand sanitiser
- Keeping 1.5 m apart
- Wearing a mask
- Not mingling in porch

Your co-operation is appreciated

Regular Services

St Aidan's Apollo Bay:

10am Sunday
10am Wednesday
6.30 pm Saturday

Christ Church Carlisle River

1pm-1st & 3rd Sundays

St Anselm Beech Forest

1pm-2nd Sundays

St James Forrest

4pm-2nd & 4th Sundays

Laura Pengilly House

10.30am- 2nd and 4th Mondays

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Greetings in the name of Jesus.

Welcome to Lent! We might have got off to a rough start this Lent but we can still commit to making the most of this season of reflection.

Lent provides us with a time to retune our spiritual radar, to examine our lives and ask, Do I pray, fast, do my good turns for others, give to charity for the right reasons? Are my attitudes, words and motives in line with God's? God is always more interested in why we undertake our charitable acts and spiritual disciplines than how we do them. Let us take this season of Lent to examine our lives and allow God to transform them into His holiness.

I spoke with Chris White this week and although he sounded very tired he told me he is progressing well and has healed well enough to start his physical rehabilitation. Please keep Chris and Rita in your prayers.

ABM is having its annual Lent appeal and the parish will contribute towards it but if you wish to add a little extra to this contribution, place your ABM Envelope in the plate and it will be forwarded. Alternately, you can scan the ABM QR code opposite and contribute directly.

Hoy begins this week! Richard and I are very sorry we will be unable to attend but we do hope you have a terrific afternoon. Don't forget to spread the word. Never been? Come along. It's heaps of fun and an important outreach to members of our community who long for some fun and fellowship with others.

Parish Council Members, please remember I have postponed the meeting schedule for Monday this week. New date is in the "Dates for the Diary" section of this newsletter.

May the Lord bless you with peace and joy. Jenny

Prayer of the Week

God of the new and eternal covenant, as the forty days of the great flood swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life: grant to us, who are washed clean and born again in the saving flood of baptism, the wellspring of your grace, that your gift of new life may flourish once again; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings. Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25; 1 Peter 3:18-22,
Mark 1:9-15

ABM Reflection

After the Flood God makes a covenant with Noah never to destroy all flesh again, the sign of which is God's bow in the sky, the rainbow. Baptism is a bit like the flood: dying and rising in water. At Jesus' own baptism, the Spirit descends and a voice from heaven pronounces Jesus' sonship. But then something unexpected happens. Instead of basking in the acclamation, Jesus is immediately driven into the wilderness, tempted by Satan. After the temptation he is ready to preach repentance.

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Prayer Points

Thanksgiving

- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church in Central Africa.
- For the diocese of Wangaratta.
- For the Parishes of Beaufort-Skipton and Sebastopol.
- That through the death and resurrection of Jesus, we too are baptised in the Spirit.

Petitions

- Peter, Summer, Lorna, Chris, Bernie, Anne-Marie, Ed, Alf, Erica, Susan, Margaret, Ian and their families.
- For the wisdom and courage to proclaim: repent, and believe in the good news!
- For children who are neglected or abused.
- For Children in foster care and their carers.