

CHURCH TODAY

10am: John
The Cross Atones: Lent 1
Bible Readings:
Lev 16:1-34;
Ps 51:1-9;
Heb 10:1-14;
Matt 3:1-17
5pm Jesus Talk

NEXT WEEK

9:30am: John
Cross Peace: Lent 2
Bible Readings:
Isa 52:13-53:12;
Ps 51:10-19;
1 Pet 2:21-25;
Matt 4:12-22
5pm Jesus Talk

The Prayer of the Week

O Lord, who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey your godly will in righteousness and true holiness; to your honour and glory, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Praying Together This Week

Help to live & share the gospel
Those who are unwell
Christians being persecuted
For people to come to Christ
The Nomination Board
Our ministry with children
& young people & families
Australian governments
The gospel to grow in Australia
John and Donna Yates

SUNDAY MEETINGS

Every Sunday

9:30am – from next week by popular demand
Prayer Praise Proclamation and
Holy Communion

5pm Jesus Talk

“the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy” (Rev 19:10) Jesus Talk seeks to be a “prophetic hub” where Christ- concentrated expressions of prayer, praise, and proclamation, can take place in the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

By popular demand from 28th February the morning service will return to a 9:30am start



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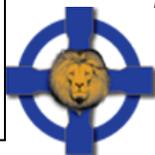


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More info from Jenny



CHURCH ON THE RISE

Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

*Discovering and demonstrating Jesus' love
in Bassendean and beyond.*

21 February 2021

Mortified: Why Lent?

A friend recently sent me a devotion about Lent as a season of “self-mortification”, what is the biblical basis for such things? The King James Version says, “For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.” (Romans 8:13). To “mortify”, means to “put to death”. Self-mortification is a sort of suicide of an old way of life by degrees. This is not a natural thing, but in following Jesus it is an indispensable supernatural way of life. Let me clear away a few misconceptions.

Paul's command to the Romans about self-killing didn't have in mind giving up chocolate, coffee, alcohol, TV, Facebook etc., for 40 days. He spoke from a sense of self-identity of having already been “crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me” (Gal 2:20). He understood Jesus' words, “take up your cross and follow me” (Mark 8:34), as referring to the cross as an instrument of torture and certain death. Our cross may not mean death externally, but it will internally. Carrying one's cross is *not* humanly achievable, unlike putting up with a difficult spouse, boss, illness, or disability. The way of mortification is humanly undesirable and impossible. As Jesus needed to hear the Father's command to die (John 10:17) and as he needed to depend on the power of “the eternal Spirit” (Heb 9:14), we need the same miraculous help.

Christ understood that everything of the old broken humanity needed to be annihilated in the cross so that a new and glorious humanity could rise from the dead (Rom 6:4). Seeing such a great destiny he reckoned the struggle to die (read the account in Gethsemane) was worth going for to birth a new creation (2 Cor 5:17).

The key to embracing present self-mortification is to envisage a better future. “Some (old covenant saints) were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.” (Heb 11:35), “for the joy that was set before him (Jesus) endured the cross, despising the shame” (Heb 12:2). The more we see in the Spirit our glorious future with Christ (1 John 3:2) the more we will be compelled to embrace self-mortification (2 Cor 5:14). Ask the Lord what you need to put to death, and pray for his Spirit.

John

WELCOME

Welcome to St Mark's. We are an active Anglican church of all ages and walks of life, seeking to grow in the likeness of Christ and welcome new members and visitors.

Covid19: Please observe the physical distancing guidelines. Hand sanitizer is available at the door. If you are unwell, please stay at home.

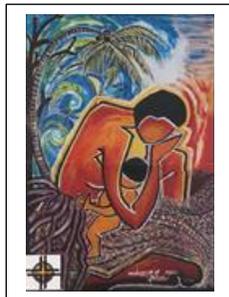
Please relax and enjoy the worship and fellowship. Are you **new to this church?** Please make yourself known to one of the ministers or service leaders. You may also like to complete and return the **Welcome Form**.

The **Order of Service** may be followed on the screen.

The **Holy Communion** is open to all believers. Visitors are welcome to receive Communion if they normally take it in their own church. Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the minister when you come to communion.

Pray for Vanuatu – World Day of Prayer 2021

Friday 5th March 2021 at 10am
at St Marks Anglican Church Bassendean
Contact: 9279 2835 for more information



Bible Studies for Lent

Women's Bible Study Mondays 7-7:30pm catch up, 7:30-9pm Prayer & Study
Commences 1st March in Bassendean – Contact Donna – 0401 615 819

Men's Bible Studies

Tuesdays 6:30pm in Bayswater – Contact John – 0405 640 740
Also Tuesdays 6:30pm - location varies between Swan View and Bassendean
Contact Roger – 0408 096 022

A Prayer as we seek a New Minister

Bountiful God give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose; wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MISSION PROJECT UPDATE Information for your Prayers



Vision of CMS

We work with churches to set apart, equip and support long-term workers who cross cultures to share the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The world may change but the gospel of Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

As we seek to **see a world that knows Jesus**, conscious of our responsibility to our neighbouring regions, the mission of CMS is:

- to reach gospel-poor peoples for Christ
- to equip Christian leaders for church and society
- to engage churches in cross-cultural mission

The distinctives of CMS are:

- Bible-based
- Gospel priority
- Long-term focus
- In-depth training

David and Jenny Juniper from Albany have just moved to the city of Bukavu in South Kivu Province, DR CONGO. They are learning Swahili. David will be training pastors and Jenny involved with Mothers Union. Last year the previous Anglican Bishop of Goma died from Covid19.

“ We have always felt the weight of Jesus' words in Luke 12:48, 'From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded: and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.' ”

Children's Ministry needs help

The Children's Ministry team are keen to set up the kids' program for this year but are in dire need of helpers.

* **Godly Play** (for kids aged 4 - 8) needs 2 helpers to supervise and help with craft. ([Contact Ros 0412 855 658](mailto:Ros@cms.org.au))

* **Godly Science** (for kids aged 9-12) needs 2-3 helpers to join the roster as leaders. The material is provided each week, the leader just needs to teach a short bible passage and run a practical science activity that illustrates it. ([Contact Andrew 0428 764 010](mailto:Andrew@cms.org.au))

Skills required: just a love for children and an enthusiasm to see them grow in their faith and feel like they belong to the church family.