



WEEKLY BULLETIN - Sunday 25 January 2026

Third Sunday after Epiphany

BIBLE READINGS FOR SUNDAY

The 9.30am Service usually only includes the NT & Gospel readings
On 1st February we will read only the OT and Gospel readings

| | First Reading | Psalm | Second Reading | Gospel |
|--------|---------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 25 Jan | Isaiah 9.1-4 | 27.1-10 | 1 Corinthians 1.10-18 | Matthew 4.12-25 |
| 1 Feb | Micah 6.6-8 | 15 | (Omitted) | Matthew 5.1-12 |

COLLECT

Loving God,
 the light of the minds that know you,
 the life of the souls that love you,
 and the strength of the hearts that serve you:
 help us so to know you that we may truly love you,
 and so to love you that we may faithfully serve you,
 whose service is perfect freedom;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY – BACKPACK SUNDAY

This is our annual service acknowledging and praying for all who return to schools and studies at the start of a new academic year. This includes people new in school, returning to school, students at universities and colleges, teachers, lecturers, mentors, coaches and volunteers assisting people learning English as a second language – anyone involved in education.

Norma Graham will be our preacher at both services being led by Rev Nic. Anyone bringing a backpack / laptop etc. can bring it forward when being blessed.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY @ 10.45am

Other notes in this Bulletin – also in a Parish Newsletter emailed last Thursday – will explain some of the details for your participation in it. Please diarise the date.

There will be 2 Sunday morning services at the usual times this year, rather than a single combined service but they will both be shorter than usual (about 45 mins instead of the usual 60 mins). Morning Tea and Coffee will be served after both as usual. The AGM is expected to begin at 10.45am.

NEW PARISH RECTORY & NIC'S MOVE NEXT WEEK / WEEKEND

Via the Parish Newsletters late last year we shared the exciting news of the purchase of a new church house in Oxley, and some of the detailed processes involved. (More has been written in the recent emailed Newsletter sent on Thursday 22nd January).

Settlement Date is this Friday 30th January. Nic will move small items himself and with the help of a parishioner with a ute over the weekend, and removalists will do the rest on Monday 2nd February, as he vacates the Indooroopilly apartment he has enjoyed for just over 2 years.

32 Valance Street, Oxley 4075 is the address. Nic intends to hold an Open Day on a Saturday in March including a fixed time for a House Blessing (date to be advised), inviting all who wish to view the new rectory to come along.

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### **A PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA**

[From The Anglican Church's "Prayer Book for Australia" p. 204.]

Bounteous God,  
we give thanks for this ancient and beautiful land,  
a land of despair and hope,  
a land of wealth and abundant harvests,  
a land of fire, drought and flood.  
We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land  
and bring forgiveness, reconciliation,  
and an end to all injustice;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**DIARY DATES: from February to Easter and Pentecost**

Where relevant, more information will follow next week.

**Sunday 22 February – Ash Sunday on the First Sunday in Lent**

- Marking the start of Lent, at both morning services.

**Friday 6 March at 10.30am**

- Annual Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service.
- This year's event is at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Oxley Rd, Corinda.

**Wednesday 11 March – Parish Fundraising Games Morning**

- Geraldine Burnett is the organiser; advertising will follow soon.

**Sunday 29 March – Friday 3 April**

- Palm Sunday followed by Holy Week culminating in Good Friday

**Saturday 4 April and Sunday 5 April – Celebration of the Resurrection**

- Our usual 2 services for Easter at...
- 6.30pm on Holy Saturday, 4th April, and
- 8.00am on Easter Sunday 5th April.

**Sunday 24 May – Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation**

- Visit by Bishop John Roundhill.
- The 9.30am Service will include Confirmation.

Nic will follow up those people who already indicated a desire to be confirmed, but please speak with him about it ASAP if you haven't already done so.

**Rev Nic's leave after Easter: Advance notice**

I will take leave after Easter, first with Julia here in Brisbane and areas nearby, followed by 3 weeks with family and friends in South Africa, returning at the end of the first week of May.

## **THOUGHT-PROVOKING QUOTES**

“To listen to the other side does not grant them legitimacy.

It offers them humanity and restores your own ...

deep listening is an act of surrender.”

**Irish musician Bono**

At a Vigil in Italy late last year, a Roman Catholic Cardinal read the names of every child killed by Israel in Gaza. “We pronounce their names, one by one”, he said. It took him 7 hours.

**Cardinal Matteo Zuppi**

## **PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISH**

### **3 WAYS TO FINANCIALLY CONTRIBUTE**

- (1) **CASH** in the basket in the church entrance.
- (2) **TAP** card on EFTPOS reader at church entrance; choose the amount.
- (3) **BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:**

Account Name: Anglican Parish of Chelmer–Graceville

BSB: 704 901 ACCT: 000 00150

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