

# WEEKLY BULLETIN - Sunday 1 February 2026

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany & Backpack Sunday

## BIBLE READINGS FOR SUNDAY

The 9.30am Service usually only includes the NT & Gospel readings.

On 1<sup>st</sup> February we will read the OT, Psalm and Gospel.

	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
<b>1 Feb</b>	Micah 6.6-8	15	-	Matthew 5.1-12
<b>8 Feb</b>	Isaiah 58.1-12		1 Corinthians 2.1-16	Matthew 5.13-20

## COLLECT

Righteous God,  
 you confound the world's wisdom  
 by giving your blessing to the lowly and pure in heart:  
 give us such a hunger and thirst for justice  
 and perseverance in striving for peace,  
 that in our words and deeds  
 the world may see the promise of your kingdom,  
 which has been revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## BACKPACK SUNDAY TODAY

Norma Graham is our preacher today, with services led by Rev Nic. At the start of each academic year, we acknowledge and pray for all who are involved in education. This includes children going to school for the first time, others returning to school in all grades, students at universities and colleges, teachers, lecturers, mentors, coaches and volunteers assisting people learning English as a second language. There are people in our parish and amongst our families in every one of those 'categories'.

## **PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY @ 10.45am**

Notes in a Parish Newsletter emailed on Thursday 22 January 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**

In a Parish Newsletter sent 12 December 2025, we shared the exciting news of the purchase of a new church house in Oxley and some of the detailed processes involved. More was written in Newsletter emailed on Thursday 22nd January.

Settlement was on Friday 30th January. I will have moved small items myself, and today have the help of a parishioner with a ute. Removalists will complete the move tomorrow, Monday 2nd February, as I vacate the Indooroopilly apartment I've enjoyed for just over 2 years.

### **Open Day: Saturday 28 February 2026, from 10am onwards.**

Parishioners are invited to an Open Day to view your new Rectory!

**32 Valance Street, Oxley 4075.**

**Please pop in anytime between 10am – 4pm.**

**A short House Blessing Service will commence at 11am.**

Tea, coffee and light snacks will be available through the day.

For catering purposes please RSVP by Thursday 26 February emailing the Office [chelmer@anglicanchurchsq.org.au](mailto:chelmer@anglicanchurchsq.org.au) or phoning 0401 118 184 during office hours.

## **A PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Father of everlasting compassion  
you see your children growing up  
in an uncertain and confusing world:  
show them the path of life  
enable them to triumph over failure and frustration  
to hold fast their faith in you  
and to keep alive their joy in your creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Where relevant, more information will follow in coming weeks.

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

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

### **Saturday 28 February 10am onwards – New Rectory Blessing & Open House**

- RSVP for Catering purposes to the office by Thursday 26 February 2026.

### **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.

## **LAST WEEK'S COLLECT PRAYER**

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 services is perfect freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **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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