

WEEKLY BULLETIN - Sunday 22 February 2026

First Sunday in Lent - Ash Sunday

	BIBLE READINGS FOR SUNDAY			
	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
22 Feb	Joel 2.1-2, 12-17	51.1-17	2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10	Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21
1 Mar	Genesis 12.1-4a	121	-	John 3.1-17

COLLECT

Gracious God,
 out of your love and mercy
 you breathed into dust the breath of life,
 creating us to serve you and one another:
 call forth our penitence and acts of love,
 and strengthen us to face our mortality,
 so that we may look with confidence for your salvation;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 One God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CAREFORCE

Thank you for your all your food and monetary donations throughout 2025.

Monetary donations collected during the Christmas period from our Parish totalled \$384.00. This amount has been donated to Careforce at St Hugh's Inala, together with Coles and Woolworths vouchers also given. Vouchers are not distributed to clients but are used to purchase stock especially much-needed items in short supply.

Careforce does valuable work and we look forward to continuing to support them through our collection at St David's. We also wish to acknowledge and thank the volunteers who assist with this initiative. Donations can be dropped in the glass room at the rear of the Church.

BOOK A TABLE NOW FOR THE ST DAVID'S CARD & GAMES DAY !

ALL profits from the event will go towards Church termite repairs

When	Wednesday, March 11
Time	9.30 am – 2 pm
Where	St David's Anglican Church, 69 Chelmer Street East, Chelmer
Cost	\$50 pp (includes morning tea, lunch + glass of champagne, lucky door prize). Please advise dietary requirements
RSVP	By March 6 Send RSVP details to: chelmer@anglicanchurchsq.org.au
How to pay	Cash or card on the day
Raffle tickets	Available NOW in the church Entry and at the event on the day.

For more information please contact:

Geraldine Bennett 0418 769 377 or Chrissie Buchanan 0412 876 205

NEW PARISH RECTORY & OPEN DAY

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

Saturday 28 February 2026, from 10am onwards.

Contact office for address

Please pop in anytime between 10am – 4pm.

A short House Blessing Service (10 – 15 mins) will commence at 11am.

Tea, coffee and light snacks will be available through the day, you are welcome to bring a plate (savoury or sweet).

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

REV NIC'S LEAVE IN ADELAIDE TUESDAY 3 MARCH – SATURDAY 7 MARCH

Advance notice that Nic will make a short family visit in the first week of March, but will also partly Work From Home and can be contacted anytime that week.

DIARY DATES: from February to Easter and Pentecost

Where relevant, more information will follow in coming weeks.

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 10.00am

- 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 Bennett is the organiser; see notice in this Bulletin.

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.

ASH SUNDAY AND THE START TO LENT

Words being used today from the Liturgy for Ash Wednesday (or whenever ashes are distributed):

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”.

These words echo the biblical account of the creation being formed by God, and contemporary scientific discovery confirms that we are indeed “stardust” – made of the same elements and atoms found on the earth, within our solar system, and in the furthest stars that we know of.

Remember you are dust, and repent.
Remember you are water, and weep.
Remember you are light, and shine.

The following words are from our Archbishop Jeremy Greaves:

“Remember that you are dust” is not a sentence of despair, but an invitation to live truthfully – recognising our limits, our failures, and the wounds we carry and inflict. The ash does not shame us; it tells the truth – with kindness. It reminds us that everything is provisional except God, that we are finite, beloved of God and in desperate need of grace... the smudge of ash is both confession and hope. It marks us not with shame, but with love – we belong to God even in our brokenness, and God meets us not when we are perfect, but when we are real. Lent begins not with self-punishment, but with a turning of the heart, a chance to realign our lives with God’s compassion, justice and mercy.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

- (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

All giving is appreciated and dealt with securely and confidentially.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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