

This Week's Diary

Sunday March 4 2nd Sunday in Lent	Holy Communion	7:30am
	Family Service	9:30am
	Bible Study Group	5:00pm
Monday March 5	Trinity Foundation	8:00am
	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Tuesday March 6	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Wednesday March 7	Holy Communion	7:15am
	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	10:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	Choir Practice	7:30pm
Thursday March 8	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Trinity Village AGM	5:00pm
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Friday March 9	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	AWA Morning Tea	10:00am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
Saturday March 10	Holy Communion	5:30pm
Sunday March 11 Third Sunday in Lent	Holy Communion	7:30am
	Holy Communion	9:30am
	Fellowship Luncheon,	12.30pm
	Bible Study Group	5:00pm

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, Corinthians 1:18-25, Gospel John 2:13-22

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

Growing, loving and serving God in the Community

4th March 2012

Second Sunday In Lent

A Reflections from the Rev Jane Chapman

Lent is a time that invites us to look within...to see ourselves clearly and – by God's grace – to know that our clear-sightedness is held by God's love and is **not** cause for fear.

We have indicated that over these weeks we will be listening to a message from Abbott Christopher Jamison, from his book "Finding Happiness". This week, his chapter is about our sexuality, about God's gift to us of sexual love and about its corruption into the sinfulness of lust.

This is a permissive age and it bids us to lower many of our standards in the "pursuit of happiness".

God's law of love bids us to do otherwise. The law of love teaches us a good deal about boundaries: of action, of thought and of inter-action. In these, we can accept the boundaries of God's gifting of us, and – safe within these boundaries – we can accept the happiness that is God's dearest wish for us.

Or, pushing aside these boundaries, we can choose a false freedom that corrupts God's giftedness and leads us to the self-gratification that erodes the freedom and leaves us unsatisfied and isolated.

It is a trick of evil to make corruption of God's gifts look like a personal right and a personal freedom. And our learning curve in discovering that grabbing for more of anything, and for unbounded sexual gratification in particular, is wilfully slow in admitting the discovery that this leads to a greater hunger rather than satisfaction.

Lenten reflection invites us to consider the gifts we are offered **and** the boundaries that hold them to truth, honesty and freedom. Our sexual behaviour, thus held, is a source of delight and a path to greater union with God and each other.

Grabbing for a quick thrill outside these boundaries leads to sadness : both ours and God's.



To our visitors Welcome to our parish community.

We hope you enjoy your worship here today.

Please stay on for a cup of tea after the services if you are able.



Prayer Response

Lord meet us in the silence, and in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In our Prayers

- The Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea
- The Parishes of Parkes, Rylstone - Kandos and Trundle
- Those who lead our nation
- Those affected by flooding
- Those for whom terror and violence are everyday realities
- Those who are hospitalised
- The bereaved, including the Kenny family

Welcome to a Family Service today. Please join us after the service in the Memorial Hall for a sausage sandwich and a cuppa. Please note :

- **An extra pair** of hands is needed to help as reserve chef for the barbecue. Please speak to John Gibb, (chief chef) if you can assist.
- **‘mainly music’** will now commence in Term 3.
- Next Friday night, the Mother’s fellowship will meet at 7.30pm. As well as craft activities, there will be opportunity to discuss future activities.
- Speak to Rachel for more information about both.

Book Group, Thursday 8th March at 10 Lucas Street, home of Noel and Margo Clarke. This month’s book is “My Brilliant Career” by Miles Franklin. All welcome.

Don’t forget the AWA morning tea next Friday from 10 am in the Memorial Hall. It is the best value for miles around.

Next Sunday’s Fellowship Luncheon will be held in the Parish Centre at 12.30p.m. A speaker will be arranged.

MU: Barbara Madden was recently elected as Group Leader, with Marcia Thorpe as Secretary and Joan Shepherd as Treasurer.

The next edition of the Parish Paper will be available for delivery next Sunday. Many extra names have been added. If you walk for exercise, please consider delivering some extra papers. Speak to Bill Marshall if you can help. Thank you.

Lectionary Reflection

Genesis 17.1-7; 15-16; Psalm 22.24-32; Romans 4.13-25; Mark 8.31-38

As we continue our Lenten journey towards Easter, we remember that as God creates in us new hearts. God may also God change our names, like He did when he changed the names of Abram and Sarai to Abraham and Sarah or Saul to Paul. After changing their names, God promised that generations would be blessed through them. After God changes us, he blesses people through us. Why would this happen? When we give our lives to Christ, we gain our lives: “for whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the Gospel will save it” (Mk 8.35). Thank you God for changing us, one day at a time!

Pray for those whose hearts are hard. Pray that they Lord would soften their hearts and bless generations through them.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

Each Wednesday during Lent, there is a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.15am in the Chapel.

Bible and Lenten Study Groups

The Tuesday 7.30pm group is in recess, while the **“Christian Life and Witness”** training sessions are held for the **Reality Event - 7.30pm** Monday and Wednesday evenings, or 10am each Thursday at the Christian Outreach Centre.

“Operation Andrew” prayer cards are also available as a tool to pray for others. Please use them over the coming weeks

Sunday’s 5pm Bible Study Group will continue as usual. Please contact Noel or Margo, 5310 6632

“Towards the Light”, offers reflections on the Lenten Gospel readings. Study books are available from the Office for \$10. Groups are held on:

- ◆ **Tuesdays - for women** 10am to 11.30am Contact Julie Jeffriess on 0458 910 034.

- ◆ **Wednesday**, 12.30pm-1.30pm with the Rev Jane Chapman. Bring your lunch and meet in the Choir Vestry.

“And it was Good, Responding to God’s Gift of Creation”. Thursday from 12.30pm -1.30pm with Fr Frank. Bring your lunch and meet in the Choir Vestry

Coming Events:

- March 10, Diocesan Cursillo Gathering, Holy Trinity, Dubbo, from 10.00am
- Palm Sunday— 1st April
- Meal in Passover Style - 5th April - 6.30pm
- Liturgy of the Last Supper - Good Friday 6th April at 8pm
- Easter Eve, 9:30 am Working Bees
- **Easter Day, April 8**
- Blessing of the Harvest, 15th April 10 am
- International Woman’s Day Dinner: March 8, see notice board for details

Please wear a Name Badge to help us all learn names and build community. If you would like a badge made, please contact the Parish Office

Parish Annual Meeting

2012 was an election year. The following appointments have been made:

Churchwardens: David Ironside, Rod Wykes, Ray Norman

Synod Representatives: Ray Norman, Ruth Jones

Parish Council Members: (in addition to the above) Julie Jeffriess, Anne Holden, Allan Fox, John Dumbrell.

Father Frank has appointed Mark Brewer, with one more to follow.

At Borenore: Lyn Atkins, Lyndall Scott and Julie Culverson were appointed as Wardens. Lyn will represent Borenore as a Parish Council member.

Clergy Appointment Board: members are David Ironside, Ray Norman, Ruth Jones, Pam Brooks, Julie Jeffriess. Three members of this group meet with a panel elected from the Diocese should a new parish priest be needed.

A number of recommendations were made to the incoming Parish Council for consideration including

- ⇒ church maintenance,
- ⇒ workplace health and safety,
- ⇒ pastoral care and mission planning.

The first meeting will be on Thursday, March 15th at 7:30 pm

