

## This Week's Diary

<b>Sunday March 9</b> <i>Lent 1</i>	Holy Communion	8:30am
	10:30@HTO	10:30am
	Lenten Study(Choir Vestry)	5:00pm
	Lenten Study( Parish Centre)	7:30pm
<b>Monday March 10</b>	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
<b>Tuesday March 11</b>	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	Bible Study	7:30pm
<b>Wednesday March 12</b>	Holy Communion	7:15am
	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)	10:30am
	Holy Communion	5:30pm
	Choir Practice	7:30pm
<b>Thursday March 13</b>	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
<b>Friday March 14</b>	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	“Baptism Church”	6:00pm
<b>Saturday March 15</b>	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	5:30pm
<b>Sunday March 16</b> <i>Lent 2</i>	Holy Communion	8:30am
	10:30@HTO	10:30am
	Bible Study	5:00pm

**Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17**

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## Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

9 March, 2014

The First Sunday in Lent

### From the Rector,

Lent invites us to recall the Temptations of Jesus (see Luke 4.1-13, for example) over the 40 days that lead to Good Friday and Easter. The overcoming of those trials, in the power of the Spirit, provided a spiritual foundation for his ministry that found its climax in the great events in Jerusalem.

The liturgy for Ash Wednesday says "From the earliest days of the church, Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the church to prepare for this season by a season of penitence and fasting.

At first this season was observed by those who were preparing for baptism at Easter and by those who, having been excommunicated, were to be restored to the communion of the church.

By keeping these days with care and attention Christians might take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel and grow in faith and devotion to the Lord.

So, by self examination and repentance, by prayer and fasting, by self-denial and acts of generosity and by reading and meditating on the word of God let us keep a holy Lent."

The hardest step is the first step, making the time, energy and space available to to begin the Lenten journey. The immediate power of temptation says "Why Bother?"

You may wish to attend an extra service, say at Morning Prayer(8:30am) or Evening Prayer(5:30pm), or perhaps a Eucharist on Wednesday at 7:15am, 10:30am or 5:30pm. These are held in the Parish Centre as repair work continues in the church. Choose to do something to deepen your own life with God.

There are sheets available at the back of the church with a form of Morning Prayer, and Prayer at the End of the Day. Daily readings are available in the Parish Prayer Diary.

Copies of "*Experiencing God's Love*" are available from the Parish Office for \$15. If you are not able to join a study group, you might like to buy a copy for your own private prayer. Each of the five readings includes a Psalm, a reflection on a passage from the Gospel of John, and the opportunity to think about God's love to extend practices and habits of prayer.

Have a fruitful Lent.



## To our visitors

Welcome to our parish community.

We hope you are refreshed by your worship here today.

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

## Prayer Response:

Lord, lead us from temptation  
and deliver us from evil.

### In our prayers:

- Bishop Ian and Liz, and our Diocese
- The parishes of Parkes, Trundle and Rylstone-Kandos
- Our parish at this time of transition
- The Clergy Appointments' Board
- Christians suffering because of their faith,
- Peace - in Egypt, Syria, Sudan, Thailand and the Ukraine
- Governments as they face rapid change in employment conditions
- Those who are ill at home or in hospital
- Give thanks for the gift of rain
- The Jansson and Hammond families in their grief

### ABM Reflection

Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7; Psalm 32;  
Romans 5:12-21; Matthew 4:1-11

From the 'spiritual high' of his baptism Jesus is led into the desert for a time of testing. This period of proving clarifies in his own mind the way in which his vocation and service must develop.

**Prayer:** Lord, we are vulnerable creatures. May your strengthening presence be with us as we walk the deserts of our lives. Give thanks for the work and witness of the *Iglesia Filipina Independiente*, the Philippines Independent Church

*ABM Lenten Envelopes and Money Boxes are available at the church entrances.*

**Court Support** needs more volunteers. It is a friendly presence to those who wait outside courtrooms. For more information, please ring **Jenny Dedonker on 6361 3338.**

## Singers Needed

The Choir is seeking new members. Practices are held at 7:30pm each Wednesday in the Choir Vestry. If you are interested, please speak to the organist after to-day's service, or contact Pamela on 6362 3158. All vocal parts are needed.

### Lenten Study Groups:

Groups using *"Experiencing God's Love"* meet on

**Wednesday 9:30am** in the Parish Centre before the 10:30 service. Starts March 12

**Sunday 5:00pm**, Choir Vestry: March 9

**Sunday 7:30pm**, Parish Centre: March 9

**Tuesday 7:30pm**, Study Group (at Noel and Margo Clarke's home, 10 Lucas St, 5310 6632) is using Reg Piper's book, *"From Rome with Love, the heartache and joy in Paul's letters from prison."*

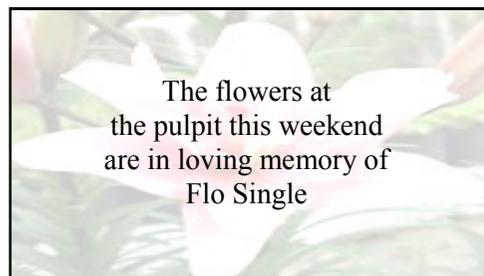
*Interested people are welcome to join any of these groups.*

### The Wednesday Congregation

is meeting in the Parish Centre until spring. It is a whole lot warmer, and necessary while the work continues in the church.

### Confirmation 2014

Confirmation is the re-affirmation of baptismal vows by people of mature years. Please contact the Parish Office **as soon as possible**, to register interest, or for more information - for both children and adults. We are waiting for Bishop Ian to provide a date.



## Coming Events

**Parish Luncheon**, Today, 12:30pm

Ray Norman will speak about his trip to Thailand. Please bring food to share.

### Blessing of the Harvest:

April 6, 8:30am Service in the Church and 10:30am at Mortimer's Vineyard.

### BCA Boxes

Please hand in your boxes, they are due in the month of March

### Sunday 27th April

**Archdeacon Frank's final service as Rector** at 10:30am. A farewell Luncheon will follow at 12:30pm at the Orange Ex-Services Club.

**Please pick-up your invitation at the back of the Church today! Thank-you**

### Clergy Appointments' Board

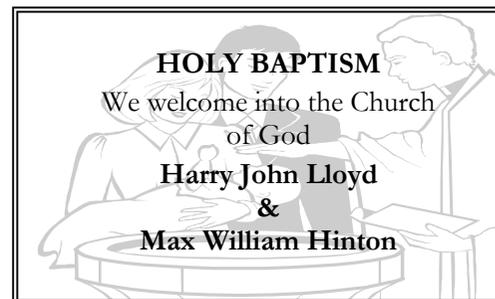
As the Appointments' Board seeks a new priest please pray for it as it continues to work.. This prayer may be helpful.

### *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. AAPB p 212*



## Parish Annual Meetings

**Sunday, March 16:**

*after the 9:30am service at Borenore and at 3:30pm in the Parish Centre.*

Reports and other documents are available today. Please take a copy home with you, and *please* do bring it to the meeting.

Unfortunately, the audited statements have not yet been received. It is anticipated that they will be available next Sunday morning.

There is a formal agenda for the meeting. A copy is displayed on the notice board.

Two other items will be discussed:

1. the Bishop's letter about whether the parish contributes 13 payments to the diocese this year. Copies of this letter were made available last Sunday. More are available at the entrances. (A number of people have already made significant contributions. Thank you for your generosity).
2. Discussion and approval of documents to made available at the meeting concerning the appointment of a new Rector.

**Sunday, March 30: A Piano Concert at St John's Church Molong; 3:00pm.**

Tickets \$25 phone 63668089 for bookings.

### A thought from Basil the Great:

For those who are well prepared, tribulations are like certain foods and exercises for athletes which led the contestant onto the inheritance of glory. We are reviled, we bless; maligned, we entreat; ill treated, we give thanks; afflicted, we glory in our afflictions. (Sermon 16)