

Wodonga Lutheran Parish

St John's Lutheran Church
Victory Lutheran College



Committed to Sharing Jesus

3rd Sunday of Easter



18th April 2021

WELCOME TO MEMBERS, FRIENDS and VISITORS.

We pray that you feel at home as you worship our Lord Jesus with us today.
Our Lord's love and peace be with you.

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Acts 3:12-19 Peter's message in the temple
1 John 3:1-7 We are children of God
Luke 24:36b-48 Christ has fulfilled the scripture

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Luke 24:36b-48	Thursday	1 Timothy 1:12-17
Monday	Micah 7:14-20	Friday	2 Timothy 2:1-8
Tuesday	John 5:31-40	Saturday	Psalms 23
Wednesday	Colossians 2:6-15		

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In our prayers this week:

- ***We pray for the following that are in need at this time:*** Pastor Graham ZWECK; Shirley BULLOCK (ESTIA); Ruth FRAUENFELDER; Phyllis HEINER [Yackandandah Health Aged Care]; Robert HASLAM; Gregory JENNINGS; Laurel McRAE [Yallaroo Albury]; Dianne WILLIAMS.
- ***Please keep PASTOR GREG FOWLER in your prayers while he deliberates our call.***
- ***Melbourne South Eastern (Frankston) Congregation*** – Pastor Vacancy.
- ***Sudanese Fellowship*** – Pastor Peter Deng.
- ***Melbourne Southgate Congregation*** –Pastor Tom Hoffmann and Kari.
- ***Preaching place Sunday Night at St John's (SNAS)*** –Pastor Vacancy.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

HEATHER IS TAKING 5 WEEKS ANNUAL LEAVE FROM 12TH APRIL UNTIL 16TH MAY

The Parish Office will be closed while Heather is away.

If you are in need of pastoral care please leave a message on the office answering machine (02 6024 7072), which will be checked regularly.

If you urgently need pastoral care phone Chairperson Jenny Simboras (02 6040 4494) or Pastor Ernie Kiss (0475 000 637). Many thanks.

**ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP:
ONE SERVICE ONLY – Sunday, 9.30am.**

DINE-OUT RESCHEDULED

Due to 25th April (ANZAC Day) closures we will defer our Dine-out at the Plant Farm until 2nd May. (Heather)

DISTRICT eVOICES VICTORIAN/TASMANIAN DISTRICT

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LCA eNEWS

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HEARTLAND eNEWS – Bishop John Henderson

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LOCAL MISSION eNEWS – Going and Growing as God's People

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Growing
FAITH
at home

18 April 2021

THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER

Caring Conversations

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Tell about an amazing event you saw or heard about.

2

Who first told you about Jesus? Who and what has helped you learn about him?

3

Jesus said that his disciples would be "witnesses" for him (Luke 24:48). What is a witness? In what ways are you a witness for Jesus to others?

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 24:36b-48	Jesus appears to his disciples
M	Acts 3:12-19	Peter speaks in the temple
T	1 John 3:1-7	Children of God
W	Acts 1:1-11	You will be my witnesses
T	Acts 10:34-43	The witness of the apostles
F	Isaiah 35:3-9	God changes everything
S	Psalm 4	An evening prayer
S	John 10:11-18	The Good Shepherd

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, open our minds to understand the Scriptures and our mouths to speak of you. Amen.

BLESSING

May the light of God's face shine on you and be gracious to you and fill your heart with joy.

The risen Jesus sends us
out to witness.

Creative Response

Psalm 4:8 states, "In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O Lord, will keep me safe."

The end of the day is a good time to slow down, reflect on the day, and focus on God's place at the centre of our lives. Rituals that help us do this can have a powerful "witnessing" influence in our home lives.

Consider incorporating these ideas into your bedtime routine:

- Read a Bible passage or a storybook Bible story.
- Bless each other.
- Take time for prayer and meditation, including sitting in silence.
- Sing
- Pause to wonder how God was present in your ups and downs

mealtime prayer

God bless our food, God guide our ways, God give us strength to declare your praise. Amen.

verse for the week

The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

LUKE 24:46-48

Service



The Great Commandment to love God and love neighbour relates directly to the Great Commission to tell the good news of Jesus to others. Jesus calls us to be his followers and to share our faith with others. Pray for relatives, friends or neighbours this week, who are not Christians. Ask for God's help to share Jesus with them in what we say and how we serve.



THIS WEEK:

Sunday 18 Apr 9:30am HC Service (JS)
Monday 12 Apr to 16 May Heather taking 5 weeks annual leave
Tuesday 20 Apr 11am-3pm Church Office CLOSED
Wednesday 21 Apr 9am-1pm Church Office CLOSED
Thursday 22 Apr 11am-3pm Church Office CLOSED
7:30pm College Council Meeting
Sunday 25 Apr 9:30am ANZAC LAY Service (AU)

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LAST WEEK: 11th April 2021

Congregation	Attendance	Communion	Notes:
St John's – 9:30am	63	49	Baptism of Ivy Condon
Total Attendance:	63	49	

NEXT WEEKEND: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun 9:30am Wod Service of the Word (AU)

READINGS

Acts 4:5-12
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

ROSTER FOR THIS COMING WEEKEND

Reader 25th Apr Paul Schirmer
PowerPoint 25th Apr Phill Edwards
Usher/Counters 25th Apr Margaret Burkert
Morning Tea 25th Apr after service Phill Edwards & K Chisholm & Jess Hynes
Church Cleaning Apr 19th - Apr 25th P & L Schirmer
Mowers Apr 19th - May 2nd Andrew Keller & Ralph Behrends