

Wodonga Lutheran Parish

St John's Lutheran Church
Victory Lutheran College



Committed to Sharing Jesus



Transfiguration of our Lord

14th February 2021

Welcome to members, friends & 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

2 Kings 2:1-12

Elijah is taken up to heaven

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The light of the good news of Christ's glory

Mark 9:2-9

The transfiguration of Jesus

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Mark 9:2-9	Thursday	Zechariah 7:4-10
Monday	Exodus 3:1-6	Friday	Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1	Saturday	Psalms 25:1-10
Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21		

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 & Kerry JENNINGS; Melva KLEMKE [Westmont]; Laurel McRAE [Yallaroo Albury]; Frieda PTSCHLINZEW [Culcairn]; Dianne WILLIAMS.
- **German Lutheran Congregation,**
- **East Melbourne Holy Trinity** – Pastor Christoph Dielmann.
- **Springvale St John's** – Pastor Peter Demuth.
- **Gippsland Parish – Congregations of Bairnsdale, Sale, Traralgon (incl Sudanese Fellowship), Warragul and Yarram** – Pastor Tony Castle and Katie.

MISSION INTERNATIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

- Giesa Panpan from Martin Luther Seminary in Lae and Peter Gigmai from Ogelbeng Seminary, Papua New Guinea who begin their Masters in Theology study online through the Garuna Foundation
- Praise God for the completion of the Oro'i'io Madei Training Centre in Ubuo village, a dedicated space in which Hanna Schulz and the Kope translation team is able to train Christians in Bible translation and about the Bible, to deepen their understanding

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

MASKS NEEDED DURING WORSHIP

Due to the COVID case in Melbourne as from Wednesday 3rd Feb at 11.59pm, masks will need to be worn again at the worship service.

PARISH UPDATES

PARISH CALL MEETING – 14th MARCH 2021

Bishop Lester will be the Guest Preacher at the **9:00am Service on 14th March**, before chairing the Parish Call Meeting after the service. The Call Committee will present their selection of Pastor names at this meeting.

CLOSING OF ST MARK'S YACKANDANDAH CHURCH **14th MARCH 2021, 2pm**

As Bishop Lester will be in the Parish on Sunday 14th March for our Call Meeting, he will also officially close St Mark's Yackandandah Church. Pastor Graham Zweck will be Guest Preacher.

This service will commence at 2pm at 15 Wellsford Street, Yackandandah. All members, past and present, of the Parish and friends are invited to this special service.

As time is short, could all members please advise their family and friends of this special occasion and invite them to attend.

Serving Him with you, Jenny Simboras

Chair, Wodonga Lutheran Parish

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday 14th February 2021 at 9:00am & 10:30am

TRANSFIGURATION - LAY READINGS

Leader: Andrew Klein

Wednesday 17th February 2021 at 7:00pm

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Pastor: Ps John Simboras

Sunday 21st February 2021 at 9:00am

VICTORY SUNDAY – SERVICE HELD AT VICTORY COLLEGE

Pastor: Ps John Simboras

NO MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Sunday 28th February 2021 at 9:00am & 10:30am

2nd Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Ps Graham Zweck

TWO SERVICES (9:00am and 10:30am) WILL CONTINUE FROM
THE 7th MARCH 2021 [EXCEPT for 14th March 2021].

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At their Annual General Meeting held on 3rd February 2021, the following members were elected as office bearers. President: Noreen Kelly; Vice-President: Marie Hill; Secretary: Lenore de Garis; Treasurer: Sheryl Parsons.

Reports and Motions for the Parish AGM 2021

Annual General Meeting 28th March 2021

A Call is made for the Committees and groups of our Church to submit their annual reports for the AGM in 2021

Closing date for reports is Friday 26th February 2021.

Please submit electronically to the Chairperson of the Parish or drop a hard copy into Jenny's pigeon hole in the Church.

Reports are required from: Pastor, Treasurer, Parish Office, Music Coordinator, Ladies Fellowship, Project Manager Redevelopment.

Parish members are invited to submit motions/proposals for the AGM in accordance with the Constitution. If you are unsure please speak with the Chairperson.

*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. **Romans 8:28***

Parish Nominations for service in 2021

Interested in becoming more involved in Wodonga Lutheran Parish or know a fellow parishioner who would be?

If so, consider running yourself, or nominating someone for seats on the Parish Council. Elections are scheduled for the AGM on 28th March 2021.

The Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer are elected annually and ordinary members can nominate to continue. It is important for the members to be informed and involved with the functions of the Parish. Please consider a run for a council seat and accept this needed and important leadership role.

Nomination forms are available at the back of the church and also in this weekends bulletin. Place filled in Nomination Forms in Jenny Simboras' pigeon hole.

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in it various forms. **1 Peter 4:10***



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PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

I, **nominate** _____
to serve as a member of the Parish Council of Wodonga Lutheran
Parish, as:

- ☐ **Parish Chairperson**
- ☐ **Parish Secretary**
- ☐ **Parish Treasurer**
- ☐ **Member**

Nominated by:

Print Name

Signature

Seconded by:

Print Name

Signature

Thank you for your interest in supporting the work of the Parish Council. You may bring the nomination form to the Parish Office, or place in Jenny Simboras' pigeon hole.

Deadline for nominations will be Sunday 7th March 2021

DISTRICT CONVENTION DELEGATE NEEDED

The Vic/Tas District will meet in Convention on Saturday, 22nd May 2021, at Geelong Lutheran College.

If anyone is willing to attend this **ONE DAY** convention as our Parish Delegate, please contact

Pastor Ernie Kiss ASAP on 0475 000 637 or ernie.kiss@lca.org.au



DISTRICT eVOICES VICTORIAN/TASMANIAN DISTRICT

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URGENT CALL TO PRAYER FOR MYANMAR

2 February 2021

Members of the LCA/NZ are being urged to pray for peace in Myanmar, where the military has staged a coup d'état and taken control of the country.

Following an overwhelming victory by Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) party in elections held last November, the military has disputed the result, detained elected leaders including Ms Suu Kyi, and instigated a 12-month state of emergency.

'Please join us as we pray for a peaceful resolution to this latest unrest in Myanmar, and for our brothers and sisters in Christ as they live in times of increased uncertainty and insecurity', Pastor Matt Anker said. 'May our Heavenly Father send his holy angels to watch over the churches of Myanmar and the entire country and use this moment as an opportunity for the gospel of forgiveness, life and salvation to be proclaimed even more widely in this troubled country.'

'He concluded, "Thank you for your prayers ... we want to see things resolved in a peaceful way".'

PASTOR AND CHURCH WORKERS LCA EMAIL ADDRESSES

Many pastors and other church workers are not accessing their LCA email account. This means they are not finding emails from LCA Churchwide and District offices and no doubt also some from their congregation and community members.

This is particularly relevant now because Microsoft has apparently ended its period of grace in relation to the cessation of its automatic email forwarding function, e.g. from an LCA email account to a private account. This change was implemented by Microsoft to enhance its security measures and to further protect its users. LCA IT notified the church about this change in the LCA eNews of 1 September and provided ways to minimise the impact. All LCA Churchwide and District emails are directed to church workers' LCA addresses, not to private addresses. Since those people affected by the cessation of Microsoft's automatic email forwarding service will now not be receiving LCA eNews in their private email inboxes (and thus not receiving this message):

- (1) **Pastors**, please ensure that your Church Council members and Synod delegates have set up their LCA email accounts and regularly access them.
- (2) **Church Council members**, please alert your pastor about this.

For more information, **[click here](#)**. For IT support, email **ithelp@lca.org.au**



Growing FAITH at home

14 February 2021

TRANSFIGURATION
SUNDAY

Caring Conversations

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

1

What is the tallest hill or mountain you have climbed? What could you see from the top?

2

Read Mark 9:2-9. We hear about an amazing experience that Peter, James and John had one day. How do you think you would have reacted?

3

Where and when have you had a special experience of God's presence? How has that helped you listen to and follow God?

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 9:2-9	The transfiguration of Jesus
M	2 Kings 2:1-12	Elijah is taken into heaven
T	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Proclaiming Jesus as Lord
W	Matthew 6:1-21	The practice of faith
T	Proverbs 8:32-35	Listen to God
F	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Return to the Lord your God
S	Psalms 51:1-17	Have mercy on me, God
S	Mark 1:9-15	The temptation of Jesus

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Jesus, Son of God, open our ears and our hearts so that we listen to you.
Amen.

BLESSING

May God's light shine in your heart so that you know and listen to Jesus.

Listen to him.

Creative Response

This week Lent begins!

Begin your household preparations by observing Shrove Tuesday. The name 'shrove' comes from the practice of being "shriven" – going to church, confessing your sins and being forgiven – before the start of Lent. Shrove Tuesday is also sometimes known as Pancake Tuesday or Fat Tuesday, because households used up their remaining eggs and fats before Lent by making pancakes on this day. Have a pancake breakfast or dinner. As you eat, talk about what Jesus gave up for our sake, and what you might wish to give up for Lent to help you prepare spiritually for Holy Week.

The first day of Lent is called Ash Wednesday. Traditionally this is a day for Christians to remember that we are sinners and that we need a Saviour. Observe Ash Wednesday in your home by marking one another with ashes. Burn some paper and crush it into fine ashes. Then mix the ashes with a small amount of olive oil. Make the sign of the cross on one another's foreheads as you say these words:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn to God and believe in Jesus your Saviour.

mealt ime prayer

*For every cup and every plateful, to you, O God,
we are grateful. Amen.*

verse for the week

*A voice came
from the cloud,
"This is my son,
and I love him.
Listen to him!"*

MARK 9:7

Service



Read Matthew 6:1-21.

Lent focuses on the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and giving money or food to people in need.

Make this week "Secret Service Week" in your home or with friends.

Put your names in a bowl and have each person draw out someone else's name. During the week, perform a secret act of service for that person. Share your ideas about secret acts of service that could be carried out for one another.

LUTHERAN MEN OF VICTORIA RETREAT

Is being held at Tandara Lutheran Camp Halls Gap on 12th to 14th March 2021.
Theme: Psalms. Guest Speaker Darren Linke. Flyer & Registration Forms on the noticeboard for those interested.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This service will be held at St Stephens Uniting Church on Friday 5th March. Time to be confirmed.

WODONGA LUTHERAN PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

is being held on
Sunday 28th March 2021
after the Palm Sunday Service

THIS WEEK:

Sunday	14 Feb	9:00am	Lay Service of the Word (AK)
		10:30am	Lay Service of the Word (AK)
Tuesday	16 Feb	11am-3pm	Church Office OPEN
Wednesday 17 Feb		9am-1pm	Church Office OPEN
		7:00pm	ASH WEDNESDAY Service at St John's
Thursday	18 Feb	11am-3pm	Church Office OPEN
Sunday	21 Feb	9:00am	VICTORY SUNDAY Service held at Victory Lutheran College (JS)

LAST WEEK: 7th February 2021

Congregation	Attendance	Communion	Notes:
St John's – 9:00am	61	58	Harvest Thanksgiving
Total Attendance:	61	58	

NEXT WEEKEND: FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sun 9:00am Wod Victory Sunday HC Service (JS)
HELD AT Victory Lutheran College

READINGS

Genesis 9:8-17
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

ROSTER FOR THE COMING WEEKENDS SERVICE AT VICTORY

Communion/Altar	21 st Feb	9:00am	Andy Enever
Readers	21 st Feb	9:00am	TBC
PowerPoint	21 st Feb	9:00am	TBC
Usher/ Counters	21 st Feb	9:00am	Rhonda Keller + 1
Church Cleaning	Feb 15 th – Feb 21 st		K & L Wiencke
Mowing	Feb 8 ^h – Feb 21 st		Peter Lade Adrian Gutsche