



Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton



Weekly News Sunday 29 March 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



(Image: Hunterian Psalter)

Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting

JOIN OUR SERVICES ONLINE

Sunday

8.30am: Eucharist

5.30pm: Evening Prayer

Then 8.30am and 5.30pm each day on YouTube, Christ Church Cathedral Facebook and St Peter's Hamilton Facebook.

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you for your prayers and messages over this week. I spent last Sunday morning in the Cathedral, praying for our community at the times and in the places we would normally gather. Even though the Cathedral doors are closed, the life of the Cathedral continues in our lives. I have heard wonderful stories of care for each other and reaching out in support. This is lived faith.

You will receive in the mail some resources to assist in praying the Daily Office. If you do not receive them, could you please contact the parish office: cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au . Likewise, if you are speaking with someone who has not received it, or is not receiving these emails, could you please encourage them to let us know. Another resource can be found at <http://www.newcastlecathedral.org.au/downloads/> where you can find some sermons which have been preached in the Cathedral.

Thank you too for your ongoing financial support, which continues to enable the ministry from the parish. We are discovering new ways to minister – and a whole lot of new skills as well! We will be circulating information through the week about how you can continue to support the ministries of the Cathedral, the wider Diocese, and the work of ABM (Missions).

If we were able to gather, we would celebrate with the Reverend Angela Peverell as she graduates with her Bachelor of Theology from the University of Divinity. Rather than a trip to Melbourne, Angela will now graduate *in absentia* - but the achievement of completing her degree is not diminished. Congratulations Angela!

Finally, I am a person who is fed by poetry. For many years I kept a discipline of posting 'A Poem a day through Lent' on my Facebook page. This year, I am being reminded of poems I have shared in the past, which now have a new resonance, such as this poem, of which I was reminded today.

Mary

And if you ask me what a Christian is
I'd say—not him who's pure in word and deed,
or goes to all the Sunday services,
or says his prayers, or knows the proper creed,

but that one who would gladly give away
all that he has now or has ever been
to stand between the dark tomb and the day
and know the moment of the Magdalene.

Godfrey Rust

With my thanks and prayers.

Dean Katherine

From the Cathedral's Director of Music, Peter Guy...

As we head deeper into Lent and move closer towards Passiontide, we are (I suspect!) becoming increasingly aware of our own isolation. I suspect we are only going to become even more familiar with this sense for a good little while to come. But we also know that our God is one who has suffered this same sense of aloneness - and perhaps in a much more acute way than we are. Jesus' words to his disciples "Could you not wait one hour?" shows a Christ that has lived the "receiving end" of our human limits, our capacity to fail, and in doing so understands the extremes of "social distancing". On the cross, his cry of "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" shows the utter despair of feeling isolated from God.

On Sunday night, the choir should have been singing an arrangement of "Were you there" by Mia Makaroff (a Finnish composer born in 1970). Makaroff very cleverly interpolates verses (mostly) from psalm 13 with the familiar tune of the American Spiritual, Were you there. "How long, O Lord, wilt thou forget me forever?", writes the psalmist. The psalm and hymn tune combine to speak to us in our personal and social isolation. But before we get carried away thinking of how dire our situation may be, the psalmist writes, and I pray that we all remember: "But I have trusted in thy steadfast love. My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. I will sing to the Lord because he has dealt so bountifully with me." May we never forget, in good times or bad, to trust in God's steadfast love. Listen to the anthem here: <https://youtu.be/o4DzFJIGQSI?t=14>

As part of our isolation, Naomi Johnson is undertaking to write a blog post for the choir once a week. She expresses beautifully the feelings that so many of us share. These are posted on the choir's Facebook page, but if you are not on Facebook, head to <https://newcastlecathedralchoir.wordpress.com> to keep up to date. New posts will generally appear on Saturdays.

Message from the Samaritans: Your weekly donations of 'non-perishable food items such as long-life milk, cereal, pasta sauces and tins of fruit, meat, or fish will continue to be needed. Please leave your donations in the Samaritans' bin at the back of the church. Now school is underway, please give some thought to donating non-perishable food for school lunch fillings and small items for school like lunchboxes, rubbers, pens, pencils, pencil cases and note paper. Thank you to all of you who contribute so generously.



MAINLY MUSIC IS CURRENTLY IN RECESS.

Please check our Cathedral Ministry Facebook page and our Cathedral Facebook for fun activities and resources you can do at home!

Donations for Flowers - to donate flowers *in memory of a loved one* or as a *thank-offering*, please advise Suzanne Evans on 4955 9170 and place your donation in an envelope listing the date for display and include a message and place in the wall safe, when we're back in church please.

Flowers are required for Easter Day & 26th April and 3rd, 10th & 17th May.

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Please support ABM's Encounter Program

ABM's Encounter program supports overseas church partners from countries such as Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Myanmar, to come to Australia to learn new skills to help them as they work for God's mission. Encounter visits can also grow strong people-to-people relationships between Australian Anglicans and our sisters and brothers in Christ, across the world.

Be a champion and support ABM's Encounter program this Lent.

Fr Isaiah Masida (ACPNG) with Bishop Cameron Venables.
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ThankYou! Envelopes can be found inserted in the pew sheet or at the back of the church. Please place your envelope with your details in the plate or in the wall safe at the back of the cathedral so it will become part of our Mission budget.

Creativity at the Cathedral: We need your help! This initiative cannot run without people who are willing to share their creative endeavours: art, poetry, photography, needlework, music – the list is endless and limited only by our imaginations. Please consider submissions for the season of Easter as we journey through this time together. Please send your offerings to johnson.n@planetmail.net, or phone Naomi Johnson on 0405 819 350.

Support a choral cause!... Are you running low on your wine supplies? With every carton of Brokenwood wine that is sold, \$20 is donated to the UK Choir Tour 2020 fund. At a 30% discount, this is too good an opportunity to miss! Spread the word (and the code!) to your family and friends and help us to send all our choristers to England! Order online www.brokenwood.com.au/Fundraisers and use the promo code: CHOIR



Lisa Cater is on Annual leave from Monday 16 March and returning on Tuesday 14 April. Sharon Dyett will be covering Lisa's leave.

Please send any notices for inclusion in the pew sheet to cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au by 9am on Tuesday

We have taken measures to ensure that the Cathedral is a safe environment for all. All who work with children or youth have completed Safe Ministry Training and all clergy, staff and volunteers are subject to strict employment measures such as working with children checks. The Cathedral is committed to being a place where survivors of abuse experience care and support. For a confidential discussion, please call or email the Director of Professional Standards 1800 774 945 dps@newcastleanglican.org.au or survivorsupport@newcastleanglican.org.au

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