

Why we should be a praying Church

Martin Luther: "Prayer is the most important thing in my life. If I should neglect prayer for a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith."

John Wesley: "I have so much to do that I must spend several hours in prayer before I am able to do it."

Billy Graham: "Every person whose life has counted for the church or for the Kingdom of God has been a man of prayer. You cannot afford to be too busy to pray. A prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian."

Prayer for the Archdeaconry

Loving God, let us be people of courage. Speak to the depths within our hearts and souls; the places where we ask the questions of meaning and faith and purpose. Help us attend to the answers, help us recognize what makes us afraid, what paralyses and holds us back. Let us understand these things, and then with love, with humour, courage and humility let us teach and learn, dream, and imagine and with every action, every word, work towards the vision of Your Kingdom among us. In Jesus's Name.
Amen.

Prayer Requests

We give thanks for prayers answered and ask for continued prayers for:

Ian & the Hillard family and friends on the passing of Yvonne, Graham Robinson, Glen & Irene, Aletta, David & Jo & family, Enid, Mitch, Bishop Cam, Margot, Shirley, parishioners in the congregation of Saint James.

Pray for those whose need is ongoing:

Marj Desbrow, Liesel Cole, Tyson, Jan Embrey, Enid and Susanne Mallon.

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"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

Isaiah 43.18—19

Giving: Envelopes are available at each centre. To deposit offerings:
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Diocese of Brisbane—Parish of Rosewood
Rosewood, Marburg, Lowood, Hidden Vale

**9 MARCH 2025
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**



Today's Services

Saint Luke's, Rosewood

8:00am (Rev'd John Simons)

4:30pm Alpha

All Saints, Marburg

10:30am (Rev'd John Simons)

Next Week

Saint Luke's, Rosewood

8:00am (Rev'd John Simons)

4:30pm Alpha

Saint Anne's, Hidden Vale

10:30am (Rev'd John Simons)

All Saints, Marburg

10:30am (Rev'd John Simons)

Today's Bible Readings

Deuteronomy 26.1—11

Psalms 91.1—6, 11—16

Romans 10.4—13

Luke 4.1—15

Reflect on today's sentence

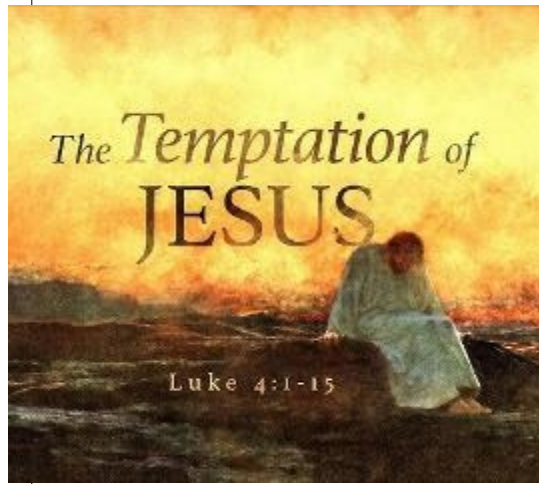
Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.

Luke 4.8

As we gather in the various churches of our parish, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul peoples, and their elders past and present. We honour the connection the traditional custodians have with this land.

Prayer of the Day

O saving God,
who led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land:
so guide us that, following our Saviour, we may walk through the wilderness of this world and be brought to the glory of the world which is to come;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



Rev'd John's Sermon Outline

Lenten Introduction: Joel 2:1-12

An exhortation to God's people to 'return to Him with all our heart with fasting, weeping and mourning'.

Text: Luke 4: 1-15 - .. Lessons from Jesus in the Wilderness

*vs 1-2 - Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit.

A follower of Jesus being filled by the Holy Spirit is empowered to live a life, being submitted to God and lingering in His presence - enabling us to deal with temptations.

*vs 3-4 The first temptation: physical needs 'turn stones to bread'

Satan suggests Jesus uses his power for personal gain which is NOT God's will..

Human life is not sustained by bread alone, but by reliance on God's word.

*vs 4-5 -8 the 2nd temptation -

'If you worship me'- I will give you the kingdom of the world.'

Jesus' response: Thou shalt worship the Lord YOUR GOD and Him shall you serve!

*vs9-13 3rd Temptation. Jesus quotes from PS 91 :11-12 - to put ourselves under God's protection and NOT put oneself in unnecessary danger.

Application: Jesus Victory over temptation was through God's word- ' IT IS WRITTEN' encouraging us to do the same.

* A Call to Action: let us therefore resolve to actively study the Bible and seek God's guidance to withstand temptations in our lives*.

Eph 6 :17 - the sword of the Spirit - The Word of God is our weapon of defence when we face temptation being empowered by the Holy Spirit..

*Let us embrace the example of Jesus and know, and inwardly digest scripture and use it with effect.

Our Community

We strive to spread the Gospel through word and action within our local communities and so reflect the love of Christ

LENTEN STUDY

Are you looking for a Lenten Study? Come along to Alpha on every Sunday at 4.30pm. Renew your faith and enjoy fellowship with others and share a meal.

Other Reading During Lent

Anglican Board of Mission has a series called "Where Do We Go From Here?: Missional Bible Studies Based on the Book of Acts". It's free to read online www.abmission.org/resources/where-do-we-go-from-here/



Common Grace has a seven week podcast series featuring discussions between Common Grace team members and friends. Each week they will contemplate the controversies and conflicts of the final days of Jesus' journey to the cross, reflecting on how this should shape our public faith today. Sign up for this seven week Lent podcast series, delivered to your inbox starting Wednesday 5 March at commongrace.org.au



15 Mar—Rosewood Markets
29 Mar—Drakes IGA Grocery collection
6 April—Parish Council meeting