

St Marks, Raumati Beach
9.30 am

St Paul's, Paraparaumu
8.30 am & 10 am

St Peter's, Paekakariki
10 am



Kāpiti Anglicans

16 March 2025

Hi friends, welcome to worship on this second Sunday in Lent. How are those spiritual practices going? Do you feel you are drawing nearer to God or is it feeling a bit like eating dry weetbix? There is nothing easy about discipling ourselves to spend time in fasting and prayer or giving our money or time. These things go against our natural desires and so they can be hard work. Church leaders in our Coastal cluster were sharing about this on Tuesday morning and someone quoted Richard Rohr, whom I don't always fully agree with, but who sometimes really nails his reflections. In this case I feel he says something really important for us to hear as we do our wilderness journeying with Jesus:

"Real holiness doesn't feel like holiness; it just feels like you're dying. It feels like you're losing it. And you are! You are losing the false self, which you foolishly thought was permanent, important, and you!

You know God that is doing this in you and with you when you can somehow smile, and trust that what you lost is something you did not need anyway. In fact, it got in the way of what was real.

Many of us were taught to say no without the deep joy of yes. We were trained to put up with all "dying" and just take it on the chin. Saying no to the self does not necessarily please God or please anybody. There is too much resentment and self-pity involved. When God, by love and freedom, can create a joyous yes inside of you—so much so that you can absorb the usual noes—then it is God's full work. The first might be resentful dieting; the second is a spiritual banquet."

Adapted from Richard Rohr, *Radical Grace: Daily Meditations*, p. 334, day 34

May our spirits cry Yes and may we discover the spiritual banquet waiting for us to partake this Lent.

Julie

Readings:	16 March	23 March
First Reading	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Isaiah 55:1-9
Epistle	Philippians 3:17-4:1	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Gospel	Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36	Luke 13:1-9

Sentence & Collect

The Sentence of the Day: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; of whom then shall I be afraid?" (*Ps 27:1*)

The Collect of the Day: Almighty God, through your son Jesus Christ you have created a people for yourself; make us willing to obey you, till your purpose is accomplished and the earth is full of your glory; through that same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

2nd Sunday in Lent

Psalm 27 David sings of the power and mercy of God; we should seek His path, that He may strengthen us and defend us from our enemies.

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Abram, childless at that time, has a vision in which the Lord promises his descendants will be 'numbered like the stars'. Just as the power of the Lord brought Abram's family out from Ur, so will they be given a new and fertile land stretching from the Nile to the River Euphrates. And Abram's belief is reckoned unto him as righteousness.

Philippians 3:17-4:1 Paul instructs the Philippian Christians to follow his example in striving for a heavenly goal, setting aside earthly appetites and ambitions. Jesus will transform our humble bodies spiritually to his own image, if we stand firm in our faith.

Luke 13:31-35 Jesus is teaching and healing, on his way to Jerusalem, when some Pharisees warn him that Herod seeks to kill him. Jesus laments the godless state of Jerusalem, where so many prophets have been put to death, wishing he could gather its wayward people into his fold

Chris Durrant



We are family, we are disciples, we care for the last, the lost and the least.

Notices

Extra Study Groups Available During Lent

David and Robyn McLay will be leading one at their home – 4 Olive Terrace Paraparaumu Beach Thursdays 3pm (Robyn 027 348 7730).

Ann Desmond and Barbara Bonifant will be leading one at St Mark's Church on a Monday 1.30pm.

Prayer For Growth and Renewal in the Church

You are invited to attend our prayer for growth and renewal in the church meetings at any time. Come and join us! Every Tuesday 7-7.30pm & Wednesdays 12-12.30pm at St Paul's.

Newcomer's Lunch

We will be having a newcomer's lunch on Sunday (today) 16 March in the St Paul's Church lounge at 12pm. Come and meet staff and others in leadership. Meet and get to know more about Kāpiti Anglicans! All in the Parish are welcome!

Prayers and Squares

Prayers and Squares will next meet in Barbara's sewing room on Wednesday 19 March 1.45pm. For more information contact Barbara on 021 0238 0566

Combined Service & AGM

A reminder that the Parish Financial AGM is at St Paul's Church, Paraparaumu 30 March following a combined Parish service and shared morning tea. If you are not on the electoral roll and would like to be (put your name on the clipboard or let the office know) you need to have attended for 4 months and be baptised.

Fashion Parade



St Paul's Church Hall
Wednesday

2 April 1.30pm

Tickets \$15

Available from the
Parish office



Regular Happenings

Free Community Lunches	4 th Saturday of month 11.30am in Parish Hall
Kāpiti Parish Community Playgroup (Interactive music and free play)	9.30-11.30am Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings in the Parish Hall.
4+ More (After school programme for primary age children)	Wednesdays 3.30-5pm Parish Hall
Marksmen (A men's group for fellowship and dinner followed by a talk or guest speaker)	Fourth Monday of the Month 6.30pm in the Parish Lounge
Women's Fellowship	2 nd Thursday of the month, Parish Lounge 2pm
Fruit and Veggie Coop	Parish Hall every Thursday; Packing from 11.45am. Pick up for packs - 2.30-3.15pm
Evensong	2 nd Sunday of the month, St Mark's church 5pm. Shared supper to follow.

For more information regarding anything happening in our parish, don't hesitate to ring or email the Parish office.

Secret Prayers For Lent

If you would like a person to pray for and/or a person to pray for you during Lent. Please sign up for this at church or email Lynda.

Parish Prayer Chain

Contact Jackie Smith on 022 0384 116 or email adjanz0190@gmail.com
For confidential prayer support.

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