

WELCOME TO THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
**CHRIST CHURCH ST LAURENCE**  
RAILWAY SQUARE, SYDNEY

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12 MARCH 2017

*The Second Sunday in Lent*

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**7.00am Morning Prayer**

**7.30am Eucharist**

**9.00am Sung Eucharist & Children's Ministry**

Preacher: Fr John Sanderson

Setting: Eucharist (Dudman)

Hymns: 304 358(ii) 62 63

**10.30am Litany in Procession & Solemn High Mass  
with the Commissioning of Wardens,  
Parish Councillors & Representatives**

Preacher: Fr John Sanderson

Setting: Mass for Four voices (Byrd)

Hymns: 62 358(ii) 63

Motet: *Ave verum corpus* (Byrd)

**6.30pm Solemn Evensong & Litany in Procession**

Preacher: Fr Daniel Dries

Canticles: First service (Tomkins)

Hymns: 60(i) 76 86

Anthem: *Salvator mundi* (Palestrina)

Litany: Tallis

Postlude: Chorale Prelude *Christe du Lamm Gottes*  
BWV 619 (Bach)



## WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH ST LAURENCE

Christ Church St Laurence is an inner city parish committed to the spread of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. As a congregation and as the Church we are committed to the support of the underprivileged, the persecuted and the socially marginalised. We are an Anglican church in the Anglican Catholic tradition.

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH ST LAURENCE



<b>MON 13 MARCH</b>	Daily Services (7.30am, 8.00am, 5.30pm) 6.00pm Christian Meditation
<b>TUE 14 MARCH</b>	Daily Services (7.30am, 8.00am, 5.30pm)
<b>WED 15 MARCH</b>	Daily Services (7.30am, 8.00am, 5.30pm) 12.15pm Healing Eucharist
<b>THU 16 MARCH</b>	Daily Services (7.30am, 8.00am, 5.30pm)
<b>FRI 17 MARCH</b> Patrick, bishop, missionary of Ireland (d. 461)	Daily Services (7.30am, 8.00am, 5.30pm) 6.00pm Eucharist 6.30pm Stations of the Cross
<b>SAT 18 MARCH</b> Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and teacher (d. 386)	Daily Services (7.30am, 8.00am, 5.30pm)
<b>SUN 19 MARCH</b> The Third Sunday in Lent	<i>Ex 17.1-7; Ps 95; Rom 5.1-11; John 4.5-42</i> 7.00am Morning Prayer 7.30am Eucharist 9.00am Sung Eucharist & Children's Ministry <i>Preacher: Fr Daniel Dries</i> <i>Setting: Eucharist (Dudman)</i> 10.30am Litany in Procession & Solemn High Mass <i>Preacher: Fr Daniel Dries</i> <i>Setting: Communion service in the Phrygian mode (Charles Wood 1866-1926)</i> <i>Motet: Salvator mundi (Blow)</i> 6.30pm Solemn Evensong & Litany in Procession <i>Preacher: Fr John Sanderson</i> <i>Canticles: Canticles (Victoria arr. McEwan)</i> <i>Anthem: Praise to Thee, Lord Jesus (Schütz)</i>

Readings: *The Revised Common Lectionary in NRSV* (1997), Mowbray, London. Introit, Collect and Psalm: *A Prayer Book for Australia* (1995), Broughton Books, Sydney. Propers: *The Roman Missal* (1969 & 1983), E.J.Dwyer (Aust.). *Reproduced with permission.*

## THE COMMISSIONING OF PARISH WARDENS, COUNCILLORS AND REPRESENTATIVES 2017

We thank all of those who offered themselves for positions of leadership at last Sunday's Annual General Meeting. In 2017, the Parish Churchwardens are Brenda Hunter (Rector's Warden), Peter Hanson and Anthony Miller (People's Wardens); the Parish Councillors are Elizabeth Comino, Vivian Lam, Greg Loveday, Brian Luhr, Sarah Nosworthy, David Russell & Colin Tso. The Synod Representatives are Lyn Bannerman & Peter Hanson.

*At the beginning of the 10.30am Solemn High Mass, the people stand as a bell is rung.*

*The congregation responds,  
We will, with God's help.*

*The Rector says,*  
Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are all baptised by the one Spirit into one body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the name of God, and of this Congregation, to a special ministry to which they have been called. I present to you these persons, who have been elected and appointed to serve this parish during the coming year as Churchwardens, Parish Councillors and Parish Representatives.

Let us pray: Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Churchwardens, Parish Councillors and Parish Representatives of this parish, and so rule their minds and guide their counsels, that in all things, they may seek your glory, and promote the mission of your church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Rector blesses those who have been commissioned.*

May the Almighty God strengthen and sustain you; May God continue to guide you in your work and ministry, May God open your hearts and minds to discern his will; And may the peace and blessing of Almighty God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

*The Rector addresses those to be commissioned.*  
Do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourselves to this new trust and responsibility?

*Those to be commissioned respond,*  
**We do.**

*The Rector says to the congregation,*  
Will you, who witness this new beginning, support and uphold these persons in their new ministry.

*The Rector says to the congregation,*  
I present to you these persons, now commissioned as Churchwardens, Parish Councillors and Parish Representatives.

*The people may respond with applause.*

*All remain standing as the Choir sings the Introit.*

## MASS READINGS

### SENTENCE

JOHN 3.16

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

### COLLECT

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive: grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### FIRST READING

GENESIS 12.1-4A

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

For the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Verses of the psalm are read alternately by a single reader and the congregation. A pause is observed at the colon for reflection. At Solemn High Mass, the choir sings the psalm.*

### PSALM 121

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills:  
but where shall I find help?
2. **My help comes from the Lord:  
who has made heaven and earth.**
3. He will not suffer your foot to  
stumble:  
and he who watches over you will not  
sleep.
4. **Be sure he who has charge of Israel:  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**
5. The Lord himself is your keeper:  
the Lord is your defence upon your  
right hand;
6. **The sun shall not strike you by day:  
nor shall the moon by night.**
7. The Lord will defend you from all evil:  
it is he who will guard your life.
8. **The Lord will defend your going out  
and your coming in:  
from this time forward for evermore.**

### SECOND READING

ROMANS 4.1-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. So also David speaks of the blessedness of those to whom God reckons righteousness irrespective of works: 'Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the one against whom the Lord will not reckon sin.' Is this blessedness,

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then, pronounced only on the circumcised, or also on the uncircumcised? We say, 'Faith was reckoned to Abraham as righteousness.' How then was it reckoned to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the ancestor of all who believe without being circumcised and who thus have righteousness reckoned to them, and likewise the ancestor of the circumcised who are not only circumcised but who also follow the example of the faith that our ancestor Abraham had before he was circumcised.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

For the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

### TRACT for Solemn High Mass

O God, you have cast us off and broken us: you were enraged against us — O restore us again!

You have caused the land to quake, you have rent it open: heal the rifts, for the earth quivers and breaks.

You have steeped your people in a bitter draught: you have given them a wine to make them stagger.

You have caused those that fear you to take flight: so that they run from the bow.

O save us by your right hand, and answer us: that those whom you love may be delivered.

Give us your help against the enemy: for human help is vain.

By the power of our God we shall do valiantly: for it is he that will tread down our enemies.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you: Lord Jesus Christ.**  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
**Glory and praise to you: Lord Jesus Christ.**

### GOSPEL

JOHN 3.1-17

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus

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answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?'

Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in

the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

My delight shall be in your commandments, which I have greatly loved. I shall worship you with outstretched hands: and I shall meditate on your statutes.

### COMMUNION SENTENCE

This is my Son my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.

## COMMUNION MOTET

*Ave verum corpus*  
William Byrd (1539/40–1623)

*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine vere passum, immolatum, in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, fili Mariæ, miserere mei. Amen.*

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered upon the cross for mankind: from whose pierced side there came forth water and blood; give us now, and at the time of our death, yourself to be our food. Gentle, holy Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.*

Latin, 14th century

## SUNDAY NOTICES

### ABM Lenten Project

This year ABM is supporting Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns which provides classes in theology, ministry and community development with an emphasis on theology in Indigenous contexts. Donations can be made throughout Lent to the wardens or clergy, via a labelled envelope in the offering or by direct debit clearly labelled as Lenten Project. Donations are tax-deductable, if you would like a receipt please include your name and address on your envelope.

### Stations of the Cross

Throughout Lent the Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 6.30pm. Please consider making this moving service part of your Lenten discipline.

### MOWatch Annual General Meeting

MOWatch Australia welcomes interested people to attend their Annual General Meeting on Saturday 18 March at 2.00pm at St Luke's Anglican Church, Enmore, followed by an address by Anne Hywood, the General Secretary of General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia. Afternoon tea will be provided. MOWatch is committed to action and prayer until women can be ordained in every diocese of the Anglican Church of Australia. For more information please contact Angela Peverell at [angela.peverell@gmail.com](mailto:angela.peverell@gmail.com)

### A Day with Julian of Norwich

Noted Julian of Norwich author Sheila Upjohn will be at Chris Styles's Mittagong residence next Saturday 18th March to give two talks with a Lenten theme on Julian. There will also be two DVDs shown about Julian, one of which includes the late Alan Oldfield's Julian paintings. Stations of the Cross with Julian readings in the garden, and time for meditation, also in the garden. Shared lunch, and the day will conclude with a Eucharist. Please register with [Chrisstyles@ozemail.com.au](mailto:Chrisstyles@ozemail.com.au) or phone 0412 507 547.

### Lenten Concert

This year's Lenten Concert will be J.S. Bach's B Minor Mass on 2 April at 3pm. Tickets are available for \$40, or \$30 concession, from Belltower Books, members of the choir, or the parish office.

### Choir Friends' Membership

To renew your Friends of the Choir membership for 2017, please do so after High Mass in person at the door of the new Choir Office in the Parish Hall. Friend's membership includes concert concessions and some special events including a forthcoming open rehearsal with the choir followed by lunch.

### Belltower Books

*Ars Sacra: Christian Art Throughout the Ages* is available for \$210, normal RRP is \$250. It features superb European publishing and 800 full colour pages. There is a wide range of new cards, imaginatively illustrated books and delicate floral crosses for children to wear. For the younger readers there is Brian Wildsmith's classic *The Easter Story* as related by the donkey who carried Jesus into Jerusalem. Back in stock are hand-made wooden crosses from the Brothers of St Francis.

### Equal Voices Launch

Equal Voices extends an invitation to their launch by the Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG on Monday 3 April at 2017. Arrival is from 6.30pm at Pitt Street Uniting Church. For more information please visit [equalvoices.org.au](http://equalvoices.org.au). RSVP as soon as possible to [events@equalvoices.org.au](mailto:events@equalvoices.org.au)

### The Annunciation

On Friday the 24 March we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us at 6pm for a Procession and Solemn High Mass. As a result, the Stations of the Cross will be held on Thursday 23 March at 6.30pm in lieu of Friday 2 March.



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