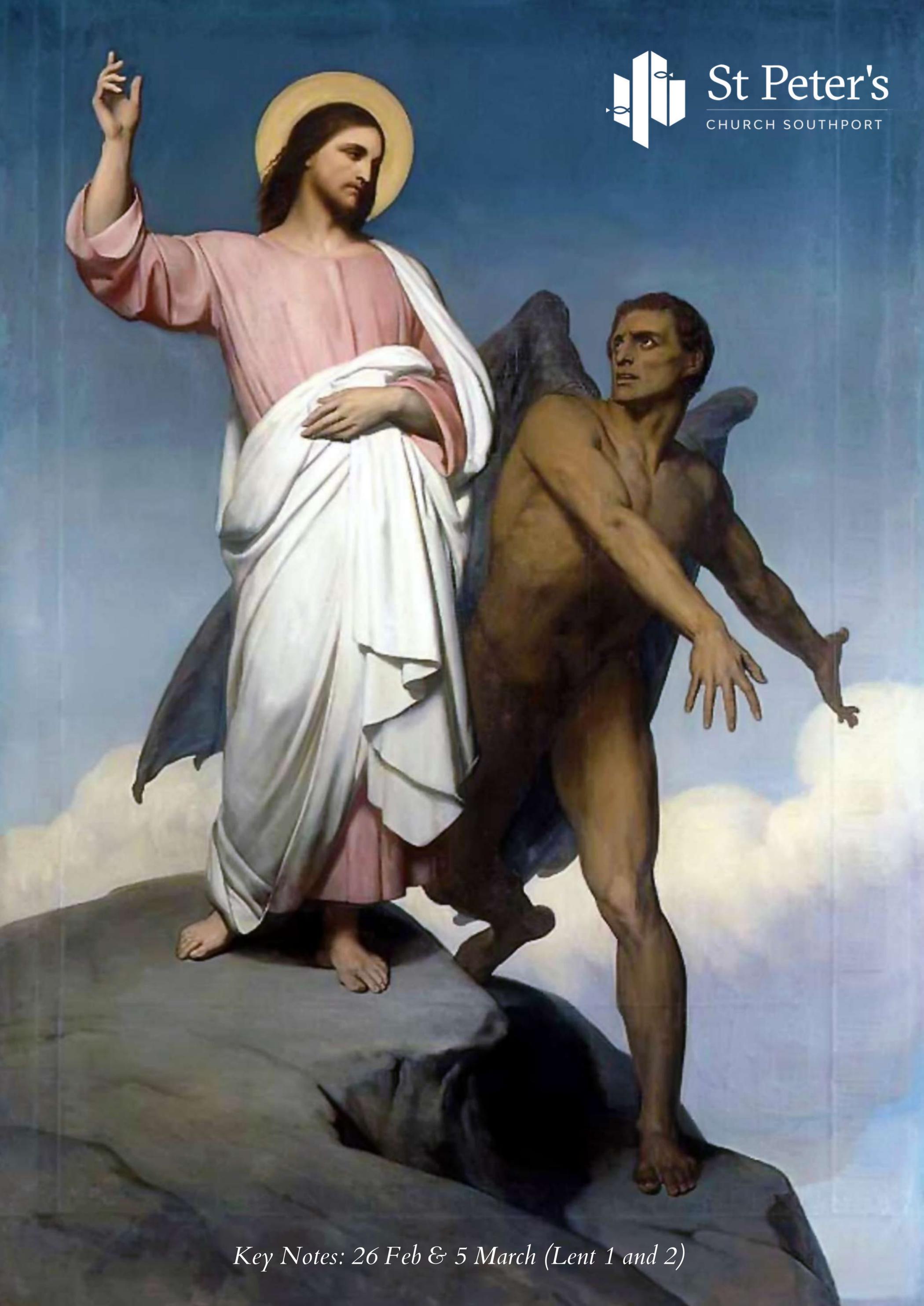




St Peter's
CHURCH SOUTHPORT



Key Notes: 26 Feb & 5 March (Lent 1 and 2)



You have heard me say on more than one occasion that ministry is never boring. So much so that, when people want to know what I do on an ‘average day’ I am able to provide only the broadest sort of answer. I’m not being evasive, even less rude: the simple fact is that you never know quite what will happen on a day-to-day basis in a parish! So, answers to that question must always be a little inadequate.

As evidence for this just look at the many pictures in this edition of Key Notes. You will note very quickly that this is a picture-laden edition and if, as they say, every picture tells a thousand words, then about a million things have been said here (maths not being my strong suit!)

Here are some highlights that the surprised and delighted parishioners over the last fortnight.

1. Who knew that the weather forecaster from Channel Nine News would be going ‘live’ from our Visitors’ Centre kitchen? Actually, none of us knew until Channel Nine phoned Christine on Shrove Tuesday and asked if they might send Luke Bradnam for some pancake flipping pictures.

That’s how it all started. Perhaps we should not be completely surprised. Channel Nine has popped in on a number of occasions over the years for some short ‘local pieces’ and on every occasion it has been a pleasure to host them. For the record, Luke is not good at flipping pancakes but apparently he knows how to grill a mean fish fillet.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the others who joined us for pancakes and frivolity on Shrove Tuesday. The choir sang two beautiful pieces (‘singing for your supper’ takes on a whole new meaning on Pancake Tuesday.) You will see by the pictures later in this edition that our last ‘feast’ before Lent was a great success. We even managed to incorporate a small quiz on Pancake Tuesday ‘facts and traditions’ and the reward for the most correct answers meant that you got to the delicious desert pancakes first.

2. No sooner had we ascended the hilltop than we descended to the valley. Ash Wednesday, poignant and solemn, brought us to the beginning of the season of reflection and the imposition of Ashes services enabled us all a time to commence our fasting and our preparation for Lent. Twenty nine had ashes imposed on Ash Wednesday, a sure sign that we value these traditions greatly here at St Peter’s.

3. A Blessing of Marriage service took place at St Peter’s last Friday and again, a first: the bride and her bridesmaids arrived in a carriage drawn by two imposing Clydesdales. (I was going to say ‘beautiful’ Clydesdales but somehow that doesn’t do their majestic presence much justice.) I have seen this carriage occasionally around the Gold Coast and wondered then how they managed all the Gold Coast traffic. Having seen how well behaved these horses are I now know that nothing as trifling as the crazy drivers on the Gold Coast would unsettle them.

4. Shirley Kenafake’s 90th. Ken and Sandra Lister hosted a wonderful birthday party for Shirley on Thursday. I must admit to breaking some of my fasting rules that night but it was certainly well worth it. Several high points for me: Ken Lister put on his ‘bard’s hat’ and treated us to some Banjo Patterson. Also, when looking around at our guests we could see three parishioners who were now in their 90s. What a privilege to share in these events.

5. This is a little obscure, but it has been one more ‘pleasant surprise’ over the last week. You will know from the last edition of Key Notes that I have had 10 copies of the beautiful Lenten Reflection Booklet “From Ashes to Hope” to give away. Well, I have given them away and was wondering how to get some more. Then I noticed that there was a QR Code in the booklet that, when scanned, would allow you to listen to the podcast of the entire booklet over Lent. I tried it and it works very well. Please do give it a go – I’ve highlighted the QR Code later in this edition.

So there you have it. Ministry at St Peter’s is full of surprises. Need I say more (other, perhaps, than “thanks be to God!”) *Fr Don*

Shrove Tuesday



Luke Bradnam and Mark the cameraman - Luke's holding Pancake Mix (but we all know the pancake that he flipped on TV was premade)

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday) was a great event this year – we have well and truly used up all our flour, milk and eggs in preparation for our Lenten fasting! What's more, having been contacted by Channel Nine News about our proposed Pancake Tuesday activities, they sent Luke Bradnam (the weather forecaster) to join in our festivities and to broadcast the weather live from St Peter's Visitors' Centre kitchen...there's a first for everything!

Shrove Tuesday

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Of course, the Choir sang beautifully for their supper...



...and then they were well and truly rewarded with sumptuous pancakes!



Falon was pressed into service as principal pancake server

Shrove Tuesday

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What made our pancake evening so special was that we were able to wish Shirley Kenafake a happy 90th birthday !

We all shouted "Pancakes" and a great night was had by all



*Shirley K's 90th Birthday party at Ken and Sandra's
Thursday 23 February*



Another first, a carriage for the bride: congratulations to Daniel & Sandra





*"Remember you are dust and to
dust you shall return"*

From Ashes to Hope

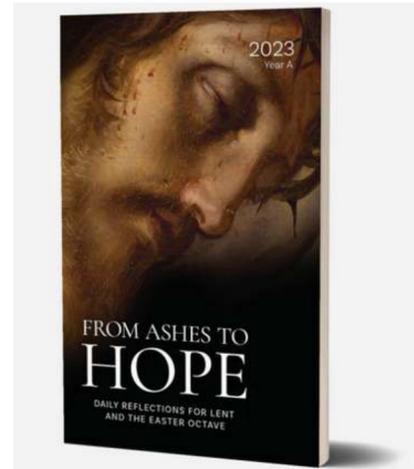
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2023 program for Lent
and the Easter Octave
Archdiocese of Brisbane

*Now that our
Lenten fast has
begun...*



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reflection series for Lent
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the podcast.*



Have you seen our new sign at the entrance to St Peter's Carpark? (it is off Olive St - for folk who are new to the parish.) We've put this new sign up to make sure folk know that it's our carpark and that it is for use by parishioners. When you come to church, please do use this carpark. It is, of course, free! What's more, on Sunday all of the Anglicare cars are generally parked out of the way and we have the whole carpark to ourselves.



It's official - the Playground is now open for play! (For the first time since the pandemic)

Collect & Readings:

Sunday 26 February – Lent I

Genesis 2: 15-17 & 3: 1-7

2 15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' 3 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' 2 The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; 3 but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' 4 But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; 5 for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Psalm 32

R Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away.

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile! **R**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. **R**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord'; Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **R**
- 9 'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.' **R**
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **R**



Romans 5: 12-21

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— 13 sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. 14 Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. 16 And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. 17 If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

18 Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. 19 For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. 20 But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect of Lent I

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin: give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your will, that, as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Matthew 4: 1 - 11

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
2 He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.
3 The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.'
4 But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'
5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,
6 saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'
7 Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'
8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour;
9 and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.'
10 Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'
11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.



Collect & Readings:

Sunday 5 March – Lent II

Romans 4.1-5; 4.13-17

1 What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ 4 Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. 5 But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. 13 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. 14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 16 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, 17 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.

Genesis 12: 1-4a

1 Now 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. 2 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. 3 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.’ 4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Psalm 121

R My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. **R**
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep; **R**
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. **R**
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore. **R**



Abraham leaves Haran - Francesco Bassano, 1592

John 3.1-17

1 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 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.' 3 Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' 4 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?' 5 Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." 8 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.' 9 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' 10 Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11 '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. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 '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. 17 '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.



Collect of Lent II

*God of mercy,
may we who have shared in this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring your reconciliation to others,
and be a sign of your wholeness in this
broken world.*

~ 26 February ~

The candles in the church are given in
loving memory by the family of

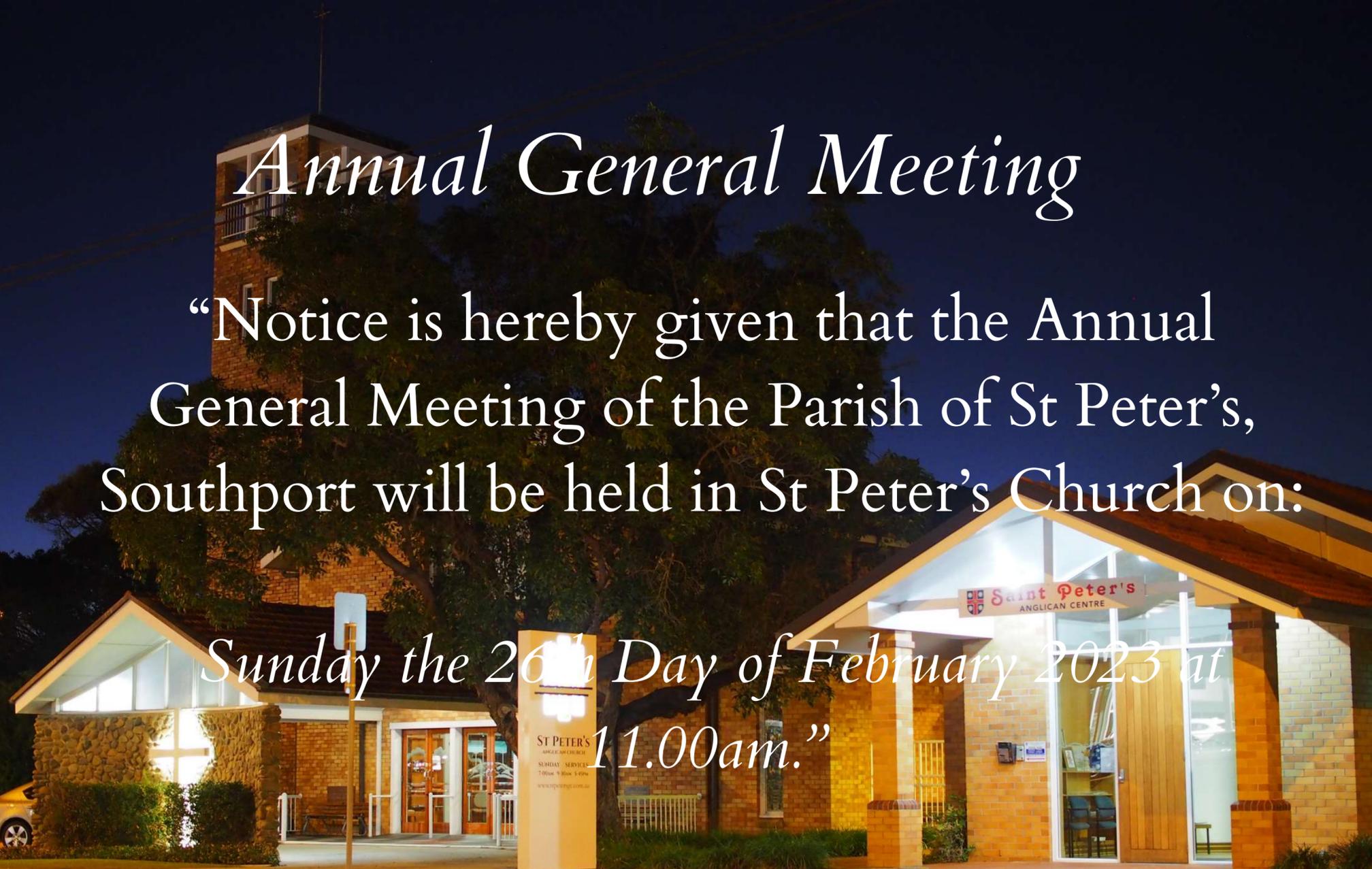
Charles Wilson Duncan



Annual General Meeting

“Notice is hereby given that the Annual
General Meeting of the Parish of St Peter’s,
Southport will be held in St Peter’s Church on:

*Sunday the 26th Day of February 2023 at
11.00am.”*



For All the Saints

George Herbert

February 27

and All Saintly Parish Priests

George Herbert was born into an aristocratic family in 1593 and brought up by his devout, widowed mother. He went up to Cambridge University and in 1614 secured a fellowship at Trinity College. In 1618 he was made reader in rhetoric and in 1620 became public orator of the university. He was noticed by the king and seemed marked out for a career as a courtier or in public affairs.

To the great surprise of his friends, he decided “to lose himself in a humble way” and seek ordination. For Herbert, the “cure of souls” was the greatest work anyone could undertake. It was a time of real inner struggle, as he had become increasingly dissatisfied with his mode of life. When, as Izaak Walton engagingly put it, Herbert “chang’d his sword and silk Cloaths into a Canonical Coat”, all things became new to him; he discovered peace and “the power to change my life”.

Herbert’s friendship with Nicholas Ferrar provided a timely influence, and he drew much inspiration for his own life in Christ from the community at Little Gidding. In 1626 he was ordained deacon. William Laud persuaded him to accept the small country parish of Fugglestone with Bemerton, near Salisbury in Wiltshire. He was presented to the living and ordained priest in 1630 and was married earlier the same year to Jane Danvers.

In his most famous prose work, *A Priest to the Temple; or, the Country Parson, his Character, and Rule of Holy Life*, Herbert sets out the attributes of the kind of parson he himself hoped to become. Herbert believed that his parishioners should never have to look to him in vain for the help they needed. He set a very high standard, yet, as a humble and devoted priest, he himself fulfilled in so many ways the ideal depicted in his writings. He was well-read, moderate, disciplined, a man of prayer, and devoted to the souls in his care. Kind and hospitable, with a gracious and generous spirit, he had a transparent sincerity. Prayer and preaching had equal place in his services, each bearing upon the other.

Unfortunately, his ministry as a parish priest was brief; he died in 1633.

Herbert was one of the earliest devotional poets of the Anglican Church. His poems are steeped in the characteristics of the man himself, full of warmth and a genuine love of godliness. Some are still used as hymns: “Teach me, my God and king”; “The God of love my shepherd is”; “Let all the world in every corner sing”.



David

March 1

Bishop, Patron Saint of Wales

In spite of the fact that David (Dewi) is so well known among the saints of Britain, very little accurate information about his life is available. Where facts are short, legend has sought to embellish. The earliest biography was not written until some five hundred years after his death; then it was written primarily to present the claims of the church in Wales to be independent of the jurisdiction of Canterbury.

It is claimed that David was an abbot-bishop, the son of a Cardigan chieftain, and that he founded a dozen monasteries, of which the principal one was at Menevia - St David's in Pembrokeshire in south-west Wales. The monastic rule, based on the rule of Egyptian monks, was extremely strict. Hard manual labour had to be performed by all, and they spoke only when absolutely necessary. David was traditionally known as "the Waterman", for water was the only drink allowed, probably with a little milk added on festivals.

David is said to have attended the synod at Brefi, about 560, though the story that he spoke there with such eloquence and fervour that he was thereupon elected primate of the church in Wales is almost certainly fable, as is his supposed pilgrimage to Jerusalem. He must, however, have been a man of strong character, with gifts of leadership and of great goodness. He has been looked upon as the patron saint of Wales since the twelfth century.

There are over fifty churches dedicated to David in South Wales, and some thirty in England, mostly in Devon and Cornwall. The dates of both his birth and death are uncertain, though 520 and 601 respectively have been accepted by most writers. He died at his monastery at Menevia. He gave his life back to God with his last words, "O Lord, raise me up after you."



Collect of St David

*Loving God,
you gave your servant David grace
to be a wise and faithful leader
of your church in Wales;
give us perseverance and unwearied
devotion
that we may be your faithful people
now and always;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.*

Chad

March 2

Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary

Chad was born in Northumbria, the youngest of four brothers, all of whom were priests. He was a pupil of Aidan at Lindisfarne and at a young age came as a monk to his brother Cedd's monastery at Lastingham in Yorkshire. On his brother's death in 664, Chad became abbot of Lastingham and was happy in the peace and quietness he found.

The church in Britain was in considerable confusion in the mid-seventh century. Some order was brought by the Synod of Whitby (664), when the church in the north opted for the developing Roman tradition, and proper organisation was eventually established by Theodore (see 19 September) on his arrival in 669. Immediately after Whitby, Wilfrid, a firm proponent of Roman order, was made bishop of York, but sought valid consecration in France rather than from dubious British bishops. He was away so long that King Oswy appointed Chad as bishop instead. Chad unwisely accepted consecration from the simoniacal Bishop Wini and two other bishops whose valid consecration was in doubt. On his eventual return, Wilfrid did not challenge Chad's position. Theodore, however, on his arrival, pointed out the irregularity of Chad's consecration and asked him to step down in favour of Wilfrid. This Chad graciously did and retired to the abbey at Lastingham.

In 669 King Wulfhere of Mercia asked Theodore to appoint a bishop for the region. Theodore, having rectified Chad's consecration, sent him to be bishop of Mercia, a very large diocese which stretched from the River Severn to the eastern coast of England. In order to have a more central base in the diocese, Chad moved the official residence of the bishop from Repton to Lichfield. He travelled extensively round his diocese, mostly on foot until Archbishop Theodore insisted that he ride a horse. Chad was much loved for his gentleness and humility and for the great holiness of his life, patterned on the example of the ancient fathers. He tirelessly worked at spreading the gospel and is said to have founded the monastery of Barrow. Chad was bishop of Mercia for only three years and died in 672 of the plague. He was venerated as a saint. A magnificent shrine to house his relics was erected in Lichfield Cathedral in the fourteenth century.

Collect of St Chad

*Gracious God,
you gave to your servant Chad
the gifts of humility, love and holiness;
grant that we who remember his ministry
may grow in the truths he so faithfully lived
and spread the light of the gospel;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

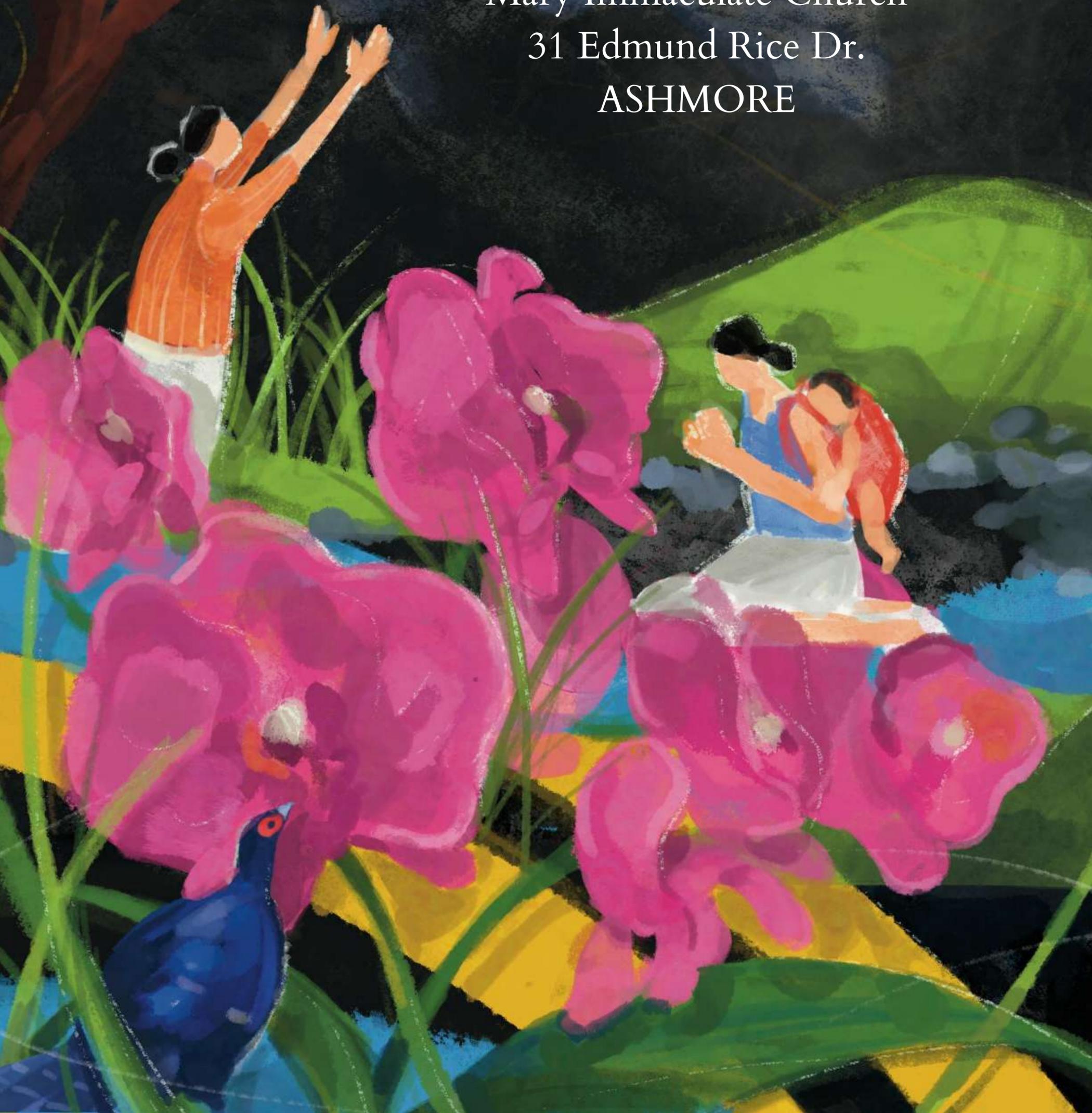


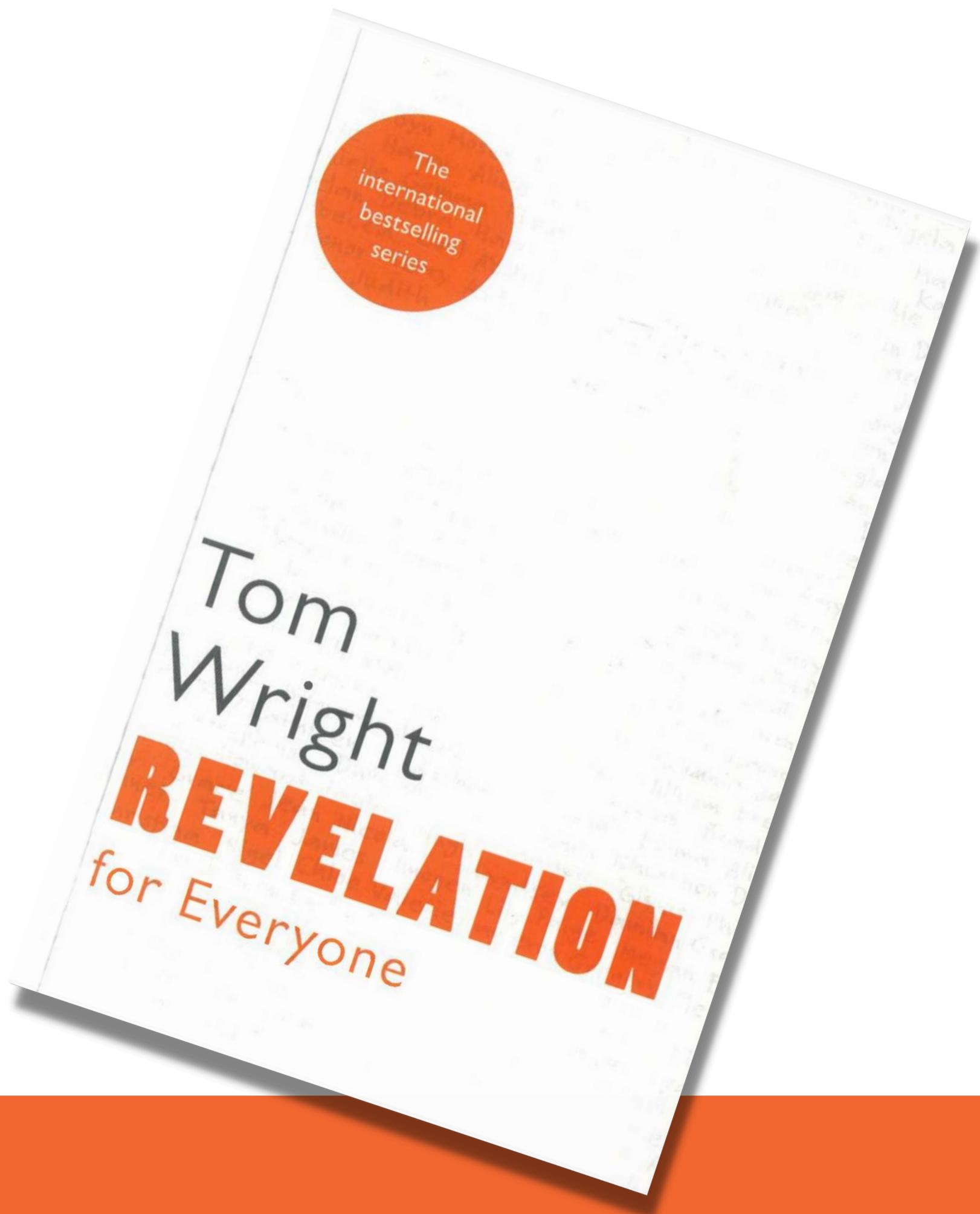


World Day of Prayer

Taiwan

10 am Fri 3rd March
Mary Immaculate Church
31 Edmund Rice Dr.
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Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays at 11:00 am

(following our 10:00 am Holy Eucharist)

The Book of Revelation.

Join us in person (in the Parish Centre) or Zoom online

– just let us know and we'll send a Zoom invite

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SERVICES

Sunday

7:00am: Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:30am: Holy Eucharist (APBA)

5:45pm: Holy Eucharist (APBA)

5:45pm: Choral Evensong
(2nd Sunday of the month)

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10:00am – Wednesday

12:00pm – Thursday

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