

CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



Lent – Holy Week – Easter

2026

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FROM THE VICAR

This booklet is an encouragement for us all to use the time of Lent well. Lent is the traditional preparation time of forty days from Ash Wednesday up to Good Friday, and the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day. It is a season of spiritual reflection, and an opportunity for “clearing the decks”. Often people choose to give something up for Lent – such as alcohol or chocolate. Sometimes people choose to take on something extra – an extra spiritual discipline, or even an exercise programme. How might you choose to mark out Lent as a special time of year?

The Easter Liturgy includes an opportunity for all baptised Christians to renew their baptismal vows, and Eastertide is the most appropriate time of the year both for Baptism and Confirmation. If you have not been baptised or confirmed and would like to be, Lent is the perfect time to prepare! Candidates for Baptism or Confirmation should speak to the vicar as soon as possible.

Please be encouraged, and have a good Lent!

God bless you,
Fr Craig

WHY DO WE OBSERVE LENT?

From about the 4th century the Church has observed a period of 40 days of fasting in preparation for Easter. The custom arose from the prescribed fast of the candidates for Christian initiation at the conclusion of their long period of instruction and preparation. As the event of their Baptism approached, this intensive preparation of the weeks before Easter began and the whole Church took up this process as being a period of renewal of their own baptismal promises. This we still do at the Great Vigil of Easter.

The austerity of the Lenten season reminds us that our faith is centred on the essentials of human living, thus we dispense with some of those external symbols of our religious background in order to concentrate more fully on what they represent. Paintings and images are removed or veiled, flowers are removed, the exultant passages of praise, such as the Gloria and Alleluias are omitted from the Liturgy. The dominant colour is purple, the colour of royal mourning.

LENTEN SERVICES

ASH WEDNESDAY – 18 February

9.30am Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
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SUNDAYS IN LENT

9.30am Parish Eucharist
11.00am Study Group (in the CFS Room)
The Sermon on the Mount
Feb 22, March 1, 15, 22
Leader: Fr Craig D'Alton

WEEKDAYS IN LENT

Daily Office	9.30am	Morning Prayer (Monday – Tuesday, Thursday),
Eucharist	9.30am	Wednesday
Study Group	10am	Friday

Thine is the kingdom: Living like Matthew
Feb 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27
Leader: Fr Ken Letts

Feast Days
Eucharists 9.30am Tues 24 Feb – St Matthias
Thurs Mar 19 – St Joseph
Wednesday Mar 25 – Annunciation



LENTEN QUIET DAY WITH DR PAULA GOODER

SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2026
9AM TO 3:30PM

CHAPEL OF TRINITY COLLEGE MELBOURNE
100 ROYAL PARADE, PARKVILLE



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HOLY WEEK DIARY

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY – 29 March

9.30am Blessing of Palms and Parish Eucharist

Holy Monday Eucharist 9.30am

Holy Tuesday Eucharist 9.30am

Holy Wednesday Eucharist 9.30am

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 2 April

7.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

(The Church will remain open for the customary vigil for an hour.)

GOOD FRIDAY – 3 April

12 noon The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY – 4 April

9.00am Morning Prayer, followed by working bee

EASTER DAY – 5 April

6.00am Great Vigil of Easter

9.30am Easter Day Eucharist

EASTERTIDE DIARY

The fifty days of Easter run from Easter Day until Pentecost.

SUNDAYS IN EASTERTIDE

9.30am

Parish Eucharist

11am

Eastertide Study Group (in the CFS room)

Back where it all began?

Making sense of the early chapters of Genesis

Sundays 29, 26 April and 3, 17 May

Leader: Fr Craig D'Alton

WEEKDAYS IN EASTERTIDE

9.30am

Morning Prayer (Monday - Thursday)

ASCENSION DAY Thursday 14 May

9.30am

Eucharist

PENTECOST

9.30am

Sunday 24 May

Parish Eucharist

Preacher: The Revd Prof Russell Goulbourne,

Warden of Trinity College, University of Melbourne

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