

~ Prayer Points ~

Ash Wednesday Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for the good policing of our town, for those who administer the law in our courts, and for the safety of all on our roads

Pray for the Parish Council meeting this Tuesday and ask wisdom as the council begins work on next year's budget.

Pray for the ministry for Seniors in our Parish and for the monthly services in nursing homes and churches as well as private visits,



SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Wed 17th March 10.00 am – Cathedral – Holy Communion – Rev Jim Caley

1.10 pm – Cathedral – Healing Service – Enid Isaacs

6.00 pm – St Mary's, WA – Holy Communion –

11.00 am – Autumn Lodge – Rev Jim Caley

2.30 pm – BUPA – Rev Jim Caley

Thurs 18th March 11.00 am – Ken Thompson Lodge – The Dean

Sun 21st March Lent 5 (V) – *'The Covenant Sign' & 'The Son is Accused – Compromiser!'*

7.30 am – Cathedral – Holy Communion – Rev Charles Hebblewhite

8.00 am – St Mary's, WA – Holy Communion – John Marsh

9.30 am – Cathedral – Morning Prayer – Rev Charles Hebblewhite

7.00 pm – Parish Centre – Holy Communion – The Dean

BIBLE READINGS for the Cathedral 21st March, 2010

Morning Services: 7.30 am	9.30 am	Evening Service: 7.00 pm
Genesis 17: 1 – 20 <i>M Cash</i>	<i>R Blanch</i>	Isaiah 42: 1 – 9 <i>G Traise</i>
John 12: 1 – 8 <i>P Hutchinson</i>	<i>G Williams</i>	Mark 2: 13 – 22 <i>R Smyth</i>



Grounds Roster for w/e 20th March, 2010: J Failes, B Seppelt, P Chiswell,
D Robins.

All notices for the SUNDAY SIGN (in writing or via e-mail) to be in the Parish Office
no later than 12.30 pm, Tuesday. Thank you.

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SUNDAY SIGN



Sunday 14th March, 2010

Lent 4

CATHEDRAL SERVICES

'The Birth of Ishmael'

Genesis 16: 1 – 16 (pg 11 - NRSV) Luke 15: 1 – 10 (pg 850 - NRSV)

7.30 am Cathedral – Holy Communion – Preach: **The Dean**

Lead: **Dick Franklin**

9.30 am Cathedral – Holy Communion – Preach: **The Dean**

(with Crèche & Kidschurch) Lead: **The Dean**



'The Son of Man is Revealed'

Daniel 7: 1 – 14 (pg 631 - NIV) Mark 2: 1 – 12 (pg 708 - NIV)

7.00 pm Parish Centre – Evening Service – Preach: **John Bock**

Lead: **Nick Stone**

SERVICES IN OTHER CENTRES

8.00 am St Mary's, West Armidale – Holy Communion – Rev Charles Hebblewhite

3.00 pm St John's, Wollomombi – Rev Charles Hebblewhite



~ Message from The Dean ~

Brothers and Sisters,

Recently I came across an article from a British newspaper, the Daily Mail, about a police officer named Roger Bartlett. Inspector Bartlett's patch is around Barnstaple and when he arrived it had one of the poorest crime detection rates in the area. He decided he needed help and so asked church goers to *pool their efforts in calling for back-up from God*. The article goes on: *Three years later after encouraging Christians from local churches to say prayers to help policemen, detection rates have soared, road accidents have fallen and Mr Bartlett is convinced it's evidence of divine intervention.*

The article gives the figures. Clear-up rates for crimes went from 26 per cent to 40 per cent – one of the highest in the UK. Serious road accidents fell dramatically. The Inspector reports that *not only was there a 67 per cent reduction on the previous year ... it was more than 50 per cent lower than the next annual figure locally*. Fatal road accidents fell from 97 in 2007/2008 to 32 in 2008/2009.

Mr Bartlett works as part of the leadership of a Christian Policing Team in his area which works with Street Pastors. These are Christian volunteers who help with vulnerable or drunken people and diffuse trouble in town centres at night.

The cynical, of course, won't be convinced. But I am reminded of William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, surrounded by newspapermen during World War II, being jibed. *You don't really believe in answers to prayer do you?* they were saying. *Gentlemen*, he replied, *all I know is that when I pray co-incidences happen, when I don't, they don't.*

In Christ,

Stephen Williams

~ Notices & Requests ~

Courthouse Coffee: Monday 15th March – Shaen Hansen, Geraldine Robertson

Prayer for Armidale: meeting will be held at the Armidale Uniting Church, Rusden Street, at 7.30 pm on Monday 15th March. Along with our usual prayer for the city, a short time of thanks and dedication will be held for outgoing SRE teacher, David Battese and the new teachers, Penny Williams, Mel Hatte and Anna Owen.

The Cathedral Counters' Rosters: The Roster for April – June is available from the pigeonholes in the Cathedral. Please check your roster dates, and arrange to exchange duties if they are not suitable. Rosters can be sent by email if you contact Ron Smith at: rg.smith1@optusnet.com.au, with the subject line: *Collection Counters*.

Notices continued on insert



~ St Mary's News ~

Today, Mothering Sunday, we give thanks for Mothers and for Mother Church. In accordance with tradition, Simnel Cake will be blessed and distributed.

A light breakfast will be served in the Hall after the 8.00 am service today. All welcome. Afterwards there will be a Gathering of those who wish to continue studying St Mary's Lenten Book '*A Spendthrift Lover*' by Bishop John Parkes of Wangaratta. Copies are still available at St Mary's for \$10 or by contacting Gwenda Shannon on 6772 6437.

Thank you everyone who contributed so generously last Sunday to the collection of food items for St Peter's Food Cupboard. The next collection of food items will be on Easter Day for the Uniting Church and its outreach to needy people.

Next Wednesday (17th March – St Patrick's Day) there will be a service of Holy Communion, with a Devotional Reading. The celebrant will be the Rev Greg Stanton.

There will be a Quiet Morning at St Mary's next Saturday, 20th March, conducted by the Rev John Marsh. Please see insert. The Rev John Marsh will also be the celebrant at the 8 am service the next day.

The annual Seniors' Week Ecumenical Service will be held in St Mary's at 11 am on Sunday next, 21st March. The service will be conducted by the Rev Charles Hebblewhite. A light luncheon will be served afterwards in the Hall, organized by members of St Mary's congregation. Please note, on that Sunday there will be no breakfast or Lenten Study Gathering after the 8 am service.

