



From the Clergy

It has only been a month since our last pastoral letter, but life in the parish is very busy, and it is important to keep the people of the parish informed about what is happening, and about decisions that are being made.

This edition of St Mary's News contains updates of a number of aspects of parish life, along with information about some new initiatives. Please take the time to keep in touch with the life of your church, by reading the information and noting important dates.

If you received this Newsletter as a paper copy, rather than by email, and now have an email address, could you please let us know by sending an email to office@stmarysouthperth.com. We will put you on our email list, which cuts the costs of printing and postage.

We are now half way through our Lenten journey in the parish, and our focus begins to move towards the events of Holy Week and Easter. A variety of opportunities to worship and reflect are offered over this the most important week of the Christian year, and all parishioners are encouraged to participate as fully as they are able in the worship life of the parish at this time.

With every blessing.

John and Sue



The Passion of the Christ

The Passion of the Christ has been written by Peter Hutley, who stages the play in Trafalgar Square, London. It will be seen there on Good Friday.

The week before, **on Sat March 31**, at 3pm, it will be performed in Government House Gardens in Perth, the first performance outside of the UK.

Admission is free, but tickets are required. We have secured 60 tickets for our parish. Please put your name on the sheet in the foyer if you would like to attend this unique performance.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Parishioners are informed that the Annual Meeting of Parishioners will be held on the Feast of Pentecost, May 27 2012 at 10.30am

Being the start of a new triennium, all parishioners are required to re-enrol in order to vote. New enrolment forms will be available shortly from the back table, or from the office. Nomination forms will be available early in May.

Wanted:

Piano Player

We are seeking a capable pianist for the 5.30pm service on Saturdays. If you know someone who is interested, please let John know. A modest honorarium is available.



Parish Diary

Sat Mar 24 5.30pm Family Service & Tea
Sun Mar 25 11am Sunday Faith Forum
Rev'd Chris Beal: "Being Christian
in a Post Christian world"

Sat Mar 31 3pm The Passion of Christ
in the Gardens of Government House

Holy Week at St Mary's

Sun Apr 1 9am Palm Sunday Eucharist
Tues Apr 3 10am Holy Eucharist
Noon Chrism Eucharist at Cathedral
Wed Apr 4 10am Tots Church & Playgroup
1pm Holy Eucharist
1.30pm First Wednesday Games
Thurs Apr 5 **Maundy Thursday**
9.30am Holy Eucharist at LeFanu Court
7.30pm Celebration of The Last Supper

Fri Apr 6 **Good Friday**
9am Good Friday Liturgy

Sat Apr 7 **Easter Eve**
5.30pm Family Service, and
Celebration of New Life

Sun Apr 8 **Easter Day**
9am Sung Eucharist

Sun May 27 **PENTECOST**
Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Fri -Sun Oct 6-8 Diocesan Synod

Sat-Sun Oct 20-21 Bishop Tom Wilmott
Parish visit and confirmations.

Keeping Cool at St Mary's

With concern for both the comfort and safety of parishioners attending worship and activities at St Mary's, the parish council has taken the decision to adopt a plan to air condition the church and hall over the coming years. This will be approached in three stages, as funds become available.

Stage 1: the chapel and sanctuary.

Stage 2: the hall, and meeting room.

Stage 3: the nave of the church.

We are hoping to raise some \$35,000 towards this project, and an appeal for donations is now open.

If you would like to contribute, your offering would be warmly welcomed.

ABM Anglican Board of Mission - Australia
Working for Love, Hope & Justice

Lent Appeal

Envelopes for the ABM Lent Appeal for 2012 are available on the back table and in the pews.

Please contribute generously,
and place your envelope in the collection.
Donations can be tax-deductible..

Faithworks

@ St Mary's

Presents
The Divine Drama

An exceptional course of biblical study over 30 weeks, The Divine Drama looks carefully at the themes and threads of the biblical narrative. These are then applied to help us understand the nature and content of major Christian doctrines.

This course is an excellent opportunity to learn anew or to revisit our faith journey. The course will begin in May. Please register your interest with John, so that course materials can be ordered from the USA.