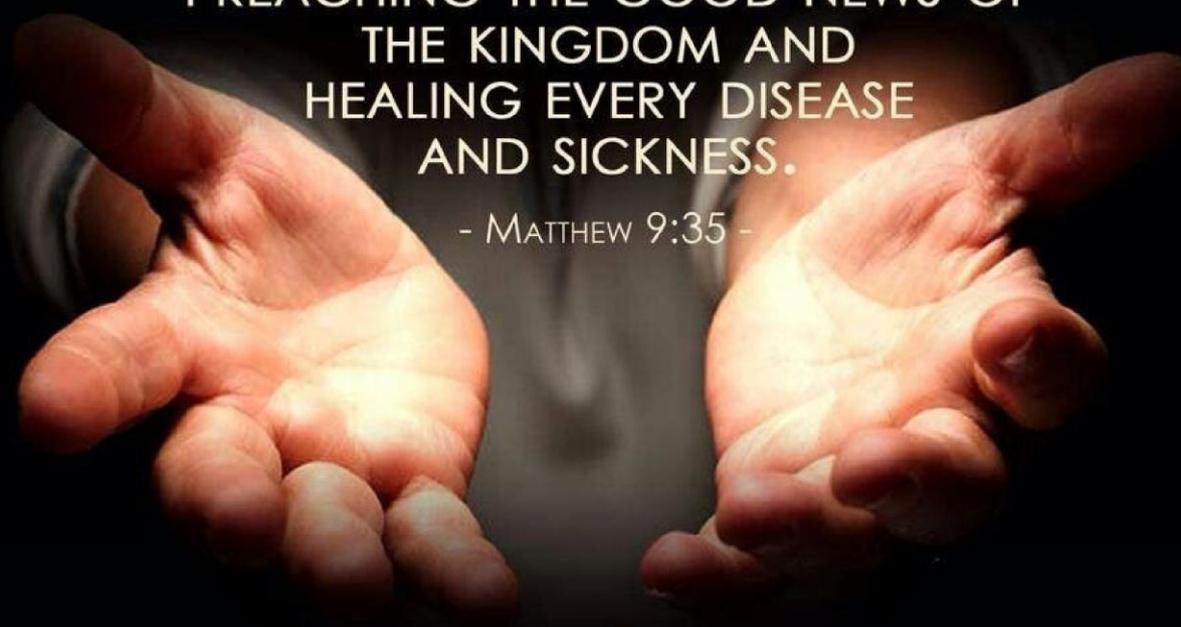


Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 31 January Epiphany 4

Priest in Charge, Rev'd Dave Perryman



JESUS WENT THROUGH ALL THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES,
TEACHING IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES,
PREACHING THE GOOD NEWS OF
THE KINGDOM AND
HEALING EVERY DISEASE
AND SICKNESS.

- MATTHEW 9:35 -

All Saints, St Mary's, Holy Trinity.

**Welcome to a combined parish
service of Holy Communion at 10am**

Holy Trinity Church, Stratford.

We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people as the original inhabitants of this land. We acknowledge their elders past and present and their children who are their hope for the future.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Opening Hymn: 'Christ in Capernaum'

1 Christ, in Capernaum, people were awed by your preaching.
You had authority many could hear in your teaching.
In you they saw
Love that informed all their law —
Truth that was kind and far-reaching.

2 Into that place came a man who was troubled in spirit.
He cried aloud so the worshiping people could hear it.
Awe mixed with fear!
God's loving reign had come near!
Evil could simply not bear it.

3 Lord, you rebuked all that kept him from knowing God's healing;
You countered evil with power that sent spirits reeling.
God has control!
God wants our lives to be whole!
This was what you were revealing.

4 Still there is evil that tries to destroy and enslave us,
Still, by your grace, we encounter your power to save us.
You heal our pain,
Showing the joy of God's reign.
This is the teaching you give us!

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Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Welcome/Acknowledgement of Country

Call to Worship

Praise God, who loves us all.

Praise God, who is full of mercy and compassion.

Praise God, who loves us well.

Praise God, who creates honesty and justice.

Praise God, who invites us to love.

Praise God, who loves through us and our actions.

The Sentence

“Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.”

(Matthew 9. 35)

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Confession

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

Silence for self-reflection

Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**When we cry out with words that hurt,
silence our cries**

**and speak gently through our words.
When we act in ways that hurt,
even when help is intended,
transform our hurtful actions with your grace.
When we forget that we are loved and called to love,
love us back into your likeness,
that your love might flow freely through us
and bring your love to the world.
In your holy presence of love, we pray. Amen.**

Absolution

God who has called us is faithful,
and will not remember our sins.
Our sins are forgiven,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Live by the Spirit's transforming power,
and forgive as you have been forgiven. **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day

God of compassion,
you have shown us in Christ
that your love is never ending:
enable us both to love you with all our heart
and to love one another as Christ loved us.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The First Reading

A Reading from The Book of Deuteronomy

¹⁵ The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶ This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' ¹⁷ Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have

said. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹ Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰ But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.’ *Deuteronomy 18.15-20*

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

A Reading from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians

¹ Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that ‘all of us possess knowledge.’ Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ² Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³ but anyone who loves God is known by him. ⁴ Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that ‘no idol in the world really exists’, and that ‘there is no God but one.’ ⁵ Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷ It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ ‘Food will not bring us close to God.’ We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹² But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall. *1 Corinthians 8.1-13*

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Early Talk

Gradual Hymn: ‘A new commandment’ – MP 1

A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall others know that you are My disciples,
if you have love one for another.

By this shall others know that you are My disciples,
if you have love one for another.

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Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, ‘What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.’ ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, ‘Be silent, and come out of him!’ ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.’ ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Sermon

Mark 1.21-28

Time of discussion

The Prayers:

Please sit or kneel for prayer as you are able.

Response:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Renewal of Wedding vows – David and Kerrie Smith

We have come together in the presence of God
to give thanks with David and Kerrie for 50 years of married life,
to rejoice together and to ask for God's blessing.

As our Lord Jesus Christ was himself a guest
at the wedding in Cana of Galilee,
so through his Spirit he is with us now.

Marriage is a gift of God in creation
and a means of his grace;
it is given that spouses
may comfort and help each other,
living faithfully together
in times of need as well as in plenty,
in sadness and in joy, in sickness and in health;
it is given that with delight and tenderness
they may know each other in love.

Therefore, we pray with them
that, strengthened and guided by God,
they may continue to fulfil his purpose for their life together.

The minister says to David and Kerrie

I invite you now to recall the vows that you made at your wedding.

David says to Kerrie

I, David, took you, Kerrie, to be my wife; 50 years ago –
knowing in my heart that you would be my faithful companion, my
lifelong partner, and my one true love.
As we stand before God and our loved ones, I pledge to stay by your
side as your husband, in sickness, in health, in joy and sorrow, through
the good times and the bad.
I vow, once more, to love you without reservation, to honour and
respect you. I will continue to support you, protect you from harm and
to comfort you in times of distress so long as we both shall live.

Kerrie says to David

I, Kerrie, took you, David, to be my husband; 50 years ago –
knowing in my heart that you would be my faithful companion, my
lifelong partner, and my one true love.
As we stand before God and our loved ones, I pledge to stay by your
side as your wife, in sickness, in health, in joy and sorrow, through the
good times and the bad.
I vow, once more, to love you without reservation, to honour and
respect you.
I will continue to support you, protect you from harm and to comfort
you in times of distress so long as we both shall live.

The minister says to the congregation

Will you, the family and friends of David and Kerrie,
continue to support and uphold them
in their marriage now and in the years to come?
We will.

The minister blesses David and Kerrie

We thank you today for David and Kerrie,
and for leading them to each other
in friendship and love, commitment and trust,
and for bringing them here for the blessing of their marriage.

As you pour out your love,
may they continue to grow together in your sight,
and each be to the other
a companion in joy, a comfort in sorrow and a strength in need.

As you blessed the earthly home at Nazareth
with the presence of your Son,
may their home be a place of security and peace.

God the Father,
God the Son,
God the Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve and keep you;
the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace
that you may please him both in body and soul,
and, living together in faith and love,
may receive the blessings of eternal life.
Amen.

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And now we give you thanks
because you are the source of light and life;
you made us in your image
and called us to new life in him.

And so, with everyone who believes in you,
with all the saints and angels,
we rejoice and praise you, saying:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father;
on the night before he died your Son,
Jesus Christ, took bread;
when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins;
do this as often as you drink it,
to remember me.

Therefore loving God,
recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life

and this cup of salvation.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

**Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
which we offer through Christ our great high priest.**

**Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive
may be to us the body and blood of Christ,
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,
may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.**

**United in Christ with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, O God,
in songs of everlasting praise.**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in our hearts with thanksgiving.

For those unable to receive Holy Communion this Sunday, you may like to practice the tradition of 'spiritual communion' as you watch and listen, the following prayer may be helpful:

O Lord Jesus Christ, through your tender mercy grant that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so the soul of this your servant may be healed by like faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive. In union with the faithful at every altar-table in your Church I desire to be united with you and pray that you will come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever

separate me from your love, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Sending Out of God's People

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Father,
we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.

Announcements/Kid's time

Final Hymn: '10,000 Reasons'

*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul,
Worship His holy name,
Sing like never before O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.*

1 The sun comes up it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again,
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.
Bless the Lord...

2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind,
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
Bless the Lord...

3 And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

*//Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul,
Worship His holy name,
Sing like never before O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name, //
I'll worship Your holy name,
I'll worship Your holy name.*

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The Blessing

Go now to love as beloved children of God.
Go now to live as living signs of Christ's presence.
Go now to transform the world
with the power of the Holy Spirit,
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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BULLETIN PRAYER POINTS

Everlasting God, thank you for welcoming us in love, hear us as we pray for the good of the church, the world and for all in need.

We pray:-

*For safety and protection of our beautiful world. Effective and safe management of climate change.

*For peace in places of conflict and violence. Provision of safe-haven and new beginnings for refugees.

*For an end to the racial, social and domestic violence and social injustices around the world and particularly in our own country

*For those living with ill health, grief, social unrest and economic hardship especially in the wake of the world-wide pandemic, particularly those nations where Covid-19 is raging, the USA and England.

*We give thanks for your miracle work through our world scientists who have developed vaccines against Covid-19. May they be safe and save millions of lives. May all nations and people have equal access to this blessing.

For all our defence personnel who dedicate their lives to protecting us and others from aggression, may they receive the respect and appreciation due to them and not be tarnished by the actions of very few.

For all students and teacher settling back into primary, secondary and tertiary education.

For all the little ones who commenced their new school life this past week. May they settle in well, find new friends and feel accepted. Enfold them in your care Lord!

*For the worldwide church, our Diocese, and the churches in our local community.

*For Bishop Richard and his family as he leads the faith-life of the Diocese.

*For Dave as he supports Bishop Richard from his role as Chaplain.

*For guidance, inspiration, and energy for Dave as he leads the ministry, discipleship and pastoral caring in our parish and community.

*For Emma and their 4 children.

*We give thanks for Dave, Emma and the children's safe return to the parish.

We ask you to walk closely with them Lord in this new, very busy and at times challenging year.

We pray for Dave as he provides ministry to grieving parents this week.

For Timmy in his first year of school and Eli in 4-year-old's kindergarten

*For all who support the op shop. Coordinator Bev, volunteers, and all who donate to our ministry and mission.

*For a fruitful resumption of mainly music in February.

*For our Retiring Offertory – **CBM this being the last week.**

*Healing God, we lift to you those who are suffering in our parish. Those with physical, mental, or emotional illness, and those recovering from surgery; all carers and for those who are lonely, sad, or mourning.

We pray especially for Dennis, Heather, Marion, Cliff, Paul, Aubrey, Bev, Julie, Brenda, Liliias, Marj, Keith, Ruth, Alice, Emma, Crystal, Daryl, Jan and Mick.

We pray for Dave and Kerrie renewing their wedding vows today. Giving thanks for their many years of marriage and may they enjoy many more years of peace and happiness together.

God of compassion, enfold parents Mathew and Kaitlan in your loving peace and comfort as they mourn the stillbirth of their baby daughter..

We pray for the family and friends of the late Bev Spark. For her son Rod and all family members as they reflect on her life well lived.

Lord God we pray for ourselves; as we start the week ahead. We ask that in all we do, we may walk more closely with you at our side, safe in the knowledge that your Fatherly love and care knows no bounds.

NEWS AND NOTES

Greetings friends,

A big welcome back to Dave, Emma and children. We pray they are feeling refreshed and ready for the challenges of a busy year. May it be busy in an exciting and fulfilling way!

Welcome to our fellow parishioners from All Saints and St Mary's. Sharing in worship is a wonderful way of “being parish together”.

A big ‘thank you’ to Dave and Kerrie Smith for sharing the joy of their 50th Wedding Anniversary with the parish faith community. We pray they will enjoy many more years of peace and happiness together.

Tomorrow is the deadline for Dave to order Lenten Study books. Please order today. He will speak about the book in Announcements. Lenten Studies will be on Zoom this year.

Next Sunday 7 February is the last Sunday of this Roster. Please advise Sandra of any dates you will not be available for ministry (roster) over the forthcoming 6 weeks.

For the next 4 weeks Dave's one (1) day per week off will be Wednesdays instead of Mondays. We will not be contacting him unless it is absolutely necessary.

Timmy has started school and for the next 4 weeks will have Wednesdays off. Eli is going to 4-year-old's kindergarten and his day off is also on Wednesdays.

Following this first 4 weeks Dave will be taking his day off as 2 half days per week. As many would know, taking half days often means no days. Somehow, we need to ensure Dave really does have 2 complete half days off. As we all know, clergy work very long hours especially Dave in the 2 positions he holds.

. . . our parish priest and Chaplain at the Registry which entails many diocesan roles and responsibilities.

In advance, Dave will advise us of his half days off and where practicable they will be circulated in the Bulletin for the following week. This may help but will not be perfect.

The Family Fun Fair Meeting. Organisation of the Fair to be held 22 May is progressing well. Our thanks to those who attended the meeting.

The Mayor of Wellington Shire Councillor Garry Stephens has accepted our invitation to open the Fair.

Linda Tatterson has requested all who have a hint of green fingers to please commence striking and potting up plants in readiness for the plant stall.

Ordination of Kate Campbell as Deacon in the Church of God.

As Bishop Richard has communicated, **Kate Campbell will be ordained as a deacon on Saturday 6 February at 11am at St Paul's Cathedral, Sale.**

If you are attending the service, please let Dave know by tomorrow, Monday 1 Feb., so he can confirm numbers and catering. Once again thank you to those who have responded already.

****We hold our friend Kate in prayer at this very special time. We recall that for quite some time Kate worshipped at Holy Trinity as a friend of the parish. Kate recorded the minutes of Parish Council meetings for some months. The beautiful wild goose image which hangs in the small chapel at Holy Trinity was crafted by Kate and the long book-marks on the lectern, renovated. Parish Council commissioned Kate to make the beautiful stoles gifted to Dave on the occasions of his induction and first anniversary of his ministry here in Avon Parish.**

A number of Clergy Inductions are scheduled for the early months of 2021.

- The Rev'd Graeme Liersch will be inducted as Rector of the Parish of Wonthaggi & Inverloch at St George's Wonthaggi on Tuesday 2 February at 7.30pm.
- The Ven Sue Jacka is to be inducted as Rector of the Parish of Morwell at St Mary's Morwell on Wednesday 10 March, at 7.30pm.
- Shortly after the first anniversary of their commencement as Priests-in-Charge of the Parish of Yarram, The Revds Jenny and Tony Wicking will be formally inducted as same on Tuesday 27 April.
- Bishop Richard asks that we please pray for Graeme and Susan, and for Sue and Ross, in their transitions into new ministries.

From Dean Susanna:-

'a prayer, a plea, a bird' - prayer writing, imagination and faith.

***Writing Workshop- prayer writing, imagination and faith
2.00pm – 4.30pm***

Sunday February 21

Delbridge Hall, Cunninghame St, Sale.

cost: \$30, concessions available

RSVP Susanna Pain 0418 637469 susanna.pain@gmail.com

Just a reminder: re parishioners birthdays, distribution of cards will commence in February.

If you wish to participate and receive a greeting card, please advise Gail of your birthday date and month (not your age) ASAP. Apologies to those whose birthday is in January this year.

Please speak to Gail or contact her on 0429 051 587 email

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WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

FEBRUARY

Op shop Easter raffle commences.

*Thursdays 9.30am, mainly music, during school term, in the Parish Hall
**mainly music term commences 11 February if permitted.*

Fridays ??9.30am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity

Retiring Offertory: MAF

- Sun. 7** Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity
6pm Ecumenical BBQ at Holy Trinity Church Stratford.
Not confirmed
- Thurs 11** mainly music MAY commence, not definite.
- Sun 14** Last Sunday after The Epiphany
Healing Service
- Tues 16** Shrove Tuesday. Sharing of Pancakes with those in the Business Houses in the Community and Parish Supporters. Prepared in the Parish Hall.
Parish Council Reports due
- Wed 17** Ash Wednesday.
7pm Service in Holy Trinity
- Sat 20** UN World Day of Social Justice
Men's Breakfast
- Sun 21** Lent 1
- Mon 22** Scout Founders Day
- Tues 23** Parish Council Meeting
- Fri 26** Family Movie Night – If Covid-19 restrictions permit.
- Sat 27** 10am to 3.30pm Women's Craft Group
- Sun 28** Lent 2
Holy Trinity Congregational Meeting (1)

Sunday 7 February, Fifth Sunday After Epiphany.

Holy Trinity Ministry Roster

Isaiah 40.21-31 Ps 147.1-11. 1 Corinthians 9.16-23

Mark 1.29-39

Priest: Dave, Lit Assist: Denise. 1st Read. Vic.

2nd Read. Liliias. Intercess: Denise. Org: May. Sides: Nola.

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