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If you wish to give directly by bank transfer, you can set up a regular donation using the following details:

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## From the Rector

How wonderful to have Sarah Davies' Stations of the Resurrection installed in the church. These "windows onto resurrection" provide a new sense of colour and encounter for us, inviting us to move around the church as we catch a glimpse of resurrection promise.

They were up just in time for Wednesday's launch of the Mandorla Art Award 2016, the theme for which is resurrection. People were awestruck that the architecture, liturgical and artistic elements of our church spoke so powerfully about the meaning of resurrection.

The Stations themselves are inspired by the European tradition of the *Via Lucis* (the Way of Light), and complement the much earlier tradition of the *Via Crucis* (the Way of the Cross) where parish churches are decorated with the stations of the cross which provide a prayerful meditation on Christ's passion and death through the season of Lent and Passiontide. Beginning with Matthew's narrative of the earthquake, the stations will end with a vision of the new heavens and new earth where all is made new through the enveloping love of Jesus Christ.

What I love about these stations is their twin focus on human relationship and divine light. In each of Sarah's paintings the intimacy of human touch can be seen as hands reach out to hold, as people embrace, as heads rest on another's shoulders. For Sarah, it is these ordinary moments of human encounter that carry the real meaning of the resurrection, as Christ restores us to relationship not only with God, but with each other. This reminds us that every human encounter is already shot through with resurrection power and blessing. The second theme is that of light. It is in her depiction of Christ coming to the disciples in the Upper Room that this can be seen most powerfully. Here the Risen Christ hovers on the borders of the painting, enveloped in a light that dynamically animates everything else. Even the stones seem to fly away from this dazzling and compelling vision.

We thank Sarah for all her creativity and hard work in creating these art pieces. They are a wonderful gift to us and provide a challenging vision of what resurrection life is all about.

*Fr Ryan*

## Prayer and Worship

### The Divine Office

Morning & Evening Prayer is said daily at the church at 8:30 am and 5:00 pm Monday–Friday. Come and join us for reflective prayer on our psalms and scriptures. All are welcome.

### Holy Communion

Eucharists are held on Sunday and Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am, except for the fourth Sunday of the month, when there is a special celebratory Eucharist at 5:00 pm instead.

## Parish Notices

### Locum

Fr Toby has graciously offered to be our Locum on Sundays and through Holy Week, until Easter Day. This is great news for us! We all know Fr Toby well and we will all benefit from his musical and liturgical expression of faith.

### Assistant Curate

We are delighted to announce that Ros Fairless will remain with us as our Assistant Curate until her ordination to the priesthood later this year. Ros will provide spiritual and pastoral leadership in the parish during this transitional period, and will continue to be available for all pastoral matters.

### Parish Administrator

Jacqueline Allen will commence as our new Parish Administrator on Monday 16 February. Jacqueline will be working in the office on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 9:00 am–3:00 pm.

### Stations of the Resurrection

The Stations have been installed in the church, giving a new sense of colour and movement. Please take some time in prayerful encounter over the coming weeks and months to reflect upon these windows on the Resurrection. They are a beautiful addition to our church.

## Upcoming Events

### Father Ryan's Farewell

*Sunday 15 February, 9:00 am*

Fr Ryan's final service in the parish will be followed by a celebratory brunch in the hall. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Fr Ryan, please place your donations in a marked envelope and hand it to one of our wardens or place it in the Sunday collection plate.

### *Pilgrim: A Lenten Journey With The Beatitudes*

*Tuesday 17 February, 6:30 pm*

This Lent, we will use the *Pilgrim* study course to explore our faith together as a parish. Existing CoR groups will be using *Pilgrim* in their weekly meetings. If you are not in a CoR group, you are warmly invited to join our Lenten Pilgrims group, which will usually meet at the church at 6:30 pm on Wednesday nights, except for the first session, which will be on Tuesday 17 February because of Ash Wednesday. Please register your interest on the signup sheet in the narthex, or speak to Ros.

### Volunteer Pastoral Care Training Programme: Amana Living

*Saturdays, 9 May–20 June 2015*

Can you see yourself spending up to 3 hours a week as a Volunteer Pastoral Carer, providing friendship and support to people living with the challenges of aging? Amana Living is running a six-week training programme that will provide you with the skills and knowledge to assist in local parish ministry. Applications are now being received; please contact 9313 6968 or [jdevries@amanaliving.com.au](mailto:jdevries@amanaliving.com.au).

## Today's Music

### Hymns

Be thou my vision . . . . .	386
Broken for me . . . . .	287
When I survey . . . . .	127

## For our Prayers

For Archbishop Roger, and his assistant bishops Kay, Tom, and Jeremy; for our Deanery; and for Braden, our Archdeacon;

for the parishes of Esperance, Floreat Park, Forrestfield–Wattle Grove, Fremantle, Gingin-Chittering, and Gosnells;

for Elly and Dick Gies, Jim Bowen, Valerie Fairless, Peter Wright, Michael Heagney, Jacqueline Allen, Ethel Kaye, Beryl Staunton, Peter Webster, and Nicholas.

## Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome to the altar-table to share in the hospitality and welcome of Christ. Please come forward to receive from Father Ryan and then move to receive from one of the chalices. Both chalices can be used either as usual or for intinction if necessary. If you cannot come to the priest, please let one of the sides-people know and the sacrament will be brought to you.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available by appointment with the Rector.

## Food Vouchers

Our parish offers supermarket vouchers rather than cash to those in need of food. To contribute towards their purchase, please speak to Fr Ryan or Ros.

## Next Week's Readings

### Last Sunday after Epiphany (Transfiguration)

2 Kings 2.1-12

2 Corinthians 4.3-12

Mark 9.2-9

Please send any items for next week's PewNews to the office by Wednesday. Thanks!

# Today's Readings

## A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;  
who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.  
Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?  
He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.  
Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
'My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God?'

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

*Isaiah 40.21-31*

**In this passage the prophet Isaiah speaks with an alternative imagination, bringing new hope to the people of God as they languish in exile. They have seen the end of their world where the power of Babylon has destroyed and dominated, but now something new is about to happen. Isaiah gives the people a minority report, asserting that real power and significance does not abide in the Babylonian culture, politics or military might, but rather in the Creator God alone. God is beyond all of what we know, beyond our own sense of exile or alienation, and he comes to us with power to renew and restore. But dare we believe? ■**

## Psalm

Alleluia. How good it is to make music for our God,  
how joyful to honour him with praise.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up all their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars  
and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power;  
his wisdom is beyond all telling.

The Lord lifts up the poor,  
but casts down the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
make music to our God upon the lyre;

Who covers the heavens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth;

Who makes grass to grow upon the mountains  
and green plants to serve our needs.

He gives the beasts their food  
and the young ravens when they cry.

He takes no pleasure in the power of a horse,  
no delight in human strength;

But the Lord delights in those who fear him,  
who put their trust in his steadfast love.

*Psalms 147.1-11*

**This psalm asserts that God hasn't finished with creation, but that he is still at work. Love is the shape of this creative work, and it is for us to respond with worship and praise. As we gather today, let us lift our voices to the one who continues to create in power and blessing and love. ■**

## A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

*1 Corinthians 9.16-23*

**Here Paul writes about the radical inclusivity and freedom of the gospel. This good news is that in Jesus Christ a new humanity is made known. No longer is the world to be divided up according to race, culture, gender or power, but now all are made one in the new freedom that has been offered. Paul stakes his life on this message, willing to build bridges between all people, walking in their shoes, speaking their language, that they might know the same freedom and joy that now empowers his life. How will we break down boundaries that the gospel might be known in our community? ■**

## The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

*Mark 1.29-39*

**Right at the beginning of the Gospel, Mark portrays Jesus' ministry as an explosive one. Nothing in the world will be the same as God is on the move healing, forgiving, casting out evil, restoring people to life. This message—this ministry—cannot be contained, and even though Jesus will go to the furthest point of crucifixion to embody the love of God on earth, even that won't be the end as this love is stronger than death. How will we embody the love of God today? ■**