

READINGS AND PRAYERS. THOMAS AQUINAS. 28 JANUARY 2024

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.
Matthew 23.12

THE COLLECT FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS:

O God, who made Saint Thomas Aquinas outstanding in his zeal for holiness and his study of sacred doctrine, grant us, we pray, that we may understand what he taught and imitate what he accomplished. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR AUSTRALIA DAY

Bounteous God, we give thanks for this ancient and beautiful land, a land of despair and hope, a land of wealth and abundant harvests, a land of fire, drought and flood. We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land and bring forgiveness, reconciliation, and an end to all injustice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: WISDOM 7:7-10,15-16

LINDA MITCHELL LINDA PHILLIPS

Therefore I prayed, and understanding was given me; I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepters and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her. Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem, because all gold is but a little sand in her sight, and silver will be accounted as clay before her. I loved her more than health and beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light, because her radiance never ceases. May God grant me to speak with judgement, and to have thoughts worthy of what I have received; for he is the guide even of wisdom and the corrector of the wise. For both we and our words are in his hand, as are all understanding and skill in crafts.

PSALM 119: 9-16.

9. How can young people keep their way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

10. With my whole heart I seek you;

do not let me stray from your commandments.

11. I treasure your word in my heart,

so that I may not sin against you.

12. Blessed are you, O Lord;

teach me your statutes.

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13. With my lips I declare
all the ordinances of your mouth.

**14. *I delight in the way of your decrees
as much as in all riches.***

15. I will meditate on your precepts,
and fix my eyes on your ways.

**16. *I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.***

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 8: 1-13

FELICITY SCOTT SARAH DAVIES

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that ‘all of us possess knowledge.’ Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. 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.’ Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth— as in fact there are many gods and many lords— 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.

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. ‘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. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. 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? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. 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.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 23: 8-12

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- The Diocese of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa

In The Diocese:

- The Parish of Beenleigh: Alan Moore – Locum, Frank Phillips
- Youth, Children's & Families Ministry: Elissa Cotroneo

Pray for those in need:

Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Douglas, Helena, Roy, Williamson Family, Helen, Rev Paul Bland, Joan, Pam, Dorothy, Gary, Rev Karen, Samantha, Ian, Robin, Karen S.

In Memory

29th January—4th February

Helen Evelyn Johnston (2008)

Hilda Mary Kujanpaa (2006) Mabel Elizabeth Smith (1947)

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Notices

Lenten Study. This year we will be using a resource produced by ABM called 'God's Own Country.' If you would like to be part of a study group please let us know through the Parish Office. We will hold an evening group and a daytime group on Wednesdays, at 10.00am and 7.00pm. These will begin on 21 February, the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday. If you would like to have a copy of the study to use alone or with a partner/others please also let us know. Copies of the study booklet are \$12 each. There is a list at the back of the church if you wish to receive a copy.

THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH			
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY		8.30AM	MORNING PRAYER
FRIDAY	2nd	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	4th	7.30am	Eucharist
		9.00am	Eucharist including Children's Church
<i>Advance notice</i>			
TUESDAY	6th	7.00pm	Parish Council
WEDNESDAY	14th	10.00am and 6.00pm	Ash Wednesday

ROSTERED DUTIES 4/02		7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s		Roslyn/Allan T	Sarah/Roland
MUSIC		Robert	Howard
READERS		Allan T/June	Donovan/Mel H
INTERCESSOR		Roslyn	Sarah
MORNING TEA		Dianne C/Anne M	
WELCOMERS		Bob/Glenda	Volunteers
AUDIO VISUAL		Volunteer	Joanna
FLOWERS	Dianne	CHURCH CLEANING	Wendy/Sara

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