



HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY – 7 EAST TERRACE, STRATHALBYN.

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Dear friends,

“...sound aloud our mighty King’s triumph! Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness...” (Exsultat – the Paschal Proclamation).

The following are our activities for the period of Lent and Easter at the House of Hospitality and in the church in Strathalbyn:



Daily Prayer times:

Morning Prayer – 8am (Tuesday to Thursday) and 9.10am on Friday (as I am down at the Primary School for Kid’s breakfast on Fridays!);

Evening Prayer – 5pm (Monday to Friday).



Quiet Days:

A Quiet Day Saturday 24th March in the House of Hospitality

Love is repaid by love alone....

“The mystics’ overwhelming experiences are full body blows of the Divine loving them, God radically accepting them. And they spend the rest of their lives trying to verbalize those experiences, invariably finding ways to give that love back through forms of service, compassion, and nonstop worship. But none of this is to earn God’s love; it’s always and only to return God’s love. Love is repaid by love alone.” (Richard Rohr – Seeing God in all things)

The day will commence at 10am and finish at 3.45pm. There will be reflection times during the day and the day will finish with a closing liturgy.

A beautiful way to spend a quiet day listening and loving our Lord and preparing to walk with him during the journey of Passion Week.

Please contact Margo to register or for further information.

For those unable to come on the day, reflection materials can be sent out for you.



Holy Communion in the House:

Holy Communion is celebrated in the House on the fourth Tuesdays of the month at 11am followed by lunch. The dates for February and March are:

February 27th – a Lenten Eucharist focused on our journey with Jesus towards his darkest hour but ultimate triumph...

March 27th – during Passion Week, this Eucharist enables us to stop and be quietly with Jesus as he journeys towards his suffering...

There will be a focus for children during these times of worship.

All welcome! Come journey with us....

Tenebrae – the service of the shadows:

A Tenebrae service will be held on Wednesday evening in Passion week in Christ Church, Strathalbyn – 28th March, 7pm.

The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship of the common folk during Holy Week. We join Christians of many generations throughout the world in using the liturgy of Tenebrae.

Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. It is often held earlier in Passion week to enable us to journey with Jesus, listen and reflect, as the shadows approach and he prepares for his path of suffering.

Readings are from the psalms and gospels, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness evoke the drama of the approaching sacrifice. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering and death; and through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of ultimate triumph.



Lenten reflection and meditation services:

Sundays 18th February, 18th March and 15th April (Easter rejoicing!) at 4.30pm in the House of Hospitality. Supper afterwards.

More information soon...

Margo is often out and about during the day so if you are visiting Strathalbyn and wish to pop in to the House of Hospitality please give her a ring before making a special trip!

We should seek not so much to pray but to become prayer... (St Francis of Assisi)

“Totally love the One who gave Himself totally out of love for you.” St Clare of Assisi.