

**March 2022**

## Love so amazing.....

The Gospel of Mark records just one specific cry of Jesus from the cross - My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? It is from Psalm 22 – which is the cry of humanity, for justice and compassion...

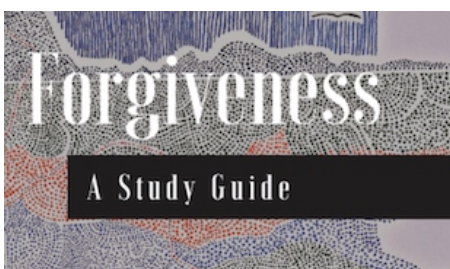
In the other gospels, Jesus' recorded words from the cross show his deep love towards every single individual, without exception, even in the midst of his own agony; Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing; truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise; he commits his mother to the care of a friend from the cross; and finally - Father, into your hands I commit my spirit...

As we come to Lent and the Easter season once more, it is a time to reflect on what Jesus' death on the cross really means for the world?

Jesus came, lived, suffered, died and lived again, for love, for love of us all.... And whatever happens in our lives, day by day, that one thing we can always hold on to, for ourselves and all creation is - *How much we are loved and forgiven....*

In John 14, Jesus' friends and disciples are facing an unthinkable loss. Jesus reassures them that death and loss will not have the last word... →

## Our Lenten Study Sooty's New Life



This study guide on forgiveness aims to help individuals and small groups think, feel and pray about forgiveness.

Personal stories of courage and faith always lift our hearts. The Holy Spirit has brought us in touch with wonderful people who have been working in the forgiving love of Jesus. They all support the timeliness of these studies now.

We recognise together that stories such as these need mindful intention if the inspiration is to become our way of life. In a world full of tears, these studies aim to bring healing and new beginnings, in the grace of Jesus.

**We will be following this guide after the Wednesday morning Eucharist at Christ Church, Strathalbyn during the Lenten Season.**

### *Love so amazing (cont'd)*

He will go ahead of them and show them the way through death to life.... in my Father's house are many mansions... I go to prepare a place for you.

### **Love will triumph....**

Paul challenges us to be people who have the same mind and the same heart that was in Christ (Philippians 2:5). That mind-set is the total giving of ourselves in love, for the good of others, for the good of all creation.... For the sake of mercy, compassion and justice.

May Isaac Watt's prayer be ours today, during Lent, Passion week, and always:

Were the whole world mine to give, it would be an offering far too small...

***For love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.... Amen***

—Margaret Holt



After a successful racing career and two litters of pups, Sooty, an eight year old Greyhound retired and joined the "Greyhounds As Pets Program". Volunteer foster carers as well as prisoners from Mobilong and Adelaide Women's prisons look after the dogs for six weeks so they can be retrained before being adopted by members of the public.

Jan Payne now takes Sooty to Estia Health and the High Street Aged Care Facility in Strathalbyn where she is the centre of attention. She also likes to visit parishioners at home and usually is rewarded with a special treat.

—Jan Payne

## Aid For Ukraine

ARDFA (Anglican Relief and Development Fund Australia) is working with a Christian organisation in Ukraine to provide immediate and longer term assistance to Ukrainians facing the frightening reality of the Russian invasion. Working with the local government, their partner is providing shelter and emergency assistance to those already displaced by the war and a safe place for people to gather together during air raids.

There are many Christians in Ukraine praying for justice, mercy, and protection. Please join them in your prayers, and send help as you are able. Donations (tax deductible) may be made online at [www.ardfa.org.au](http://www.ardfa.org.au)

Your donations will help provide emergency provisions and assistance for those displaced within Ukraine and those seeking refuge in neighbouring countries.

## Not Good News!



It was very disturbing to see the way in which the recent reports in "The Sunday Mail" have belittled two fine people, Mrs Joan Correll and Fr Thomas Karamakuzhiyil, by the use of emotive language and innuendo.

Mrs Correll's family must be dismayed to find someone who was described in the article as "a forthright wealthy widow" and who by the evidence of her will must have been a fine business woman with a generous heart now depicted as a feeble old lady who could be pressured into acting in a certain way. The Mail's claim "The Sunday Mail does not suggest Fr Thomas pressured Mrs Correll to change her will, or her power of attorney." doesn't stand up when you read the rest of the articles.

Many people in Mount Barker and this parish will have been upset at the way in which Fr Thomas has been treated as so many of them have benefited by his help which has not just been kind words but very real help to those who have lost property in bush fires, international students suffering as a result of the pandemic or the homeless and hungry folk in Mt Barker.

It was also very sad to see that the enthusiasm to put the worst possible interpretation on their relationship blinded the author from recognizing the caring heart revealed by the details of her Will which led to her desire to provide for the care of the needy even after she was gone. —Editor

## Fr Daniel Looks Back & Forward

In terms of my personal ministry throughout 2021, it was for the most part rather complex as I struggled to come to terms with the growing reality that I would have to look elsewhere for ministry and fulfillment in 2022.

I have spent a lot of my time focused on completing my master's in theological studies, which I did, majoring in biblical and early Christian studies.

My final research project on examining the prophetic imagination that is recalled through the parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man, particularly its call to serve God through living in justice and love, was received with a distinction grade.

With the Bishop's permission, I worked part time as a school-chaplain, filling this role at Meningie Area School. I found this position quite rewarding and was able to build significant relationships with many students..

However, it was only 10 hours a week and once I was informed that there was to be no funded ministry position within the diocese to move to, I had to look to secure a means of support for Jasmine and myself, as well as our expected baby, who may or may not have arrived by the time this report is tabled.

As such, I have accepted a teaching position at Coomandook for 2022. I am thankful to Bishop Keith for allowing me to be able to continue in the role of MU Chaplain and hold a PTO within the diocese, which has already been exercised a number of times in the parishes.

*From the Assistant Priest's Report to the Annual Vestry Meeting, 13/3/2022.*

## Holy Week & Easter



### PALM SUNDAY

10th April

8.15 am

St George's

10.00 am

Christ Church

### WEDNESDAY

13th April

9.30 am

Christ Church

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

14th April

6.00 pm

Christ Church

### GOOD FRIDAY

15th April

8.30 am

Christ Church

9.00 am

St Mary's

### EASTER EVE

16th April

7.30 pm

St Mary's

### EASTER DAY

17th April

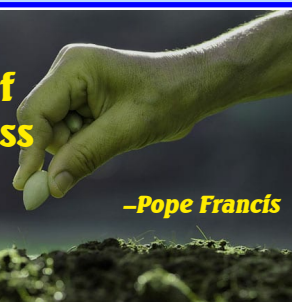
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St George's

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Christ Church

**Sow  
Seeds of  
Goodness**



—Pope Francis

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