

## CHURCH THIS WEEK

### Sun 9:30am:

#### Epiphany 4

Bible Readings:

Micah 6:1-8

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

Psalms 15

**(There is no Children's Church during the school holidays)**

### Jesus Talk 5pm House

fellowship – contact John or

Donna - 0401 615 819

## NEXT WEEK

### Sun 9:30am:

#### Epiphany 5

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 58:1-9a

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

John 8:12-30

Psalms 112:1-10

**(Children's Church** is on today for children in K-Yr 3)

**(Kid's Time** is on today for kids from Years 4-9).

### Jesus Talk 5pm House

fellowship – contact John or

Donna - 0401 615 819

### **Sentence of the Day:**

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."  
**(Matthew 5:3)**

### **The Prayer of the Day**

O Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing: send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

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### St Marks Bassendean YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkz-](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkz-PyfZ7TSSOOVsh7OUegQ)

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### Church Council

#### Church Wardens:

Shirley Landon

Roger Wright

#### Councillors

Alan Hunt

Mary Lindsey

Barbara Mallett

Jennifer Murray

Marilyn Wright

### SUNDAY MEETINGS

**Sundays at 9:30am** – Prayer, Praise, Proclamation & Holy Communion

**Sundays at 5pm - Jesus Talk**

*"the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy" (Rev 19:10)*

Jesus Talk seeks to be a "prophetic hub" where Christ- concentrated expressions of prayer, praise, and proclamation, can take place in the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

## Welcome to **ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN**

*Discovering and demonstrating Jesus' love  
in Bassendean and beyond.*

**1 February 2026**

### Blessed are?

Who has the 'good life'? Who has the life of which we'd say, 'lucky them'? Who is blessed?

Pretty much every advert we see sells us a picture of the good life, telling us a story of who it is who has got it, of what we should be pursuing (and, of course, implying that if you buy our product it'll help you get there!). Perhaps it's the person adventuring with the ute and caravan, or the worker with their successful job, or the couple on the back deck of the cruise liner as the sun sets. We might call it the Australian Dream. Or as one Powerball ad puts it, having enough to "play by your own rules". Being able to do what we want to do, whatever that might mean for each of us.

But if that's what the adverts say, in our reading from Matthew's Gospel today, Jesus gives his disciples a very different picture of who has the 'good life'. Very intentionally, he flips society's vision, and instead says to his disciples, blessed are: the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those persecuted because of righteousness (Matt 5:3-10). What Jesus picks up here as important is not so much things someone has, but who one is – one's heart and character.

And why are people like this blessed? "For theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 5:3,10). Jesus wants his disciples to live by a different timeline. What if, it's not true that 'all you have is now'? What if, through faith in Jesus, we might be given life in God's kingdom for all eternity? What if, in God's kingdom, God will comfort and fill and shower mercy upon and show himself to his people? With that perspective, it is Jesus' disciples, who by his grace are made members of God's kingdom, who are blessed – whatever your material earthly circumstances may be now.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, what things will we aim to have, get and be this year? Do we see that, if Jesus has made us members of his eternal kingdom, we are blessed? And how might that wonderful truth free us from focussing on what all those adverts tell us to be, to instead be the people God would have us be?

In Christ, our Peacemaker,

Mark

## WELCOME

**Welcome** to St Mark's. We are an active Anglican church of all ages and walks of life, seeking to grow in the likeness of Christ and welcome new members and visitors.

Please relax and enjoy the worship and fellowship. Are you **new to this church**? Please make yourself known to one of the ministers or service leaders. You may also like to complete and return the **Welcome Form**.

The **Order of Service** may be followed on the screen.

The **Holy Communion** is open to all believers. Visitors are welcome to receive Communion if they normally take it in their own church. Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the minister when you come to communion.

### Donations for Capital Works

If you wish to make a donation for the work to be undertaken in the Church Hall, please make payment to the following Account:

Anglican Community Fund  
BSB: 706-001  
Account Number: 30001235  
Account Name: Anglican Parish of Bassendean

**Please identify the payment as "Hall Donation".**

**If you wish to make the donation in cash, please place it in an envelope marked Hall Donation.**

**Information on donations for the Hall and associated Capital Works:**

**Budgeted amount - \$50,000**  
**Amount received up to 31 December - \$85,771.22**

More information from Jenny

### Youth Group and Bible Studies

Youth Group and most of our Bible Studies will be starting back up this week or next. Please speak with a group leader or Mark to find out more, or if you'd like to join. And please be praying that these mid-week groups would be places of hearing God's word, fellowship, encouragement, care and growing in Christ together over the year.

### St Mark's Playgroup in 2026

Anna Rhodes is planning to run a St Mark's Playgroup in 2026, as a way to connect with, care for, and introduce Christ to families in Bassendean and beyond. She'd love to hear from you if you think you might be able to help in any way!

If you would like to receive this Pewsheets via email each week or for any notices that need to go in the Pewsheets please contact Jacquie Davidson on 0433 799 034 or [jacquied333@gmail.com](mailto:jacquied333@gmail.com)

### Bible Study Groups

Women's Bible Study:

**Mondays** 10am-12pm in Bassendean – Contact Donna – 0401 615 819

Men's Bible Studies:

**Mondays** 5pm in the Church - Contact John - 0405 640 740

**Tuesdays** 6:30pm in the Church Hall - Contact Roger – 0408 096 022

Men's & Women's Bible Studies:

**Wednesdays** 9-10am in the Church – Contact Mark – 0406 659 249

**Thursdays** 7:30pm in Bassendean - Contact Charmaine – 0421 868 321

## MISSION PROJECT UPDATE

### Information for your Prayers

#### Missionary Support here at St Marks

Did you know that our congregation here at St Marks, supports various missionary organisations through our giving and in prayer?

We donate 10% of our offerings received each quarter to these missions listed below: (our church representative is also listed here)

**Bush Church Aid (BCA)** – Murray Smallman - <https://www.bushchurchaid.com.au/>

**Church Missionary Society (CMS)** – Anna & Lindsay Rhodes - <https://www.cms.org.au/>

**Scripture Union (SU)** – Rosalind Appleby - <https://www.suwa.org.au/>

**Jesus Ministries in Myanmar** – John Yates (No website)

**Jireh Uganda** – Barbara Wadley – [www.jirehuganda.org](http://www.jirehuganda.org)

**The Bible Society** – Joy Appleby - [www.biblesociety.org.au](http://www.biblesociety.org.au)

We also make an annual donation to **ABM (Anglican Board of Mission)** - <https://www.abmission.org/>

Please take some time to look at the websites above and continue to support these missions in prayer. Talk to our church representatives for more info.

#### Junior Youth Group

For young people in **years 4-8**. Dinner provided (Donation welcome to cover cost).

**Saturdays 5-7pm, at the Church Hall - all welcome.**

**Term 1 Dates: TBA**

**Contact Andrew or Ros.**

#### Senior Youth Group

For young people in **years 9-12**. Dinner provided (Donation welcome to cover cost).

**Saturdays 5-7:30pm.**

**Term 1 Dates: TBA**

**Contact Lindsay or Charmaine.**

#### Financial Information for December 2025

**Total income: \$67,271.64** made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$1,870.00

Direct Giving - \$6,714.00

Open Plate - \$1,035.00

Other - \$3,302.64

Hall Donations - \$54,350.00

**Total Expenses: \$83,184.55**

#### Bank Account Details:

Anglican Community Fund

**BSB:** 706 001 **A/c No:** 300070717

**Name:** Anglican Parish of Bassendean.

*Please identify payment, i.e., offering. No need to use your name if you prefer not to. **More info from Jenny***

*We encourage people to use direct deposit or direct debit (forms available at the back of the church).*