

CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sun 9:30am:

First Sunday in Lent

Bible Readings:

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

John 9:1-25

Psalms 32

(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

NEXT WEEK

Sun 9:30am:

Second Sunday in Lent

Bible Readings:

Genesis 12:1-4a

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 10:1-21

Psalms 121

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Jesus Talk 5pm House fellowship – contact John or Donna - 0401 615 819

Sentence of the Day:

Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." (John 9:39)

The Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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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.

Church Council

Church Wardens:

Shirley Landon

Roger Wright

Councillors

Alan Hunt

Mary Lindsey

Barbara Mallett

Jennifer Murray

Marilyn Wright

Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

22 February 2026

Are we blind? Or can we see? That's the question at the heart of our reading from John's gospel today. It sounds like a simple question, and you may be thinking, "yes I can," or "yes if I can find my right glasses!" Or perhaps, "not very well these days" - indeed some of us know that particular kind of difficulty and pain of not being able to see, of being in darkness.

In today's reading Jesus meets a man blind from birth. And wonderfully, mercifully, powerfully, Jesus heals him. He gives him sight and takes him from physical darkness to light. It's a sign of the Messiah, when God comes to save his people, as promised "then will the eyes of the blind be opened" (Isaiah 35:5); "the LORD gives sight to the blind" (Ps. 146:8). But wonderful as that physical sight is, Jesus has come to give more than that. He's come to grant spiritual sight. The real question which this passage raises is, do we see spiritually? Can we see with "the eyes of the heart" (Eph 1:18)?

When the man is healed, you'd expect praise and wonder at Jesus. But instead, some of the Pharisees respond with indignation that Jesus healed on the Sabbath. They interrogate the previously-blind man, but it is clear their minds are made up already: "we know this man (Jesus) is a sinner" (v.24). Tragically, even though they see the evidence in front of them, they cannot see Jesus for who he is. For his part, the previously-blind man comes not just to physical sight, but to see Jesus for who he is: he exclaims "Lord I believe" and worships Jesus (John 9:38).

Jesus responds to all that has happened: "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." The Pharisees ask, "What, are we blind too?" And Jesus answers: "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains." (John 9:39-41)

Their example is a sombre warning. If we think we have spiritual sight without Jesus, then we leave ourselves in spiritual darkness, our guilt remains. If in our pride we think we don't need a cure, we will miss Jesus, the only cure there is. But if we recognise our spiritual blindness and come to Jesus aware of our sin and need for a Saviour, then Jesus delights to give us sight too, to bring us into the light of his salvation. Do we see?

In Christ, the light of the world, 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 Jan 26 - \$88,821.22

More information from Jenny

Missed a sermon?

Our recent sermons are now online on the church website!

www.stmarksbassendean.church



You can also download the Podbean App on your phone and search for St Mark's Bassendean and find the sermons there.

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

Bible Study Groups have started up again – if you are interested in joining a group please speak to the individual group contact person in the list below.

Bible Study Groups

Women's Bible Study:

Tuesdays 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



Jireh Uganda

Jireh Uganda is a small WA based charity supporting destitute villagers in three impoverished Ugandan villages.

Reports from our Kampala Coordinator Chrispin highlight widows and single mothers with children who are no longer without hope. From a relatively small gift for agricultural, livestock, or small business start-ups, beneficiaries make the most of every opportunity in enterprising and caring ways far above what is required by JU for sustainability and growth. For example, just a few chickens, or goats or pigs not only provide sustenance for a family, but the sale of future produce also covers the cost of education and health needs. Many beneficiaries save to rent land for growing crops or commence a small business like selling chapati and eggs.

We are thankful for the prayers and generous financial support of St Mark's assisting Jireh Uganda's life transforming programs. Thank you, bless you.

Tax deductible donations can be made at <https://jirehuganda.org/how-to-help/>

Please speak with either Verna or Barb for further information.

Junior Youth Group

For young people in **years 5-8**. Dinner provided (Donation welcome to cover cost).

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

Term 1 Dates: 21/2; 7/3; 21/3

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: 21/2; 28/2; 7/3; 14/3; 28/3

Contact Lindsay or Charmaine.

Financial Information for January 2026

Total income: \$21,290.58 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$3,090.00

Direct Giving - \$11,774.00

Open Plate - \$1,015.00

Other - \$2,411.58

Hall Donations - \$3,000.00

Total Expenses: \$14,405.80

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).