



HENTY LUTHERAN PARISH

Palm Sunday

5th March 2020 #13



GOD OF THE ANXIOUS

What we're going through is enough to put the fear of God into you. And that's a good thing, because God is always inviting us to fear, love, and trust in him alone above all else. Fear and love find their common ground in trust.

Trusting God above all else is not blind trust. We have a God who entered our frail human flesh to sacrifice his very life so that we might live. This enfleshed God now invites our trust. Before he emerged in risen glory he first endured the cross and grave: "He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell." Jesus knows exactly what he's talking about as he quells our human fears and calms our anxious hearts:

I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! (Matt 6:25-30)

God certainly has captured our attention in this national emergency. But I think he wants to teach us more than social interdependence. God is always inviting us to leave our fears behind and trust in him alone. That's the only true antidote to anxiety.

The full article can be found here: <https://blog.lexhampress.com/2020/03/31/flattening-the-curve-when-anxiety-goes-viral>

Memory Verse of the Week

In My Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

John 14.2

Prayer Points

World - for all governments and ruling authorities; for all those who are excluded from receiving basic needs because of their faith in God

Australia - for our Prime Minister, Scott Morrison that God would pour out His Spirit of power, wisdom and knowledge on him; that our leaders and decision-makers would have clear minds; that people will listen to and follow the decisions of those in authority; for all those who no longer have a job and are struggling with this loss, for all who are juggling working from home and supervising children's schooling, for health care workers and all those working in the front line, for repentance and to humble ourselves before God

Church - for all members and friends at Chinese Lutheran, Sydney

Parish - for God's peace as this pandemic continues knowing that He is in control and will always keep his promises

Henty - for all members and friends including Elva Bahr, June Bahr, Michael, Alison & Michelle Bahr, Neville & Ann Bahr, Rohan, Kellie, Charlie, Harry & Eliza Bahr, Stephen & Sharline Bahr

Culcairn - for all members and friends including Christine Comer, Andrew & Michelle Fagan, Tristan, Abigail, Charlie, Preston & Hudson Follett, Ron & Robyn Frohling, Ron & Joyce Gardiner

Pleasant Hills - for all members and friends including Tony, Denise, Sharnee Hamish & Nicola Christie

Culcairn

1) **REG** Please contact Rhonda or Maxine if you would like to give your weekly offerings through REG. Thanks

2) **Rosters:** 12th April (*white*)

Cleaners: Rona Stoll

Grounds: Robert Hartley



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3) **REG** Anyone wishing to give offerings through REG please ask Michelle for a form and if you don't want to give through REG but would like to deposit directly into the Bendigo Bank account Michelle will provide you with the banking details. Thanks.

4) **Yearbooks** have arrived, I have 6 at \$24.00 each. Michelle

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