

### ***Why we should be a praying Church***

**Martin Luther:** "Prayer is the most important thing in my life. If I should neglect prayer for a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith."

**John Wesley:** "I have so much to do that I must spend several hours in prayer before I am able to do it."

**Billy Graham:** "Every person whose life has counted for the church or for the Kingdom of God has been a man of prayer. You cannot afford to be too busy to pray. A prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian."

### **Prayer for the Archdeaconry**

Loving God, let us be people of courage. Speak to the depths within our hearts and souls; the places where we ask the questions of meaning and faith and purpose. Help us attend to the answers, help us recognize what makes us afraid, what paralyses and holds us back. Let us understand these things, and then with love, with humour, courage and humility let us teach and learn, dream, and imagine and with every action, every word, work towards the vision of Your Kingdom among us. In Jesus's Name. Amen.

### **Prayer Requests**

We give thanks for prayers answered and ask for continued prayers for:

Gail, Kerri, Gail, Shirley & Graham Robinson, Aletta, Mitch, Bishop Cam, Margot, Shirley, parishioners in the congregation of All Saints.

#### ***Pray for those whose need is ongoing:***

David & Jo & family, Glen & Irene, Marj Desbrow, Liesel Cole, Tyson, Jan Embrey, Enid and Susanne Mallon.

### **Parish Directory**

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*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"*

*Isaiah 43.18—19*

**Giving:** Envelopes are available at each centre. To deposit offerings:  
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Diocese of Brisbane—Parish of Rosewood  
*Rosewood, Marburg, Lowood, Hidden Vale*

**6 APRIL 2025**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**



### **Today's Services**

#### **Saint Luke's, Rosewood**

8:00am (Rev'd John Simons)

4:30pm Alpha

### **Next Week— Palm Sunday**

#### **Saint Luke's, Rosewood**

8:00am (Rev'd John Simons)

4:30pm Alpha

#### **All Saints, Marburg**

10:30am (Rev'd John Simons)

### **Today's Bible Readings**

Isaiah 43.16—21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3.3—14

John 12.1—8

### ***Reflect on today's sentence***

*Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.*

*Psalms 126.6*

As we gather in the various churches of our parish, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul peoples, and their elders past and present. We honour the connection the traditional custodians have with this land.

### Prayer of the Day

Christ,  
whose feet were caressed with perfume  
and a woman's hair,  
you humbly took basin and towel and  
washed the feet of your friends:  
wash us also in your tenderness,  
that, embracing your service freely,  
we may accept no other bondage  
in your name. **Amen.**

### **Rev'd John's Sermon Outline**

Isa 43:18 - 19; Philippians 3 :3 -14

GOD IS ALWAYS AT WORK WITHIN US TO BRING RENEWAL AND RESTORATION.

\* God invites His people to continue to experience new beginnings - Jer 33:3

Even in times of challenges, there is always hope, renewal and transformation awaiting us. Are we ready to trust in God's transformative power, being guided by the Holy Spirit

Philippians 3: 3 -14

Paul reminds us to press on towards the prize of knowing Christ and make Him known!

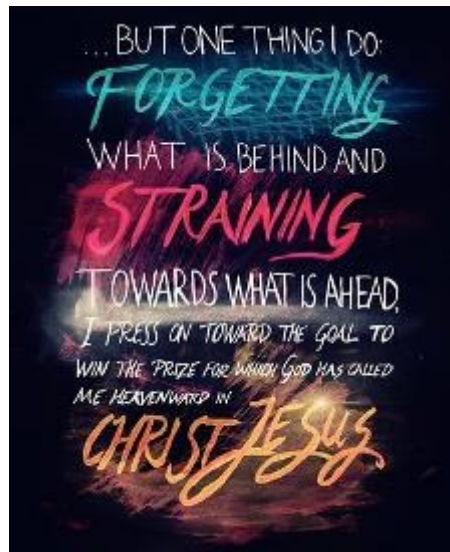
\* Focus on the Future ,not to lean on our own understanding,

\* Yearn for spiritual maturity - Earnestly Pursue a closer Relationship with Jesus.

\* We are called to live PURPOSEFULLY! We are called to something greater than ourselves.

Vs 14 "WE PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL TO WIN THE PRIZE FOR WHICH GOD HAS CALLED ME HEAVENWARD IN CHRIST JESUS."

PRAYER... *Gracious Father, thank you for calling us to press on toward the goal, we ask for grace, strength and humility to overcome obstacles that may hinder our progress, help us to listen to one another as we earnestly commit ourselves to You- Father, Son and Holy Spirit.. Amen!*



## ***Our Community***

**We strive to spread the Gospel through word and action within our local communities and so reflect the love of Christ**

### **Alpha Lenten Study**

Come along to Alpha on every Sunday at 4.30pm. Renew your faith and enjoy fellowship with others and share a meal. We'll cover the following titles in the Alpha series;

April 6th: "Does God heal today?", and "How can I resist evil?"

April 13th: "How can I tell others?", and "What about the Church?"  
'To be the Aroma of Christ'

April 27th: Celebration dinner (time and location to be confirmed)

### **Making of Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday.**

Join us on Saturday 12th April at 10am to make palm crosses for our Services next Sunday. Morning Tea will be provided and good fellowship guaranteed! If you have Palm trees or bushes in your yard, please bring some branches with you to decorate the church. Questions can be answered by Christina Marre 0422306884

### **Good Friday 18 April**

9am St Luke's Rosewood

### **Easter Saturday 19 April**

5pm All Saints Marburg

### **Easter Sunday 20 April**

8am St Luke's Rosewood

10:30am St Anne's, Hidden Vale

## ***Easter Services***



6 April—Parish Council meeting  
19 April—Rosewood markets  
27 April—Alpha celebration dinner