

Access to God

During the American Civil War, as a result of a family tragedy, a soldier had been granted permission to seek a hearing from the President. He wanted to request exemption from military service. However, when he arrived at the White House he was refused entry and sent away. He went and sat in a nearby park.

A young boy came across him and remarked how unhappy he looked. The soldier found himself telling the boy everything. The boy said, 'Come with me.' He led the dejected soldier back to the White House. They went around the back, none of the guards stopping them. The soldier was amazed.

Finally, they came to the presidential office. Without knocking, the young boy opened the door and walked straight in. Abraham Lincoln, standing there, turned from his conversation with the Secretary of State and said, 'What can I do for you, Todd?'

Todd said, 'Dad, this soldier needs to talk to you.'

A very simple story but with a very important message. God is always available to you and you are very important to him. He cares as much about you as anyone and his time is your time. We need to make sure we make use of that time by spending it with him.

'So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy.'
Hebrews 4:16

Ash Wednesday

It's hard to believe that Lent is just around the corner. We will be holding our usual Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday 26 February at 7.00pm. All welcome.

On that note, I would be grateful if you could bring your palm crosses from last year to Sunday's service, so I can turn them into ashes.

Lent Group

During Lent we will be offering a time of reflection/study/discussion, meeting on Thursday evenings in the hall at 6.30pm for pizzas and getting under way at 7.00pm. We will conclude by 8.00pm. We will begin on Thursday March 5th. Anyone and everyone are most welcome.

Article

There is a very good article in the latest Botany/Ormiston Times about our building project. If you don't receive a copy, you can access it online.

I will give an update on building and fundraising progress in the March newsletter.

World Day of Prayer

This will take place on Friday March 6th at 10.30am at Star of the Sea Catholic church, Picton St, Howick and will be followed by a light lunch. The service has been put together by the women of Zimbabwe.

Climate Change

On Wednesday March 4th world-renowned climate scientist, Walter Jehne, will be speaking at St Mary's Church, Pokeno at 6.30pm.

AGM

This will take place immediately after our 10.00am service on Sunday 29 March. It is a very important occasion for our church so I do hope you can attend.

Morning Teas

We have a shortage of helpers for our morning teas and all too often it is left to Myra to see that everything is done. With numbers growing and the quality and amount of food provided (no church does that better!), we do need some help. If you can help out occasionally, please let Myra know – 021 920 781.



To Ponder

'The sole meaning of life is to serve humanity.' Leo Tolstoy.

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