

What's on in the Parish

Weekly:

Sundays (except first Sundays)

8.00 am Communion, Swansea
10 am Communion, Gwandalan
4 pm Communion, Swansea

Tuesdays:

10-12 Friendship Group, Parish Hall

Thursdays:

10-11am Bible study, Parish Hall

Fridays:

9:30 Communion, Swansea

Monthly:

First Sunday:

9:30 Prayer & Praise, Swansea
10am Prayer & Praise, Gwandalan
(no 4pm service)

Second Friday:

10.15am Mothers Union (following
9.30 Comm. Service) from March

Third Wednesday:

3:30 Ministry group
4:30 Parish Council

Save these dates:

Saturday, 17 March:

Parish Picnic at Cams Wharf

Sunday, 25 March: 11.30am

– Parish AGM

Friday 14 September:

Parish road trip to Wollombi.

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Caring for each other

If you or someone you know is
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like Home Communion,
please contact:



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See Parish website for Pew Sheets,
photos, reports stpetersswansea.org.au

Readings for next week, 18/2/18,

Genesis 9:8-17; Ps 25:1-10;

1 Peter 3:18-22;

Mark 1:9-15



Welcome to the

PARISH OF SWANSEA Anglican
'A place to belong' Church Newcastle

Caring for locals in Blacksmiths, Cams Wharf, Catherine Hill Bay, Caves
Beach, Chain Valley Bay, Gwandalan, Murrays Beach, Nords Wharf,
Pelican, Summerland Point & Swansea

**Our Mission: In faith and prayer, to show God's love to all
through our worship, witness and care.**

Services held at St Peter's Church, 28 Josephson Street, Swansea and
Gwandalan Community Hall, Cnr Koowong & Noamunga Crescent

11th February 2018:

Last Sunday after Epiphany–Transfiguration



Note: The Rev'd Robyn will be on Leave from **19 Feb. to 18
March** inclusive. The Revd Jan Deaves will take the Communion
services on Sunday mornings; The Rev'd Janet the 4pm.
All enquiries to The Rev'd Janet, 4945 9993.

Belmont Parish Op Shop at Shop 7, 600 Pacific H'way
Belmont (in walkway beside Commonwealth Bank). If anyone
wants to volunteer or donate items they are most welcome.
(Revd Janet 4945 9993)



A warm welcome to worship today!

You are invited to stay for Morning Tea
after the Service.



PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS:-

THOSE IN NEED:- Rhys T, Faye, Olive, Helen, Babbette, Peg, Jeff, John & Dorothy & son John, Jack, Nicholas, Ray, Shirley, Jackie, Helen

GIVE THANKS FOR THE LIFE OF: John Evans, Mary (Polly) Burnley

MISSION: For our BCA link, The Revd Captain Ron & Christene Oldfield in Cloncurry; The ABM project in Zambia; Samaritans; Mercy Ships; The Mission to Seafarers; Swansea Women's Refuge; **ACES:** (*Assn for Christian Education for Swansea*) and the ministry of R.E. teachers in our schools, teachers & students as they return to school.

Our Diocese: Bishop Peter Stuart and Nicki; Adn Arthur Copeman & Anna-belle (*Archdeacon for Newcastle City*); Amanda Zaicos, Debbie Torok & Jane Mowbray (*Parish & Administrative Support*); For Adn Sonia Roulston & The Revd Charlie Murray as they prepare to take on new roles as Asst. Bishops in this Diocese.



ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION 2 Kings 2.1-12; Ps 50.1-6; 2 Cor 4.3-12; Mark 9.2-9
Working for Love, Hope & Justice Today the Psalmist says that God calls out

'Gather to me my faithful ones: those who by sacrifice made a covenant with me'. Have we been faithful to the Lord through sacrifice, or have we offered something tawdry to God that has cost us little or nothing?

- Pray that you may be numbered among the Lord's faithful ones by offering a life of sacrifice to God.
- Pray for the Church of North India, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

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NEWS: Two Assistant Bishops appointed

Bishop Peter Stuart has advised that The Venerable Canon **Sonia Roulston** is to become the Assistant Bishop (Inland Episcopate) to exercise episcopal ministry in the Upper Hunter, Maitland and Paterson Deaneries as well as working closely with the Diocesan Ministry Council.

The Venerable **Charlie Murry** is to become the Assistant Bishop (Coastal Episcopate) to exercise episcopal ministry in the Central Coast, Lake Macquarie and Manning Deaneries as well as working closely with the Newcastle Anglican Church Corporation Board.

Bishop Peter's ministry will be across the whole of the Diocese.

The service of Episcopal Ordination will take place in the Cathedral, Newcastle at 6pm on Ascension Day (10 May).

NOTE Rev'd Robyn's Sermons can be found on the parish web site and a few printed in foyer, or see Marion for a copy.

The Transfiguration

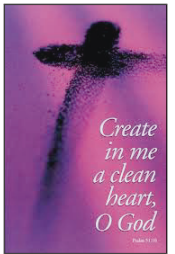
The Transfiguration was a special event in which God allowed certain apostles to have a privileged spiritual experience that was meant to strengthen their faith for the challenges they would later endure. But it was only a temporary event. It was not meant to be permanent.

In the same way, at certain times in this life, God may give certain members of the faithful (not all of the faithful, all the time), special experiences of his grace that strengthen their faith.

We should welcome these experiences for the graces they are, but we should not expect them to continue indefinitely, nor should we be afraid or resentful when they cease.

They may have been meant only as momentary glimpses of the joy of heaven to sustain us as we face the challenges of this life, to help strengthen us on the road that will—ultimately—bring us into the infinite and endless joy of heaven.

Ash Wednesday is the day many Christians mark as the first day of Lent, the time of reflection and penitence leading up to Easter Sunday. ... As they 'impose' the ashes, the priest reminds each Christian of Genesis 3:19: "For dust you are and to dust you shall return."



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH:

Tuesday, 13 February -10am: Friendship Group - meeting in the Parish Hall. All welcome for morning tea and a chat.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Jesus' Final Week – Thursday, 15 Feb., 10 to 11.30.

14th February - ASH WEDNESDAY: 9.30 Holy Communion Service with Imposition of Ashes, St Peter's (followed by MU meeting in Hall).

Friday, 16th: 9.30am Holy Communion (with prayers for healing).



Holy Week
Journey Together

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

25th March: PALM SUNDAY: 9am, One Combined Parish with Uniting Church U.C. at St Peter's, Swansea (+11.30 Parish AGM)

30th March, GOOD FRIDAY: Swansea: 8am
Gwandalan: 10am

29th March: Maundy Thursday - 6.00pm: Swansea

SUNDAY, 1st APRIL: EASTER DAY: Swansea - 8am
Gwandalan - 10am