



# The Fisherman



St Peter the Fisherman Family Church - Anglican Parish of Bramble Bay

## THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION

What would you think of a story that ended like this: "and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid"? If you're anything like me, you'd probably think that this is the sort of ending that really needs to be followed with the words: "To be continued. . ."; and yet this is the ending Mark uses to finish his gospel in chapter 16 verse 8. So it isn't any wonder biblical translators of the second and fourth centuries tried to complete the Gospel of Mark with two other endings (a shorter and a longer) that now form an appendix at the end of the gospel. But neither the short nor long ending adequately fits the spirit and style of Mark's writing. So there are those who feel that if a choice has to be made, Mark should be known as "The Unfinished Gospel" with verse 8 as the last word.

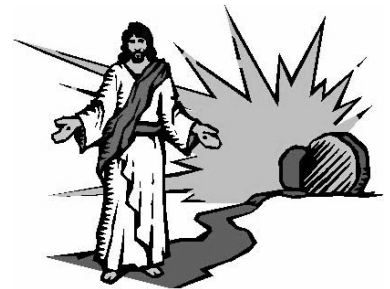
But if the final page of his gospel wasn't accidentally lost, and Mark intentionally finished writing at the end of verse 8, what were his reasons for using such an abrupt ending? There are scholars who believe the answer can be found in the gospel itself and particularly in the first 8 verses of the last chapter (ch. 16). These verses begin with Mary Magdalen, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome going out when the Sabbath had ended to purchase burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body, because, although Joseph of Arimathea had taken Jesus' body down and laid it in the tomb, it had not been fully prepared for burial. So, as soon as the Sabbath was over, these women returned to the tomb to finish the burial procedure. On arriving at the tomb they discover that the large stone used to seal the entrance had already been rolled back. And going inside they're shocked to see a white-robed angel, sitting on the right side, who says, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He has risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as He told you before He died." And the gospel then finishes with the words, "So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." If this is where the Gospel of Mark truly ends, then what we have before us is a gospel that doesn't even give us a glimpse of the risen Lord—or does it? I ask this question because there are scholars who believe that the key to understanding this abrupt ending can be found in the words, "Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee" (16:7); and that these words invite us to go back with the disciples to Galilee and find the power of the risen Lord in our very own lives by reading through the gospel again and again.

But any empowerment we receive from either Jesus Christ—the living Word of God—or the Scriptures—the written Word of God—will always come with an invitation not only to listen but also to speak. At the end of Mark's Gospel the women couldn't speak because they were too frightened. But we know that at some point they must have learnt to overcome their fear, and spoken to someone about what happen; otherwise what they saw would never have been written down.

Likewise we too can overcome any fears or reservations we might happen to have about working for God and his Kingdom. After we have prayed and listened, after we have looked to the community, to Jesus, and to the Scriptures—we can act, and act confidently. For it's God's good pleasure to give us an active part to play in His ever-changing world, as the good news of Jesus Christ continues through us.

My family and I wish you, and those you love, a very Happy and Holy Easter.  
With Easter Blessings

*Fr Gary*



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# St Peter the Fisherman

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## WORSHIP PROGRAMME

### Holy Communion

Sunday - 7am and 9am

First Sunday of the month combined service 9am only

Tuesday - 8am

*Please join us for a "cuppa" after the Sunday services*

Wednesday - 10am

Saturday - 6pm



## GROUPS AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

**Kids Club:** Every Sunday at 9am

**Little Fishers:** Second Thursday of month at 9.30am

**Pete's Club:** Thursday 3.30pm during school term

**Youth Group:** First Friday of month at 6pm

**Meditation:** Every Wednesday at 4.45pm

**Mothers Union:** Second Friday at 9.30am

**Ladies Guild** - Third Wednesday at 11am

**Evening Guild** - Third Wednesday at 7pm

**Women's Group** - Thursday at 7pm

**Caring & Sharing** - Fourth Wednesday after 10am service

**Thursday Group** - First and Third Thursday at 9am



## MINISTRY

*For the Ministry of Holy Baptism, Holy Matrimony, Holy Unction, Confession and Absolution, Christian Burial or for personal counsel or spiritual matters please contact the Rector*

**Funerals:** Trevor Wells, Jean Bulmer, Frank Horrocks, Joan Holding & Elaine Smith

**Baptism:** Thomas Borger, Jasmine Leitner, Jemma Leitner, James Warr, Brianna Warr, Taryn Budgen, Harmony Morris, Tye Budgen, Jade Cole, Chase Crew, Harry Allen & Halley Shearman.

**Admission to Holy Communion:** Meia & Deklin Jackson



## Ladies Guild

Our A.G.M was held in February chaired by Fr Gary Atherton. There were no changes to the committee with those re-elected being President Diana Borger, Vice President Jennifer Felgate, Secretary Iris Stephens, Treasurer Eileen Jones, and Supplies Purchaser Jan Tattam. We were saddened by the passing of three of our dear Parishioner friends in January and February. Jean Bulmer who was a wonderful Guild member for many years, Frank Horrocks, husband of Vi was always helping our Guild, and Joan Holding was a great supporter of our Guild. Shrove Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> Guild members helped with the Pancake Lunch. Donations raised \$154-00 for High School Chaplaincy. The Talent Tables continue to be very popular and a wonderful source of fundraising. These are held the first Sunday of the month after the 9am service and all donations of various talented items are gratefully received, thank you. A Working Bee was held to tidy the Church Shed in February with the help of Bill, Jan, Peter & Sam. The Ladies Guild has given donations to the Parish Council when required. In March an extra fund raiser for our Guild was a stall under the trees near the car park at Humpybong State School on Election Day. Proceeds \$475-00. Our Easter Raffle will be drawn after the Talent Table on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### Coming Events:

**April 25<sup>th</sup> Anzac Day Service Woody Point Memorial Hall – Serve refreshments**

**May 6<sup>th</sup> Talent Table – Sunday after 9am service**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> Cent Auction – Saturday 10am.**

**May 24<sup>th</sup> Morning Tea for Cancer Research – Thursday 10am**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> Talent Table – Sunday after 9am service.**

**June 16<sup>th</sup> Garage Sale – Saturday 8am to 12 noon.**



Volunteers are always greeted with open arms, so if you would like to help with cleaning brass or arranging flowers, please let us know. Please start looking out for all those gifts big or small that can be donated for the Cent Auction in May. Many thanks to those who have already given items for this.

*Diana Borger.*

## Evening Guild

The Reverend Gary Atherton Chaired our A.G.M. on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and the following Office Bearers were elected.

President Nell Stanaway

Treasurer Gail Symons

Vice President Gill Bust

Secretary Sherryl Catchpole

After all the business was conducted we retired to the pool at Gail's home for a session of aqua aerobics led by Gill. We are planning a Mother's Day raffle after Easter, and mark the Calendar for our not to be missed Pasta Lunch on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

We wish you all a happy and holy Easter.

*Nell Stanaway*



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**Mothers Union** .....Fr Gary began the year off for us with the Commissioning of the new committee and members. The Bring & Buy stall took place following the Meeting and Cath Hoyes gave a short talk about her life. We were saddened by the passing of Jean Bulmer and Joan Holding, two of our much loved members. On Friday 2nd March the World Day of Prayer was held and our members assisted with the readings. MU members and parishioners donated items towards Pamper packs for those affected by the floods so that another Pamper Day could be held for them. Fr John Clarkson led a quiet morning for us on the 9th March. He gave us two reflective talks and encouraged us to consider the Gifts of the Spirit and accept Christ living in us. He said we had a great responsibility to be a Christian. Christianity is a way of life. We should give God time so he can give us eternity. Members put together posies and made simnel cake for Mothering Sunday and a retiring collection was collected for Overseas & Northern Outreach. The Branch continues to make Teddy bears for the children being baptised. We collect used stamps for Missions, as well as knitting jumpers for babies in third world countries.

Karen Atherton

***"Sharing Christ's love by encouraging, strengthening, and supporting marriage and family life."***

*Q. Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?*

*A. David. He rocked Goliath to sleep.*

*Q. What is the best way to get to Paradise?*

*A. Turn right and go straight.*

*Q. Why was Goliath so surprised when David hit him with a slingshot?*

*A. The thought had never entered his head before.*

*Q. Where is the first baseball game in the Bible?*

*A. In the big inning, Eve stole first, Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel, and the Prodigal Son came home. The Giants and the Angels were rained out.*

*Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?*

*A. Honda...because the apostles were all in one Accord*

*David's Triumph was heard throughout the land.*

*2 Cor. 48 describes going out in service in a Volkswagen Beetle:*

*"We are pressed in every way, but not cramped beyond movement."*



### ***Thursday Morning Friendship Group***

We continue to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 9.00am in the church centre. New members are warmly welcomed to join, sharing in Friendship and perhaps some hand work or to just share in the company. We thank all those who continue to knit beanies for the Mission to Seafarers at the port of Brisbane. This has been an ongoing project for many years. The Men's Society sought our help with this project and we have over the years found it to be most rewarding and many hundreds of beanies have been handed over. Patterns are available contact Betty (38803851). We wish a number of our members improved health and hope to see you soon. The Easter season is fast approaching and to all a Happy, safe and Blessed Easter. Take care.

Love Betty Jeffrey



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# PETE'S CLUB EASTER CELEBRATIONS



*Egg & Spoon Race*



*Toby learns about Easter*



*Foot Washing*

*One afternoon a little boy was playing outdoors. He used his mother's broom as a horse and had a wonderful time until it was getting dark. He left the broom on the back porch. His mother was cleaning up the kitchen when she realized that her broom was missing. She asked the little boy about the broom and he told her where it was. She then asked him to please go get it. The little boy informed his mom that he was afraid of the dark and didn't want to go out to get the broom. His mother smiled and said 'The Lord is out there too, don't be afraid'. The little boy opened the back door a little and said 'Lord if you're out there, hand me the broom'*

## Save the Bilby this Easter

I am a little Bilby, so happy to be here.  
Without your help and knowledge our race may disappear,  
'Cos all my aunts and uncles got eaten up by cats –  
Feral ones – or else by foxes – scarey brats!  
But some kind people now have built a Bilby Fence  
To keep the cats and foxes out, at great expense.  
Look out, Easter Bunnies! Chocolate Bilbies must  
Show the world that we exist – but only just.  
We're Australians like you, so give your money  
For Fence upkeep. Save the Bilby, not the Bunny.

Barbara E. Bailey (C)



Two children were talking and one said to the other, "Pontius Pilot must be a tree." "Why is that so?" asked the other. "Well, Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilot."

*A little boy's prayer: "Dear God, please take care of my daddy and my mommy and my sister and my brother and my doggy and me. Oh, please take care of yourself, God. If anything happens to you, we're gonna be in a big mess."*

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## One Day At A Time

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry – two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension. One of these days is YESTERDAY, with all its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. YESTERDAY has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back

YESTERDAY. We cannot undo a single act we performed or a single word said, YESTERDAY IS GONE!

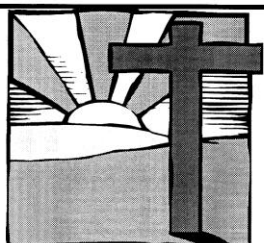
The other day we should not worry about is TOMORROW, with its possible adversities, burdens, large promise and poor performance. TOMORROW is beyond our immediate control. The sun will rise, whether in splendour or behind a nest of clouds. But until it does, we have no stake in TOMORROW, for it is yet unborn.

This leaves only one day – TODAY. Any person can fight the battles just one day with the Lord's help. It is when you and I add the burdens of two awful eternities – YESTERDAY & TOMORROW that we break down! It is not necessarily the experience of TODAY that disturbs our peace of mind. It is so often the remorse or bitterness for something which happened YESTERDAY or the dread of what TOMORROW may bring.

Let us therefore live as the Lord taught us:- **ONE DAY AT A TIME**

Joan Barter

*Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness.*



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It is important to have a valid and current Will. Please consider discussing this with your solicitor when next updating your Will. Or you can simply make a Codicil to your existing Will.

Thank You

## Easter Joy

Jesus came to earth, to show us how to live,  
How to put others first, how to love and how to give.  
Then He set about His work, that God sent Him to do;  
He took our punishment on Himself; He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself, calling angels from above,  
But He chose to pay our price for sin; He paid it out of love.  
Our Lord died on Good Friday, but the cross did not destroy  
His resurrection on Easter morn that fills our hearts with joy.

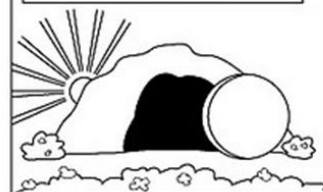
Now we know our earthly death, like His, is just a rest.  
We'll be forever with Him in heaven, where life is best.  
So we live our lives for Jesus, think of Him in all we do.  
Thank you Saviour; Thank you Lord. Help us love like you!

*Christ  
paid! You  
keep the  
change...  
New Life*

HE WENT ALONE TO THE CROSS.  
EVERYONE ABANDONED HIM. NO  
ONE UNDERSTOOD WHAT HE WAS  
DOING. THEY MOCKED HIM,  
LAUGHED AT HIM AND KILLED HIM.



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**PASTA LUNCH**

**Sunday**

**27<sup>TH</sup> May**

**12 Noon**

**In the Parish Centre**

# Kimberley Grace

There are only a few hymns from the hymn book that for me are particularly inspiring. To be honest, none of these hymns however spring to mind on a regular basis other than when at church on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. Cathedrals, well that's different. I find then nearly all inspiring and when visiting cities I visit the cathedrals whether they be one of "ours" or one of "theirs". I expected to encounter neither in a recent trip outback. Surprisingly I found myself encountering both in a recent awe inspiring trip to Katherine and the Kimberley's. I found myself recalling some of the songs and I attended 'church' a number of times, although at none of these was there a building. Some of the "songs" and "church" I experienced on my travels were:

## Awesome Wonder

Flying low over the mountain beehives of the Bungle Bungles in a helicopter, and then later in a small plane over the deep gorges, waterfalls, rugged plateaus and ocean inlets from the vast Drysdale cattle station.

"O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder. Consider all the works thy hand has made...

Then sings my soul my saviour God to thee. How great thou art, how great thou art! ....

When I look down from lofty mountain (well aircraft) grandeur.."

## Amazing Grace

At the end of a creek walk in the Bungle Bungles and at the end of cathedral gorge is the "cathedral" A sandy beach skirting a large pool, and overhead a angled ceiling of clean smooth rock, suspended and defying gravity. Big enough for St Peters and Westminster Abbey. A young mother sitting by the pool with her daughter began to sing "Amazing Grace" and stopped the activity of all within hearing. Whether she was religious, wanted to showcase the powerful acoustics, or both, it was indeed moving in such a perfect natural amphitheatre.

"Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)"

## Cathedrals and sacred places

A bend in the Kimberley Gorge where the river is wide and the water deep is the home of an aboriginal ancestor spirit. No fishing or swimming or loud noise but a place of peace and contemplation. Another day and at the end of a long walk along a creek in the midst of nowhere an aboriginal in time long ago has painted snakes, kangaroos and a spirit figure. At the ancient soaring "cathedral" in Cathedral gorge a 19<sup>th</sup> century religious ballad resonates, penned by the master of a slave ship saved by grace. At Windjana Gorge an aboriginal theatre group were rehearsing a musical tribute to Tadjimana, a freedom fighter shot dead at the nearby place, where tunnel creek emerges from its navigable cave through the mountain. The actor's backdrop are jagged spires many times higher than the opera house, and the lighting as the sun sank below the spires was a thousand stars, free from the light pollution of civilisation.

## Back Home

To see these wonders made me reflect on our own special place at home on the Peninsula which I know also has many songs and special places and I just hope that routine and familiarity doesn't hide them.

*David Jones*



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## EASTER SERVICES 2012 – ST PETER THE FISHERMAN ANGLICAN CHURCH

Tuesday of Holy Week:	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	8.00am	Eucharist
Wednesday of Holy Week:	4 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Eucharist
Maundy Thursday:	5 <sup>th</sup> April	6.15pm 7.00pm	Pilgrims' Supper Eucharist with Washing of Feet
Good Friday:	6 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Good Friday Liturgy
Easter Eve – Saturday:	7 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00pm	Easter Vigil, lighting of Paschal `Candle, Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows
Easter Day – Sunday:	8 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00am 9.00am	Eucharist with Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows Eucharist with Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

