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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
13TH MARCH 2016

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IN NEWS

*All that's going on
around St Andrew's*

FROM THE THE ACTING RECTOR

BISHOP PETER WATSON

🕒 Acting Rector

During the week Margo and I saw the movie 'Spotlight'. The previous night we had watched a programme on ABC2 called, 'Silence in the Church'.

Both the movie and the TV programme are about child sexual abuse in the church and the Roman Catholic Church in particular. The movie is set in a Boston newspaper office with a small unit of investigative reporters known as 'Spotlight'. The unit sought to expose the Catholic diocese of Boston's cover up of cases of child abuse by moving the priests involved to other positions rather than removing them from the priesthood. The assertion of both the movie and TV programme is that the Church is more concerned with its reputation and its priests than it is with their victims. The Church is accused of a cover-up.

To watch the movie is a bit like watching a good detective mystery. It is gripping movie-making, disturbing, as the evidence of abuse is uncovered. 'Silence in the Church', if anything, was even more disturbing. The assertion of the programme is that child sexual abuse and the failure of the Church to deal with it is both

systemic and implicates the highest levels of the hierarchy. We have had this issue thrust before us as we watched last week Cardinal Pell appear before the Royal Commission Into Institutional Responses To Child Sexual Abuse. Among the matters raised was the assertion that senior churchmen were aware of what was happening in the Ballarat Catholic Diocese. The serious implication of that awareness if true, is that they did nothing. For some years it has been mandatory in Australia to report suspicions of child abuse to the Police.

Of course the incidence of child abuse is wider than the Catholic Church. The Anglican Church in Australia has seen some bishops and archbishops past and present, appear before the Royal Commission answering difficult questions.

We saw the resignation of a governor general and an archbishop over the failure to act appropriately when clergy had acted improperly. Other Christian traditions have had their own exposures. And of course there has been abuse in schools and elsewhere. Any form of child abuse in any circumstance is completely unacceptable.

As somebody said, sexual abuse of a child is a bit like murder. The abused child is robbed of innocence and is scarred for life. To make it

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worse (if that's possible!) the incidence of suicide amongst those who have experienced abuse is high.

There is no possible way we can minimise the dreadful nature of what is being publicly exposed. But how are church members to move forward? Have these scandals poisoned our attitudes to the Church?

Certainly many in the wider community are ever more cynical about the institutional church. This diminishes our capacity to witness to the story of Christ. But it can also do damage to the faith of church members.

I don't want to say anything that lessens the importance of belonging to a faith community. But there are some who see their church as almost the same as the Gospel of Christ. They are not the same things.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is not the Church. The earthly church is a flawed institution; sometimes doing the most wonderful, worthy things; sometimes reflecting the flawed and sinful actions of the human beings within it.

The good news about Jesus Christ attracts men and women to him. In Christ, we discover a magnificent winsomeness; it is the glory of God shining brightly.

In repentance and faith we find in him new life and his forgiving love.

There is no doubt that Jesus, the Son of God, came to found his Church. One of his first actions was to call men and women to follow him. The apostolic band and the others we read of in the Gospels was the beginning. Then on the Day of Pentecost the Apostle Peter preached about the risen Jesus, and Luke in Acts tells us that 3,000 were converted and baptised and immediately formed a community led by Jesus' apostles. The Church of Jesus Christ was born. The New Testament calls it the Body of Christ; his Spouse.

We cannot undervalue it. By virtue of our faith in Christ we all belong to it.

Inevitably it became a human institution; the flawed creature we experience today. We work to make it better. We are grateful to God for it; most of us came to faith because of it and within it. But this side of heaven we see it for what it is; the instrument that Almighty God uses, despite its imperfect nature, to call a wilful humankind back home to himself.

Your brother in Christ,

Peter Watson

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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

🕒 **Women's Dinner**

Mon 14th Mar 7pm

Roseville Golf Club, Links Ave Roseville.

🕒 **Roseville-Lindfield-Killara Inter-church Lenten Service**

Tue 15th Mar 7:45pm

At St Andrew's

Preacher: Rev. Colin Blayney
from Lindfield Catholic Church

COMING UP

🕒 **Parish Annual General Meeting**

Mon 21st Mar - 7pm

In the Church

🕒 **Easter Services**

Good Friday 25 Mar

8:30am Traditional

10am Contemporary + Kid's Ministry

Easter Sunday 27 Mar

8:30am, 10am, 5pm, 7pm regular services

🕒 **Environmental Action Group Information Evening**

Thu 31st Mar | 7:15pm - 8:30pm

In the Kelman Room

Speaker: Bruce Forwood - 'Making Our Homes
and Buildings Environmentally Friendly'

Flyers on the display cabinet at the rear of the
church. Contact eag@standrews.net.au

🕒 **Belonging Course**

Sun 3 Apr | 3:00pm - 4.30pm

over afternoon tea in the Kelman Room.

A "fast-track" way to meet other newcomers,
the staff team and to find out about St Andrew's.

Contact James Smith for details:

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OTHER

🕒 **AGM Election Nominations**

Nominations for Parish Councillors, Wardens,
and Nominators are required prior to the AGM
on Monday 21st March.

Talk to those you think will serve well and,
with their permission, nominate them by email
clearly stating who you are nominating and for
which role: santino.dimarco@standrews.net.au
Please note that if you nominate someone, you
must also be present at the AGM.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

PLEASE PRAY

☉ 8:30am

Please pray for Marilyn and David Moulton and also Myree and Dennis Pullen as they move and settle into new homes and situations. Pray that God grants them his peace and opens up local friendships and opportunities.

☉ 10am

Thank God for baby Benjamin McDiarmid being baptised at St Andrew's this Sunday, and for the life and grace we know in Christ. Pray that God will bless him and his parents Amy and Adam and give them wisdom, patience and love in raising him and nurturing his faith in Jesus.

☉ 5pm

Please continue to pray for Kate Clark and her friends during their visit and trekking in Nepal. Pray for their safety and involvement with INF's work in Nepal and also for the impact of the love of God seen through this work on all members of the group, particularly those who don't yet know him.

Please uphold Lowen and Cliff Sutton in their concerns for Peter and Alexander. Ask God to sustain their faith and give them peace and

deepen their understanding of his love despite the current challenges in their lives. Pray also that God would bless the Suttons with his grace and provision for their needs.

☉ St Andrew's Ministries

Pray for all those who attend Playgroup each week, and for Cath Ahern and her team of helpers. Pray for the parents and children to see Jesus' love through the activities and through the care given by all involved.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

We beseech you, almighty God,
to look in mercy on your people:
that by your great goodness
they may be governed
and preserved evermore;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*All that our missionaries
do in and around their communities*

MISSION & AID

EAGLE VALE ANGLICAN CHURCH



🕊 Eagle Vale Anglican in South-western Sydney

Pray for the Parish of Eagle Vale and for the Senior Minister the Rev Craig and Mrs Sandra Hooper.

Pray for the Scripture teaching in local Primary and High Schools. Pray that the children will engage well with the lessons and enjoy the activities. Pray also for the lunch time groups in 3 local schools.

Praise God for Steve Thurgar, the Student Minister at Eagle Vale who is in 2nd Year at Moore College.

Pray for our weekly afternoon Kids Club beginning in Term 2; that we will see many kids and families come to know Jesus.

Pray for our new Self Defence and Fitness Class; that many good connections will be made in the community.

Thank God for Georgia Clements who has just begun as a MTS Youthworks Apprentice at Eagle Vale. Thank God also for Kye Hooper who is doing 'Year 13' with Youth Works.

Pray for the Mission trip that 13 people from Eagle Vale are making to Cloncurry (in North West Qld, 100km from Mt Isa) to support the work of Rod and Christene Oldfield. Rod and Christene are BCA workers and former members of Eagle Vale Church.

Pray that there will be more open doors for the gospel in South-western Sydney and that many people will hear the good news of Jesus.

*Words you'll need for
today's contemporary services*

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

CONFESSION

Merciful God, our maker
and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed:
we have not loved you
with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves;
we are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and
obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT DETAILS

➤ Supporting the General Ministry

Supporting the general work of St Andrew’s:

Anglican Parish St Andrew’s
BSB 704 998 | A/C 100 005 413 *

This is our preferred method to receive your regular support.

Alternatively cash/cheque contributions can be made via the offertory collection during each of the services.

➤ Supporting the Property Redevelopment

To support the St Andrew’s Property Redevelopment, **tax-deductible** contributions can be made via:

St Andrew’s Anglican Church
Roseville Donation Fund
BSB 704 998 | A/C 100 010 195 *

Please include your surname and the initials “PV” (for Property Vision) in the reference field.

Donations by cheque should be made to St Andrew’s Roseville Donation Fund. Please mark the envelope with your surname and “PV”.

If you would like to support the Property Redevelopment but **do not** require a tax deduction, please contact the Executive Pastor, Santino Dimarco.

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