



Uniting
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Boronia Park
Congregation

Joyful People + Christ's Love

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BORONIA PARK UNITING CHURCH

Readings and Prayers for weekly spiritual practice

Day	Bible Readings	Local Churches' Prayer Cycle	World Cycle of Prayer
7 March Lent 3	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	Anglican Parish of Hunters Hill - All Saints and St. Mark's	Ireland, United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales
14 March Lent 4	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33	St Charles Borromeo and Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish	Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden
21 March Lent 5	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3; 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	Uniting Church congregations, faith communities, chaplains in the City of Ryde Zone	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania
28 March Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16	Villa Maria Holy Name of Mary and St. Peter Chanel	Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia
2 April Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1-19:42	All believers and seekers of Christ, their families, church and faith communities in local area	Those countries and stateless people persecuted by faith in religion
4 April Easter Resurrection Sunday	Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Acts 10:34-43 Mark 16:1-8	Life Congregational Church (aka Hunters Hill Congregational Church)	The Balkans - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 28 March: Welcome Lunch 2021 and a congregational meeting

Thursday and Fridays in March: The church office is open **between 10 am and 2pm**. Minister will be attending the office, welcoming you if you need prayer or simply talk. Also, your donation for the emergency aid of Sydney Community Services will be received.

Saturday 6 March and 3 April: The Boronia Park Bus Trip. See Margaret Treble or the Minister if interested.

Church Sunday Worship Roster

** All elders are on duty of pastoral care service for your need.*

Date	Lead	Screen and Sound Operating	Bible Reading	Kid's Talk	Prayers of the People
7 March	Communion The Minister	Kevin Lee	Gabby Su Young Lyons	Robyn Harvey	Isabella Lee
14 March	Sermon Series The Minister	Carmen Lam	Christy Kim	Margaret Treble	Jenny Wren
21 March	Robyn Harvey	Daniel Yeon	Carmen Lam	Jenny Wren	Justin Han
28 March	Palm Sunday Family Worship The Minister	Justin Han	Sunday School Student	Sunday School Student	Sunday School Student
2 April	Good Friday The Minister	Carmen Lam	Alan Keast	School Holidays	Barnabas Joo
4 April	Resurrection Morning The Minister	Kevin Lee	Daniel Yeon	School Holidays	Rosemary Brook

Prayer Requests

Elders and the minister will continue holding all the members and their family near and far. If you want them to pray for your current circumstances and issues, please let them know. All information you share with is confidential.

- * For those who works at the frontline in order to reduce the curve of COVID-19 pandemic and to use vaccine and anti-virus medication in Australian and around the world.
- * For parent(s) who always take a great care of child(ren), their education at both school system and alternative pathway and well-being
- * For those who have been seeking job and career for future.

A meaning of a single grain of rice (because I prefer eating rice)

Is 0.029 grams and 5-6 mm long single medium grain starchy or sticky rice important to me? Simply, Yes. Each single grain builds up a spoon of rice which is roughly 495-ish grains, feeding me who is always hungry. Each grain is important and valuable. When I was little, my mother never allowed me to leave one single grain on my bowl. She always gave me spoons of water to clean the bowl and empty it. An empty rice bowl means for me that I have such a good meal and then pay my respect to those who produce it and prepare the meal for family. (I do still practise it here in Australia, inheriting the respectful action and reaction for producers, growers and those who prepare each meal.)

In the season of Chu-Seok (추석, 秋夕) or Mid-Autumn Festival, our family used to have new rice (햅쌀, 新米) which is just harvested. Typically, early or mid-July is harvesting season in Korea so we can have the fresh and new rice on our dining table. I still remember the taste of each spoon of rice – chewy, sweetness and stickiness creating great joy in mouth. Sorry to my readers who use bread for main source of carbs. But, as a rice eater, nothing compares to the taste of rice, each single grain of it, and its meaning for me.

If Jesus were in Rice producing Asia, he could have used the phrase—a grain of rice—in his parable, saying, “I tell you, unless a grain of rice falls into the seedbed (then transplant rice-seedlings in the paddy).” Then he continued, “if it dies, it bears much fruit.” In the parable of a grain of rice, he could have preached about the life everlasting in God. Jesus was and is the heavenly example of a single grain of rice, falling and dying in order to bring forth an abundant harvest both to the glory of God and to the life of all creation. In falling and dying, Jesus, the one single and perfect Seed, shows that this is only way to redeem a lost world. He resides life eternal so that he can only fall into earth alone for all humanity then rise again from where he is sown. Again, the life everlasting. He died in our place, by shedding his life on a cross and took the sin of the world away. No other way to rescue us, other than Jesus Christ. He bears much fruit. Maybe it is you, your life, your future and your life eternal. Do you believe?

When you cook rice or eat bread, think about a meaning of the one single, perfect Seed, Jesus Christ. He became one with the earth, and poor and lower like us. He gives up his kingship from heaven but chooses something different—You and me, and many. And then He transforms us. With and in Him, thus, our old selves must be cracked or scarified before the grace of Jesus that may open to the new season. You may take in moisture, swell, split the shell. Then you may establish roots in the protective soil, take in nutrients and grow into a mature plant and bear fruit. This means growth. Let us open and receive Jesus this Lent and allow the true self to grow. We must be rooted in Him and respond to our neighbours near and far. We should encourage growth of others, opening to new growth in new areas, new ways.

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