

# CONNECTING MEOTA March 13<sup>th</sup> , 2024

**This newsletter is meant to inspire, engage, and encourage everyone in the Meota Parish to seek God and reach out to one another throughout**

**Our next church service will be**

**Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30 am**

**at St George's Diamond Valley, Christ Church Millarville**

The people of St. James are welcome to worship with us at Christ Church or St. George's.  
We would love to see you and worship with you among us!!



## MEOTA PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

ZOOM study for Lent – Mar 13, 7 pm see the link on the next page

The Robe (movie) – Sat March 23, 2 pm, St. George's

Palm Sunday – March 24, 10:30 am Christ Church & St George's

Blessing of Holy Oil- March 26 @ the Cathedral

Special ZOOM the last study for Lent Wed Mar 27 7pm

Maundy Thursday March 28, 7 pm St. George's

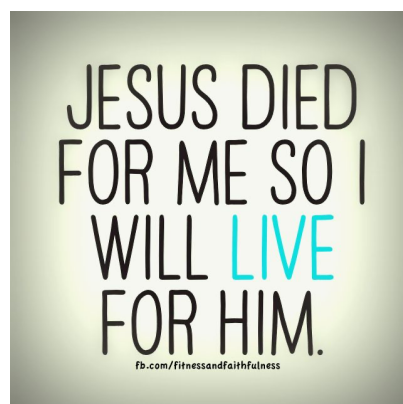
Good Friday (Taizé) March 29, St. George's 7 pm

Easter Saturday March 30, 1- 4 pm

Special Easter Service including prayer for healing  
St. Peter's Calgary See the poster on page 5

Easter Sunday is March 31, 10:30 am

St. George's, Christ Church and St. James



IT'S NOT TOO LATE Find out what they're learning.

JOIN VEN ALAN ON ZOOM on WEDNESDAYS 7 PM

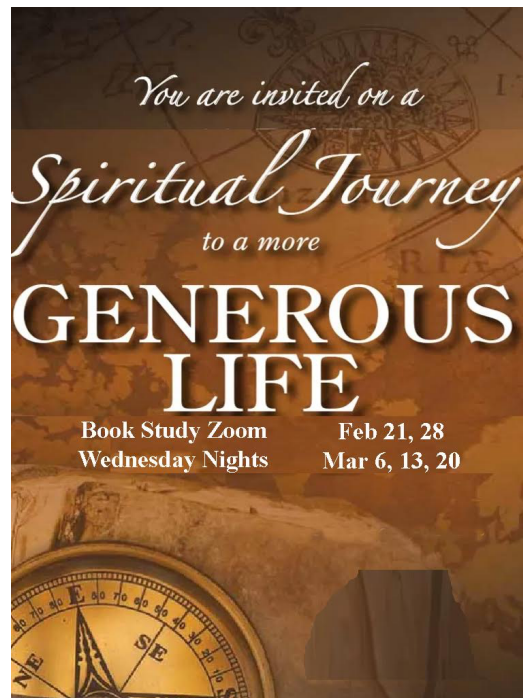
**Over the past three years, Ven Alan has been leading us into spiritual maturity by taking on the traditional disciplines of Lent. We have done prayer and fasting in the past. This year we look at Almsgiving.**

**Come and see, he is holding a Zoom conversation, 7 PM on Wednesday evenings in Lent on the meaning of Almsgiving.**

**HERE IS THE LINK**

CLICK HERE ON WEDNESDAYS 7 PM FOR THE ZOOM SESSION

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85232472145?pwd=Mmxtd0cray9panl3SjlEQjRCNGhkZz09>



**Please join us. Check your email for a message from Michelle at Meota Parish. It will also contain the Zoom link.**

Generosity is not just time, talent or money.  
Generosity of spirit is KINDNESS!

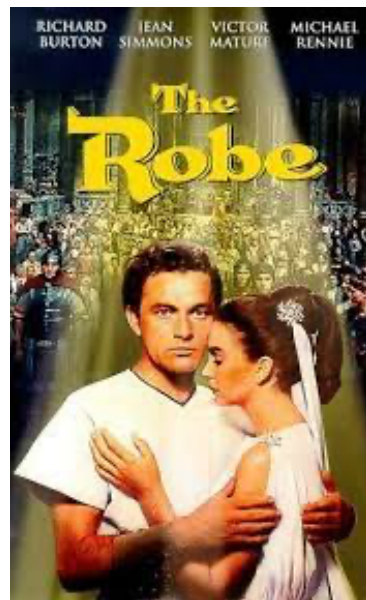


Did you miss the last Meota Movie?

Well, don't miss the next one.

Sat Mar 23, 2 pm St George's

## THE ROBE



The Easter story told in the magnificence of Cinema Scope.  
Nominated for 5 Academy Awards.

Click on the link to see the trailer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4TXamLcmZE>

Palm Sunday, Judas, the Crucifixion, the Roman emperor, Peter and the new followers of Christ, it's all here in this mega drama of the 1950's !!!

A thrilling, feel-good movie!

EASTER SATURDAY – SPECIAL SERVICE  
at ST PETER’S CALGARY by the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer

*Anglican Fellowship of Prayer for the Diocese of Calgary  
welcomes you to come for an afternoon of prayer and worship  
focused on wellness and wholeness.*



Fighting for balance — you are not alone  
*Jesus invites you to “find him in the river...”*

Prayer is truly life in Christ. All can be laid before  
the throne of grace. We invite you to come; immerse yourself  
in praise, worship, and the ministry of healing prayer.

COME...  
IMMERSE  
YOURSELF  
IN THE HEALING WATERS  
OF THE  
HOLY SPIRIT

Save the Upcoming Dates

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|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| MARCH 30     | St. Peter’s, Calgary        | Holy Saturday  |
| JUNE 15      | St. Augustine’s, Lethbridge |                |
| SEPTEMBER 14 | St. Luke’s, Red Deer        | Holy Cross Day |
| DECEMBER 21  | St. James, Calgary          | Blue Christmas |

1:00 – 4:00 PM each event ending at The Lord’s Table

More information to follow from AFP Committee.  
Questions please email: [afpfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:afpfellowship@gmail.com)

## MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> ST PATRICK'S DAY

**Saint Patrick's Day**, or the **Feast of Saint Patrick** (Irish: *Lá Fhéile Pádraig*, lit. 'the Day of the Festival of Patrick'), is a religious and cultural holiday held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick (c. 385 – c. 461), the foremost patron saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (especially the Church of Ireland), the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and, by extension, celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, céilithe, and the wearing of green attire or shamrocks.<sup>[9]</sup> Christians who belong to liturgical denominations also attend church services<sup>[8][10]</sup> and historically the Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol were lifted for the day, which has encouraged and propagated the holiday's tradition of alcohol consumption.



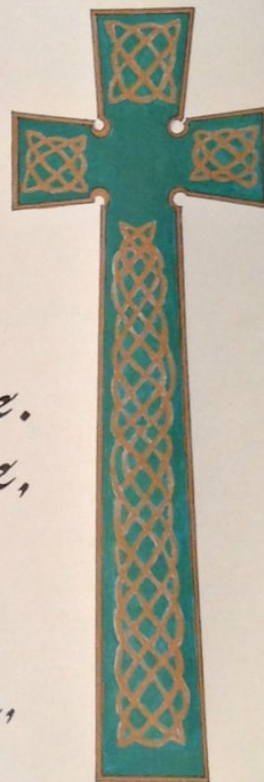
### ST PATRICK

Saint Patrick was a 5th-century Romano-British Christian missionary and Bishop in Ireland. Much of what is known about Saint Patrick comes from the *Declaration*, which was allegedly written by Patrick himself. It is believed that he was born in Roman Britain in the fourth century, into a wealthy Romano-British family. His father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest in the Christian church. According to the *Declaration*, at the age of sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Gaelic Ireland. It says that he spent six years there working as a shepherd and that during this time he found God. The *Declaration* says that God told Patrick to flee to the coast, where a ship would be waiting to take him home. After making his way home, Patrick went on to become a priest.

According to tradition, Patrick returned to Ireland to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. The *Declaration* says that he spent many years evangelising in the northern half of Ireland and converted thousands.



**C**HRIST be with me,  
CHRIST within me,  
CHRIST behind me,  
CHRIST before me,  
CHRIST beside me,  
CHRIST to WIN me,  
CHRIST to comfort  
    and restore me.  
CHRIST beneath me,  
CHRIST above me,  
CHRIST in quiet,  
CHRIST in danger,  
CHRIST in hearts  
    of all that love me,  
CHRIST in mouth  
    of friend and stranger.  
*(From St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer)*



**From St Patrick's Breastplate Prayer**



## Fifth Sunday in Lent. Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

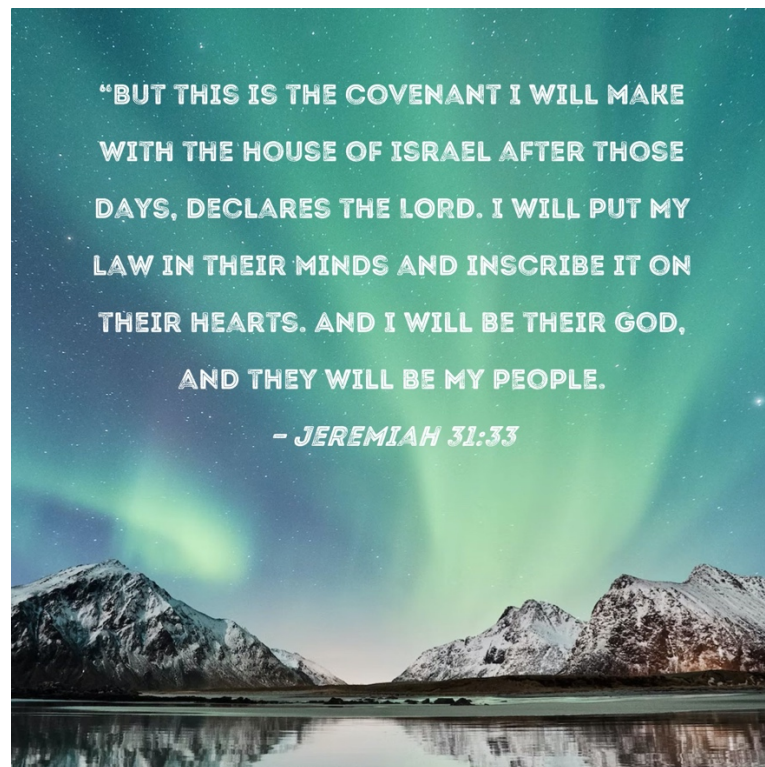
### Readings

JEREMIAH 31:31-34; PSALM 51:1-13 OR PSALM 119:9-16;  
HEBREWS 5:5-10; JOHN 12:20-33

### First Reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMI 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. **But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.** No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for **I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.**



## PSALM 51

# PSALM 51

Have mercy on me, God, according to  
your loving kindness.



### Gospel

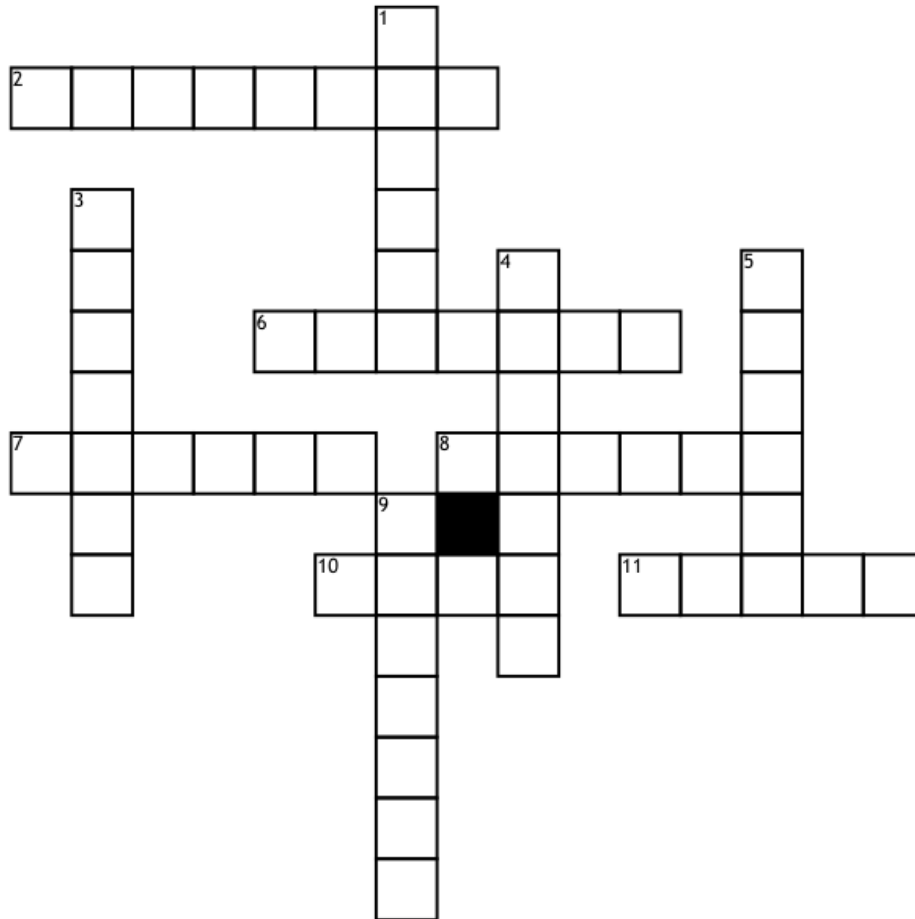
THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, **"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.** Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. **And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.**

JOHN 12:20-33

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# John 12:20-26



## Across

2. Whose hour has come to be glorified (John 12:23)  
6. Who will the Father honor? (John 12:26)  
7. Who did Philip go to see before Jesus? (John 12:22)  
8. "...unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a \_\_\_\_\_ grain..." (John 12:24)  
10. "Those who \_\_\_\_\_ their life lost it..." (John 12:25)

11. Some Greeks Wish to See \_\_\_\_\_ (Title)

## Down

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ will honor the follower. (John 12:26)  
3. What will those who "hate" such things "keep"? \_\_\_\_\_ life (John 12:25)  
4. Where was Philip from? (John 12:21)  
5. Who came to see Jesus? (John 12:20-21)  
9. What were the Greeks at the festival to do? (John 12:20)

FUNNY BONES



St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland.



**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

# Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Lord Jesus, your Gospel brings joy and freedom. May I be loyal to you always, even though it produce a cross on earth, that I may share in your crown of victory for all eternity.  
Amen.



**Thanks be to God.**