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The Rev'd Steve Cimarosti – commissioned 07 Feb



The Rev'd Robbie Nicholls – ordained last Saturday



Confirmation – Dubbo, Sun 22 Feb

In brief

Why wouldn't you come to our conference? Anglicans from across the diocese, enjoying rich fellowship, wonderful singing, good teaching and stimulating seminars, youth and children's programs, and wonderful food! [Please register today HERE](#). 21 March, Macquarie Anglican Grammar School, Dubbo, 9.30am (sharp) start. It's Bishop Mark's last conference and he has said that he'd love to see people from EVERY parish there!

Remaining commissioning dates:

- **Orange East** – 09 May, 10am
- **Gilgandra** – TBA

Police chaplaincy – while the Rev'd Gary Neville was recently farewelled at Orange Police station, Archdeacon Tim St Quintin was commissioned in Mudgee! Praise God!

Safe Ministry Training (all levels)

HT Orange: Friday 15 May 2026
HT Dubbo: Saturday 16 May 2026

Please pray for the bishop's election board. NB Sandy White (lay reserve) replaces Glenn Murray.

Clergy: Andrew Thornhill (Chair), Tim St Quintin, Phil Howes, Andy Martin, James Boardman, Bob Cameron.

Lay people: Jane Francis, Mark Galbraith, Ray Haigh, Lisa Milton, Sandy White, Eliot Harper.

DATES TO NOTE 2026:

16-19 Mar Retired clergy retreat – St Clement's Galong – Bp Stead

21 Mar Diocesan conference – Dubbo – the Rev'd Nigel Fortescue

24 Mar Renewal of ministry vows

11 May LLM training 7.15-830pm

27-30 Jul Clergy retreat – Galong – with Canon Greg Harris (BCA)

07-09 Aug Diocesan camp with the Rev'd Paul Dale (Bridgechurch)

10 Aug LLM training 7.15-830pm

18 Sept Stipendiary clergy gathering prior to synod – 2pm – with the Rev'd Kevin Simington

18-19 Sept Synod

19 Sept Service at All Saints Cathedral to mark the end of Bishop Mark's episcopacy - 1.30pm

24 Oct Women's conference

09 Nov LLM training 7.15-830pm

From our bishop

Lent invites us to slow down and examine ourselves in the light of God's word. As I have been reading steadily through Matthew and Romans in recent weeks, I have found that invitation both bracing and refreshing.

Very early in Matthew's Gospel we are told that Jesus came "to save his people from their sins." It is wonderfully good news — but it assumes something about us. Lent reminds us that our deepest need is not improvement, but rescue.

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus speaks of giving, praying and fasting — but warns how easily we can do the **right** things for the **wrong** audience. Lent is a good time to ask: who is my audience? What do I treasure? Am I more concerned with appearing righteous, or with being made new?

Romans has pressed the point further. It is possible to be zealous for God and yet miss the righteousness that comes from God! It is possible to see clearly the failures of others while remaining blind to our own. And yet, alongside searching diagnosis comes immense comfort: we are justified by grace through faith. The verdict for those who trust in Christ is settled. We battle sin, but we do so as those already declared righteous.

My prayer for us this Lent is that we would undergo honest self-examination without fear — because the One who exposes our hearts is the same One who went to the cross for us. He is totally for us! Nothing can separate us from him! May this be a season not of gloomy religion, but of humble repentance, renewed confidence in Christ, and deeper joy in the salvation he has accomplished.

Every blessing,
Mark

Bishop Mark Calder

Bishop's video sermon series

LENTEN STUDY/SERMON SERIES

The road to Calvary – with the Rev'd Mike Raiter

- FEB 22** LENT 1 Matt 26:1-16 The Language of Love
MAR 01 LENT 2 Matt 26:17-35 It is Written
MAR 08 LENT 3 Matt 26:36-46 In the Garden
MAR 15 LENT 4 Matt 26:47-56 The Kiss of Death
MAR 22 LENT 5 Matt 26:57-75 The Tale of Two Trials
MAR 29 PASSION Matt 27:32-56 The Death of the Son of God

EASTER SERIES with Bishop Mark Calder

- GOOD FRIDAY** Three short reflections: Romans 3:22b-25; 1 Peter 2:23-24; 1 John 4:9-10
EASTER DAY 1 Peter 1:3-4 Born anew to a living hope

TERM 2 GOD'S GOSPEL: THE BIG PICTURE IN ROMANS

- APR 12** – Not Ashamed of the Gospel (Romans 1:1–17)
APR 19 – The World Put on Trial (Romans 1:18–3:20)
APR 26 – A Righteousness from God (Romans 3:21–31)
MAY 03 – Faith Before Works (Romans 4)
MAY 10 – Peace with God (Romans 5:1–11)
MAY 17 – From Adam to Christ (Romans 5:12–21)
MAY 24 – Dead to Sin, Alive to God (Romans 6)
MAY 31 – The Limits of the Law (Romans 7)
JUN 07 – No Condemnation, No Separation (Romans 8)
JUN 14 – The Faithfulness of God (Romans 9–11)
JUN 21 – Living Worship (Romans 12:1–13:14)
JUN 28 – Welcome One Another (Romans 14:1–15:13)
JUL 05 – To the Only Wise God Be Glory (Romans 15:14–16:27)

Please Pray

A Lenten prayer

Almighty God, who searches the heart and yet shows mercy to sinners, grant us grace this Lent to examine ourselves without fear, to repent without despair, and to rest with confidence in the finished work of your Son. Renew our zeal, deepen our joy, and keep us steadfast in the love from which nothing can separate us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for rest

Lord Jesus, you came to save your people from their sins. Teach us to rest in your finished work at the cross, and not in our own effort. Amen.

A prayer for honest self-examination

Heavenly Father, search our hearts and expose what needs to change. Where we are more concerned with appearances than holiness, grant us true repentance. Help us treasure Christ above reputation, comfort, or approval, in Jesus' name. Amen.

A prayer for zeal with knowledge

Gracious God, guard us from zeal for you which is misplaced and ignorant. Save us from the foolishness of pursuing our own righteousness through ritual, rule keeping, or tradition. Give us a humble confidence in the righteousness that comes from you alone. In Jesus' name. Amen.

A prayer of assurance and joy

Father, thank you that there is no condemnation for those who trust Jesus. When we battle sin or grow weary, remind us that you are for us and nothing can separate us from you. Let nothing shake our confidence in your steadfast love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for our conference on

21 March – that our theme of growing disciples will be inspiring, and immensely helpful and practical. Pray that people from EVERY parish will attend and be greatly encouraged and equipped in the Lord's service.

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Cathedral Services

Saturday Vigil

6pm (5pm when no daylight saving)

Sunday

8.30am Traditional
10am Contemporary
Also 8.30am Mon, Wed, Thu (BCP);
10am Fri

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