



Can we remain silent?

It's a question many Christians wrestle with—especially when it comes to the value of human life. In a world where abortion is often spoken about as normal or necessary, it can feel easier to stay quiet. These are complex and personal realities, and for many, not just theoretical. And yet, our faith shapes how we see life— and that shapes whether we speak.

As Christians, we believe life is given by God. Each person is made in His image, known by Him before birth, and precious in His sight. That conviction leads many Christians to be pro-life—not as a political stance, but as a response to who God is and what He has revealed about life.

But being pro-life isn't only about what we believe—it's about how we live. It means caring for people, especially those facing difficult or unexpected pregnancies. It means listening well, offering support, and walking alongside others without judgement. And it means recognising that some carry grief or regret in this space—and that in Jesus there is real grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

So can we be silent? As Christians, we're called to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves—but to do that in a way that reflects the heart of Jesus: with truth, gentleness, and compassion.

If you're wanting to express that publicly, there's an opportunity coming up with the Sydney Rally for Life on Tuesday, 2nd June, 6-7pm outside NSW Parliament House. It's one way to stand, peacefully and thoughtfully, for the value of life.

Above all, may we be people who hold truth and grace together, trusting God in how we speak and how we love.

- Valerie O'Regan

Church News

Carmen Bonnici's Funeral

Carmen's funeral will be held on **Tuesday 14th April** at Lakeside Memorial Park Chapel, 230 Kanahooka Road, Dapto. Service commencing at 11am.

Pursell family on holiday

Sam, Susan and the family are now on leave until **Saturday 18th April**. The church office is open during regular hours and our Wardens (Dave Crook, Geoff Kyngdon and Ed Stanojevic) are also available if any matter arises.

Birthdays

16th Samuel Firley
Ben Irwin
17th Sam Pursell

Guest preacher

Today we welcome Robert Meischke as he shares from Philippians. Robert will also be preaching next Sunday. Please take the chance to welcome him and say hello!

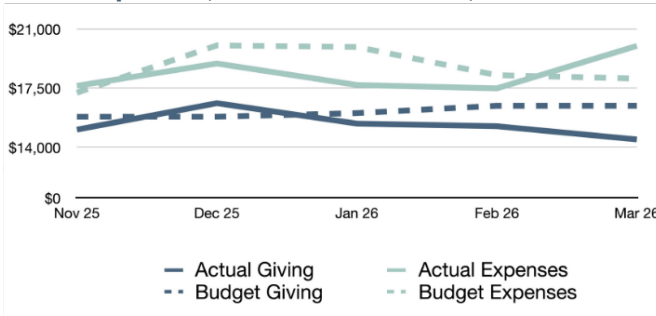
Children & Youth programs

During school holidays our normal children's & youth programs take a break until after Sunday 19th April. Activity sheets are available for children at our services.

Anniversaries

16th Matthew & Evelyn Meek
(Mission Partners)

Finance Update (to 31 March 2026)



Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats
Anglican
BSB: 633 000
Account: 164 385 841



March Giving
We fell behind the budget by \$1,944



Giving Year to date
We are behind the budget by \$4,255

Serving Roster

Saturday

18th April

Cleaning:

P & C Pratt/R Hannam

Mowing:

N/A

Sunday

Welcomer:

Bible Reader:

Prayer Leader:

Morning Tea:

MT Clean Up:

12th April

P & G Taylor

R Eton

V O'Regan

R Hannam/M Klasson

D Orange

19th April

E & R Stanojevic

J Stavert

G Kyngdon

B Mayhew/J Mills

P Pratt

Hope that makes a difference

Philippians 1:1-11

Robert Meischke • 12th April 2026

1. Partnership with the gospel
2. Sharing God's grace together
3. Prayer for Jesus fruit

Next Sunday...

'Mission without fear' • Robert Meischke • Readings: Isaiah 8:11-17 & Philippians 1:12-30

Information about our Church

Your kids are welcome

Children are welcome to stay with you during church. Kids church starts roughly 15 mins into the service (during school terms).

Check out our bookstall

View our quality selection of Christian books for sale at the bookstall located at the rear of the church.

Join a Bible study group

Our midweek Bible study groups are great for connecting with others. To join a group, contact the office.

We are filming church

For those unable to attend, we are streaming and recording video at live.oakflatsanglican.com. You may be filmed.

Kids and Youth programs

In school terms, we offer a range of midweek programs for toddlers, children and youth.

Weekly prayer meeting

Saturday, 7:30am (online via Zoom)

A time to share, to encourage, and to pray for one another. Come join us and experience and power of prayer!

Contact Geoff Kyngdon for details.



Scan for the online 'Contact Us' form

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Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

Our People

Carmen Bonnici's family; comfort in grief and funeral preparations.

For those in hospital, for healing and recovery.

For timely pastoral care and support.

People in need: Bronwyn Clark, John & Olga Covetz, David & Jan Crook, Jeanette Dunkeld, Kevin & Ruth Eton, Barrie & Auriel Hadley, Robert & Raija Hannam, Pauline Kirby, Lili Kovacevic, Graeme & Marianne Krout, Pam Moore & family, Debbie Paget, O'Regan family, Merv & Nola Sercombe, Eileen Stokes, Allan Quinn, Helen Wagemans, John Wilson.

Our Church & Ministries

A strong and encouraging start to Term 2 ministries.

Welcoming, purposeful weekly services.

Our witness, both within services and in daily life.

Our Nation

National, State and Local leaders; wisdom, justice, and integrity.

Federal Budget; honesty and fairness.

Safety on roads; reduction in crime and violence.

The World

Peace in the Middle East, especially Iran; for lasting stability despite uncertain signs.

Provision of fuel and food; for security in supply chains.

Rural and mining sectors; especially diesel and fertiliser availability and autumn plantings.

REGULAR PRAYERS (Cycle 3 of 4)

Church ministries

Kids Church, Kids Club, Playmakers playgroup.

Youth ministry.

School Scripture (SRE).

Bible Study groups.

Pilates & Praise.

Anglicare Community Pantry.

Women's and Men's ministry.

Ministry to seniors.

Members unable to attend church

Those house-bound or living in nursing homes including Margaret Abrahams, Olga Covetz, Lily Lyddiard, Pat Pepper, Merv Sercombe.

Staff & Senior Leadership

Our Minister Sam Pursell, his wife Susan and their kids Ed, Mary and Angela.

Valerie O'Regan (Parish Administrator).

Wardens and Parish Councillors.

Diocesan Leadership

Archbishop of Sydney, Kanishka Raffel.

Bishop of Wollongong, Peter Hayward.

Church members

Ken Illiffe

Ben, Adrianna, Elena & Henrik Irwin

Amy Kerr

Pauline Kirby

John & Mia Klasson