

# Saint Michael and All Angels Parish Church, Bramcote



**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Bible Readings:** Psalm 53; Exodus 4:27-6:1; Hebrews 10:19-25  
*Each reading may be viewed at [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)*

## **Reflection:** ①

Just as within our own time, and in all probability as ever there will be, there were those living during David, the psalmist's, lifetime who did not believe or trust in God. With this in mind, the general bearing of this psalm teaches us quite vividly how David viewed them. Clearly, it wasn't exactly in a positive light. Not only does he provide a clear description of their wickedness, for denying God, but also of their utter foolishness. For David, these people were wanting in judgment, clearness of thought, powers of reasoning, and lack of intellect. But it didn't stop there, as he proceeded not only to deplore their inability to reason, but also the rottenness of their heart, in that he saw them as being altogether corrupt and abominable. Strong words indeed, but a message designed to cause such individuals to stop and reconsider their reasoning. For David, that which often makes this world such an evil place, is that it consistently moves away from God, because there is no fear or recognition of God within us. No recognition that we are created beings, and not gods in our own right. In short, our bad practices as humans flow from our bad principles. The logical consequence of this, is that there can be no God for us to call upon or be held accountable to. Essentially, we are lost and without any form of hope. In difficult times such as these, particularly during Lent, perhaps we would all do well to take the time to return to the Lord in humility and seek his presence among us, guiding us into the future.

## **Prayers:**

### **Keep us in your mercy**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Daily Intercession**

Let us pray to the Father for the Church and the world, and let us thank Him for all his goodness in the following areas: For our local government, community leaders, for all those who provide our essential local services, for those who are caring for children and young people who are off school, for those caring for sick and elderly people, and for those who work in our medical, emergency and rescue organizations **Amen.**

"Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5.7