

CHRIST CHURCH GEELONG
AN ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA



**‘PRESENTATION OF CHRIST
IN THE TEMPLE**

**Baptism and Eucharist at 9am
4th February 2024**

‘A community of faith in service to others’

Dear people of God,

Warm greetings and warm welcome back to you all to another year God has granted us and we shall be glad and rejoice in it.

With the year of 2024 in full swing, it is all systems go from today onwards. On this *Start Up Sunday* we witness the baptism of Angus and continue to thank God for all the growth we experience slowly but surely. As we congratulate Angus on this step he has taken, we wish him everything of the best with the path he has committed his life into. It is such steps as these that give us hope and courage to soldier on. We look forward to the many who will join the parish in the near future and thank God for their lives. Your support ongoing is valuable to the running of this Parish and once again I urge you to continue where you left off last year as far as your love, support and ministry are concerned.

The Parish Council sat for many hours yesterday planning for the Parish and so many great ideas were brain stormed and, surely, we should expect some changes to be introduced soon and, as we do all these changes, you will be kept in the loop. A big shout out to the leadership that gathered to undergo this planning exercise yesterday. Your time and service are much appreciated.

I arrived on Thursday evening from mother Africa where I spent three weeks with family and friends during my time of leave. I bring greetings with me. Allow me to thank the Rev'ds. Jen Dunn and John Howells for holding the fort during my time of leave and the Church Wardens and Parish Council for making sure the admin of the Parish went untempered.

As we officially reopen, many ministries will continue as per the norm. The Meditation is going to continue on Tuesdays from 7.15pm, the Wednesday Eucharist continues at 10.00am, while the 5.15pm Service also resumes next Sunday at its normal slot and, of course, the two services in the morning on Sundays continue as usual. Just a quick reminder again that on Wednesday the 14th February we officially start the Season of Lent with the imposition of ashes as we acknowledge sinfulness and repent and be reconciled with God. Ash Wednesday Services will be at 10am as well as 7pm. Our Church Choir is also starting today.

We look forward to another year full of fun and spiritually led activities and growth in the life of the Parish.

Today, on this *Start Up Sunday*, it is once again a situation of "*on your mark, get set and go*" for each and everyone of us.

I wish you all a blessed and spirit filled 2024.

Yours humble in Christ's Service, *Fr Lankiri*

COMING EVENTS/SERVICES

Lenten Groups

Lenten groups are meeting soon – look out for sign-up sheets and books next week!
Judy Munro

Ash Wednesday

This fall on **Wednesday, 14th February** this year. Please note that two services will be offered at **10am and 7pm**.

After Six Dinners

The next Dinner will be held on **Thursday, 15th February, at 6.30pm** at the El Toro restaurant, a short walk down Moorabool Street, near Christ Church. Please let Sue Murrant know if you wish to attend.

First Sunday in Lent/Darwin Defenders' Memorial Service

This year's annual commemoration will be held on **Sunday, 18th February at the 10am service**.



The Chronicle – the year is already running away and it's hard to believe that it's February already... which means it's only a few weeks until the first Chronicle for 2024 is due! So **NOW** is the time to send in any notes, announcements, articles, reminders and anything else that you think parishioners might like to know about for the coming months... just send them to spswain@westnet.com.au
The March 2024 Chronicle is already in production and should be in your hands on **Sunday 3rd March**.

Music at the Basilica presents 'A Voice, Lent to Music'

Join Frank de Rosso (organ) and associate artists from 5pm to 5.30pm each **Sunday from 11th February to 17th March** inclusive. Admission free & refreshments after each presentation. For further details please see brochure in foyer and coffee areas.

Please note there is a Hearing Loop installed in the Church that provides a wireless signal picked up by the hearing aid when it is set to 'T' (Telecoil).

Our Contacts

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 6th	7.15pm	Meditation in the Chapel
Wednesday, 7th	10.00am	Holy Eucharist at 10am
Thursday, 8th	10.00am	Pastoral Care Group in the School Room

NEXT SUNDAY: 11TH FEBRUARY 2024

LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY TRANSFIGURATION

Services: Holy Eucharist at 8am, 10am (Sung) & 5.15pm

**Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-12
Gospel– Mark 9:2-9**

We acknowledge the Wadawurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the lands on which Christ Church and its building now stand.

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