

CHRIST CHURCH GEELONG  
AN ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA  
DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

7 APRIL 2024

A Vicar's Note.

Dear people of God,

Easter greetings with Alleluias!

As we look back to the Lenten Season up to the Easter Sunday, it is befitting to express my gratitude the way we have journeyed together. We started the Lenten Season by the imposition of ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our sinful nature and the need to repent. It was during the same period when we engaged with the Lenten Material entitled Living in Harmony – Lenten Program Year B. This material was based on the Sunday readings which made the discussion in our respective Groups very easy flowing and exciting. A big thank you to the Lenten Group leaders and the parishioners who attended these Lenten Sessions. We look forward to the Advent material in anticipation.

We had a busy Holy Week Program, and the evening services were the most attended. The highlight of which was the Tenebrae Service that took place on Holy Tuesday eve. We introduced the Holy Week services with a twist as we played music from the recordings, which

made the whole experience different and yet spiritually deep and moving.

Good Friday started off with the ***The Way of the Cross***, an ecumenical walk that started next to St Mary's Basilica and ended next to Market Square down in Moorabool Street. It was a whole spiritually enriching walk. Thank you to those who were able to represent our Parish in that walk. We thank God for the favourable weather on the day. We ended the Good Friday with our own service here at Christ Church. Thank you!

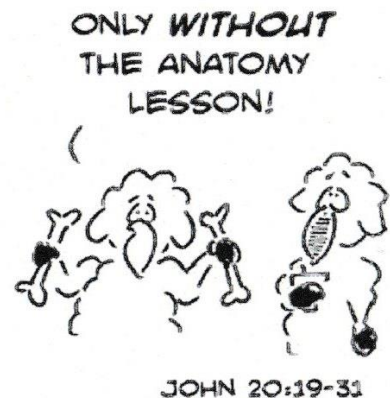
The Holy Saturday and Easter Services were a pinnacle of our Easter services with the service of the new fire, service of the Word and a big thank you to the readers who were brilliant in the evening with very limited light in the Church. Michael MacRobbie for chanting the Exultet so brilliantly on Saturday evening. Winton Barry our Organist with the Church were on top form and gave it their best to give the Easter services the standard they deserve.

Easter Sunday—The Church looked befitting of the Great Event we celebrated. The floral arrangement was brilliantly done. Much appreciation to the team that spent time decorating and our thanks also go towards those who contributed in monetary form towards flowers.

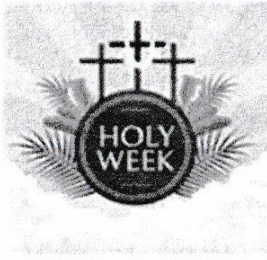
Together with the readers, sides people, Eucharist Assistants, Servers, Choir, Organist, and the congregation we deserve a big round of applause for displaying services that made us commemorate and celebrate the events of Easter to the best of our ability. I am very proud once again to have become part of Christ Church Community! Indeed, we continue to join the Christian Community and exclaim "Alleluia, Christ is risen!"

Fr Lankiri Thaba, Vicar.

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## NOTICES



**Holy Week Services**—Most of the Holy Week services were recorded, so you can watch and share in them again, or use them at home if you were not able to be in church during the week – just follow the links on the Parish Web page at “What’s happening this week?” or go to “Watch/ listen to a recent Sermon”.... A chance for you to journey again through Holy Week towards the wonder of the Risen Christ! —Phillip Swain.

**Easter Fundraising** - Thank you to all who contributed to the Easter raffle. A total of \$365.00 was raised. An additional thanks to all who participated in the Hot Cross Buns and Chocolate driver with \$140.00 going to parish funds. All up with some additional donations \$530.00 has been raised with Easter fundraising. Thanks to all who assisted. Winners: John Duncan, Rachael Frost, Jim Medlock, Linda Bickerdike and Judy Munro. Congratulations. Watch out for the Mother’s Day Raffle. —Ruth Christian & Sue.

**Christ Church Men’s Lunch**—This is a reminder that the next Men's Lunch will be held at the RSL Belmont, next Monday 8th April at 12 noon. —Jim Thyer.

**Working Bee**—The next working bee will be on Saturday 13th April, 9:00am to 11:00am approximately. —Don Patterson.

**Small Bell Donation**—We are asking for a donation of a small handbell if anybody has one to donate for the purpose of processions from the West Door. —Winton Barry.

**Women's Lunch** - Due to unforeseen circumstances the planned Women's lunch will need to be postponed from 13.4.24. A new date will be advised soon.

**Children's Activities** - a range of children's activity bags are available from the sidesperson area to support children and families participation in church. Please ask for a bag if you would like one for your child. These can be returned after the service.

**After Six Dinner** - The next After Six Dinner will be on 18.4.24 at 6.30 pm. To be held at El Toro Restaurant in Moorabool Street Geelong. Please rsvp to Sue Murrant.

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*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).*

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### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Tuesday, 9th April      Meditation in the Chapel at 7.15pm**

**Wednesday, 10th April    Holy Eucharist at 10am**

### **NEXT SUNDAY: 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024**

#### **'THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER'**

**Services: said Eucharist at 8am, Sung Eucharist at 10am & said Eucharist at 5.15pm every Sunday.**

**Readings: Acts 3:12-20, Psalm 4, 1John 2:15-17; 3:1-6,  
Luke 24:36b-48**

*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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