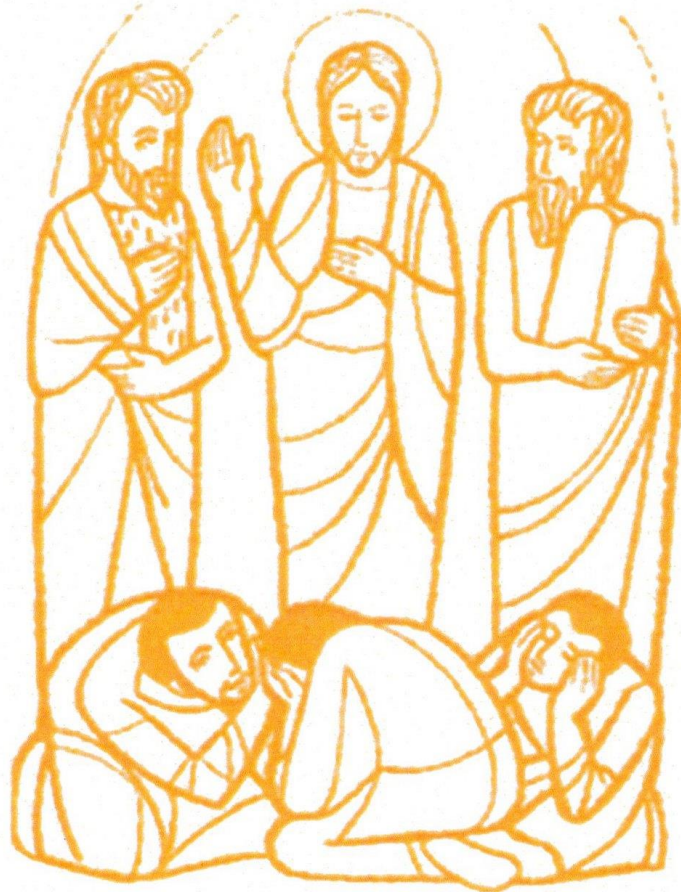


CHRIST CHURCH GEELONG
AN ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

11th February 2024

A community of faith in service to others'

Vicar's Letter

Dear people of God,

With now slightly over seven months since our arrival at Christ Church in Geelong, there has been some changes and challenges with particular reference to communication especially where some quick announcements had to be made. Upon my research into these challenges, I discovered that our database needs some urgent updating. For us to get this process underway we need to have our particulars updated in the office. Forms are available at the crossing table. Please grab one, fill it and leave in the box provided. We need your home address, mobile phone number and email address. Your swift response and corporation will help us have our database up to date soonest.

Secondly, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that we will be having Parish Confirmations, God willing, towards the end of the year. If you are interested in being confirmed or know of someone who needs one, please sign your name on the provided form at the crossing table. And lastly, we thank God for a growth we continue to experience in numbers in our Parish and continue to pray for more growth in other areas too. The recent baptisms of adults happening recently bear witness to such a growth. Please continue to hold our Parish together and myself, your Vicar and the Parish Council that we may discern God's plan wisely and the path we should take as a Parish now and the courage to implement it.

On a pastoral note, I went to visit Evelyn Twaddell in hospital on Wednesday. She is asking for your prayers. If you live with family members who are not Church members, please make arrangements to have the Church alerted in the event of your illness and/or hospitalization. The Vicar's number is always available on our Sunday pew sheets for ease of contact.

I wish you a fulfilling Season of Lent as we start this Season this week on Ash Wednesday. Please note we will have two services on Wednesday at 10h00am and 7h30pm. Start your Lenten journey on the right foot by receiving your ashes. God bless and protect you all.

Yours humble in Christ's service.

The Rev Lankiri Thaba

Vicar

NOTICES

AFTER SIX DINNER

The next dinner is on **Thursday, 15th February at 6.30pm** at the El Toro Restaurant, 245 Moorabool Street, Geelong.
Everyone welcome! Don't eat alone, come after work, or your daily chores!
Please let Sue Murrant know if you are coming.

First Sunday in Lent/Darwin Defenders' Memorial Service

This year's annual commemoration will be held **NEXT 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 today 11th February to 17th March** inclusive. Admission free & refreshments after each presentation.
For further details please see brochure in foyer and coffee areas.

SEASONS SERIES—THE AUSTRALIAN WELSH CHOIR

Sunday, 25th February at 5pm—Celebrate St David's Day
Tickets \$35 Full and Seniors; \$30 Concession
Available from www.trybooking.com/CODSW or at the door!
Children and school students—free.

Lenten Study – Living in Harmony

*Joan Chittister, Paul Creevey, Andy Hamilton, Gerard Moore,
Paul Rowse & Debra Snodd*

We are living in a period where political talk has become increasingly oppositional and polarising, setting the tone for public and private discussion. Despite our wealth and cohesion, we are somehow convinced that this is not the best of times. We seem reluctant to act to avoid what is pending to be the worst of times.

This is our Lenten fare, the stuff of our Lenten fast. One aspect is the need for harmony. It is a word reduced too much to wellbeing: we will pursue its faith dimensions. Harmony is a discipline. It has to be won, held, remade, revalued. At its best, it is built around the joyful play of difference, a mutual love and respect, and a treasuring of other voices and ways. It builds for a trust and consensus.

Our Lenten study this year is based on our Sunday readings for Year B.

Books are available from Judy Munro or your group leader and cost \$9 if you bring the correct money, otherwise \$10!

The usual groups will be held on Monday afternoon, Monday night 7.30pm, Wednesday 11am led by the vicar, Friday night.

If several of you would like a different time, talk to Fr Lankiri or Judy and we will see what we can do.

Sign up today, lists are on the table in the crossing.

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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Office Admin.	Makay Thaba

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 13th	Meditation in the Chapel at 7.15pm
Ash Wednesday, 14th	Holy Eucharist at 10am & 7.00pm – Imposition of the Ashes
Thursday, 15th	After Six Dinner at El Toro at 6.30pm

NEXT SUNDAY: 18TH FEBRUARY 2024

'FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT'

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

♦ 10am includes the Memorial Service for the Darwin Defenders commemorating the 82nd Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin on 19th February 1942

*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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