

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).



ABM DONATIONS

After our Home Fellowship Groups last year, many people requested that this year we send our ABM gifts to support Aboriginal clergy in the Northern Territory. Envelopes will be available soon!

FOOTY PARKING



This has been a great money spinner for us. Now that there are many more functions being held at Kardinia Park and some at the Palais too, more parking will be needed.

This could be a great opportunity for us, but we need a second parking team, or particularly a new coordinator.

Please speak to one of the Wardens, if you can assist!

GOODS NEEDED FOR STUDENTS AT NORTH GEELONG SECONDARY COLLEGE

Now that the cooler weather is coming, there is a need for black scarves and gloves for refugees and other students. Pens, pencils, pencil cases, exercise books, money, etc. are also very welcome. There is a clothes basket in the coffee area for donations. (Thank you, Barbara Peek)



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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Mission Statement

Christ Church seeks to be a centre for the worship of Almighty God, providing strength and assistance for all who enter, and enabling God's love in Christ to reach out to the community and world in which we live.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT/PASSION SUNDAY

3rd April 2022

Liturgical Colour: Purple

Holy Eucharist: 8.00am; 10.00am (Sung); 5.15pm

Sentence

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Prayer of the Day *

O God,
the Redeemer of all who trust in you:
heed the cry of your people,
and deliver us from the bondage of sin,
that we may serve you in perfect freedom
and rejoice in your unfailing love;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
world without end. Amen.



* You are invited to join in this Prayer immediately before today's readings.

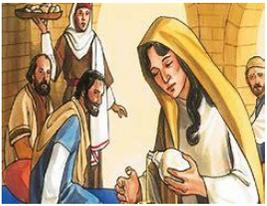
Service Setting: 'The Christ Church Service'
Hymns: 10.00am: 347; 155; 141; 547
Psalm Response:



Great things in - deed the Lord has done for us and there - fore we are glad.

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Reflection for Passion Sunday



In today's gospel reading, we are coming close to the end of Jesus' life. It took great courage to go to Jerusalem; the authorities, in effect, had made him an outlaw.

The crowds were great, but to find lodging was impossible. So he went to Bethany, to the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus.

Mary loved Jesus; she took the most precious thing she possessed and anointed Jesus' feet; an act of humility to wash another's feet. But, in the culture of the time, a respectable woman would never appear in public with her hair loose. It was seen as a sign of an immoral woman. But, Mary's love for Jesus was such that she did not care what others thought.

Judas, however, could only see the waste of using such an expensive ointment on washing feet. Why not cash it in and give the money to the poor? Jesus response, 'you will have the poor always, you will not always have me'.

In our relationship with others, it is important that we react spontaneously, particularly in matters of the heart; a loving word and a loving action can make such a difference. Often we are too rational in our thinking and actions and too cautious and retreat from an expression of love. We lose the moment which may we may never regain!

Our prayer this day is to be open and courageous in spontaneously expressing our love with a word or action to someone close to you. In our culture, I am not sure that to suddenly wash the feet of the one you love would be understood; perhaps a cuddle or a kiss or even flowers!

Fr Graeme

REMINDER - PALM CROSS WORKING BEES

Once again we will be making palm crosses to be distributed on Palm Sunday, 10th April. We will have working bees in the church on **Tuesday, 5th and Thursday, 7th April from 12-2pm** (during church sitting), but palms will be available **today, 3rd April**, if you prefer to make the crosses at home!



REMINDER - EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets: \$2 each; 3 for \$5; or 7 for \$10. Handcrafted prizes, including chocolates - please see display in the coffee area. Raffle will be drawn on Easter Sunday.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: All those affected by natural disasters, including our own land.

THE CHURCH: The Church of Nigeria; Diocese of Rockhampton; the Victorian Council of Churches; All Saints' Greensborough. 'Give thanks for the distinctive contribution that Torres Strait Islanders make to the Anglican Church of Australia; & Transparency International and other organisations that work to eliminate the injustice of corruption (ABM).'

THE PARISH/COMMUNITY: 'Jesus Christ, the Suffering Servant, may I not fool myself or others into thinking I am good when I behave badly (ABM).'

THE DEPARTED: Our own departed and those whose yearly remembrance falls at this time (Betty Flanders).

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 5th	8.30am	Morning Prayer (by phone)
	12 Noon	Palm Cross Working Bee
	7.00pm	Meditation in the Chapel
Wednesday, 36th	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
Thursday, 7th	8.00am	Morning Prayer (by phone)
	12 Noon	Palm Cross Working Bee
Saturday, 9th	9.00am	Working Bees

NEXT SUNDAY: 10TH APRIL - PALM SUNDAY

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-18; Philippians 2:5-11;

The Pasion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

WORKING BEES AT CHURCH - SATURDAY, 9TH APRIL

1. We need to spend some time making the church sparkling clean for Easter. We will be holding a working bee inside the church **next Saturday**, however if you cannot come on this day please consider coming before that. 12-2pm on weekdays is especially convenient, but please speak to Jan about what you might like to do and when you might like to come.
2. Also, **next Saturday**, there is the usual working bee to tidy up the church grounds, etc; please speak to Don Patterson if you can assist.



Remember - many hands make light work!

REMINDER - FLOWERS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Is there anyone who would like to join the roster for arranging the flowers in the church? We work in teams, usually of three and have a turn every 6 or 7 weeks. If you would like to join or would like further information, please speak to Jan as soon as possible.

