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The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Geelong



"A community of faith in service to others"

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8th May 2022

Liturgical Colour: White

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

Sentence

The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes

Prayer of the Day *

Gracious God,
you sent Jesus, the good shepherd,
to gather us together:
may we not wander from his flock,
but follow wherever he leads us,
listening for his voice and staying near him,
until we are safely in your fold,
to live with you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen



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

Service Setting: 'The Christ Church Service'

Hymns: 10.00am: 446; 145; 525; 96

Psalm Response:



The Lord is my shep-herd, there-fore can I lack no-thing.

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FOOTY



The next Cats' game at home is on **Saturday 21st May**, when they take on **Port Adelaide** starting at 1.45pm, so we'll offer parking in the church grounds from about 11.45am.

The Cats then have another home game the very next week - on **Saturday 28th May**

when they play the Adelaide Crows starting at 1.45pm.

If you'd like to help with footy parking on either of these dates, and help raise funds for the Parish in this easy & fun way, contact Phillip on 0448118302. Go Cats!!!!

REMINDER - THE CHRONICLE

The next edition will be available for all on the first Sunday in June.... A long way off, but the weeks fly by.... So, if you have any contributions (dates to note, coming parish events, items of interest to the parish, etc.) NOW is the time to send them in. Don't leave it until the last minute!



Contact for contributions is: spswain@westnet.com.au

REMINDER - WHO ARE WE CALLED TO BE IN AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE: THEOLOGICAL RESPONSES TO THE PANDEMIC

Next Saturday, 21st May - 9.30am to 1.30pm, Old Warden's Lodge, Trinity College, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville.

COST: \$50 / \$35 concession (pensioners) - includes Lunch

A half day seminar to consider how the Christian community can respond to the escalating instability, crises and conflicts which we face by offering genuine alternate forms of life in this time of crisis.

Led by Dr Scott Kirkland, Lecturer at Trinity College; Dr Dan Fleming, Head of Ethics at St Vincent's Health; and the Rev. Canon Professor Dorothy Lee, Research Professor at Trinity College.

For more info and to register go to: www.trybooking.com/BYEPR, or email: theologyevents@trinity.edu.au or phone 03 9348 7227.

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.

Reflection for Easter Four



In our gospel reading today, local Jews came to challenge Jesus, saying “tell us, are you the Messiah or not?” Looking into their souls Jesus saw they did not believe him to be the Messiah, and he challenged them - “you do not belong to my sheep.”

In Palestine shepherds named their sheep according to their characteristics... one might be called Long Nose or Black Ear or Fluffy... the shepherd knew them all. Here in Australia we need to remember that these were very small flocks, not the large flocks of hundreds that we experience.

But after calling his sheep, the shepherd leads them out of the yard; he goes ahead of them and the sheep follow him. Actual sheep recognize the voice of their own shepherd, and will not respond to another. A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him.

Today we also acknowledge Mothers’ Day!

The need to be included is a basic necessity for a healthy life - we need to know that we belong. It is well said, no person is an island; one of the basic tenants of our culture is the family. The role of mother and father is cornerstone for the success of the family unit; the role of a mother as the one who gave us birth is very special - the nurture, the unconditional love, she is also often the one who made you feel you were included.

Please in your prayers today hold before God your parents, giving thanks that we are included in their flock.

Fr Graeme

Reminder - Gluten free wafers are available - please tell a sides-person if you require them

SOUND SYSTEM

The sound system installation was delayed unfortunately but the good news is the system is now installed and operational. Hopefully you will enjoy the new upgrade and the better sound quality. Let us the wardens know how you are finding the system. However, please be kind as we learn the new system; as with any change things can take time to settle, but we aim to be sounding good in no time!

If you are interested in learning how to operate the new system, please let Sue Murrant know.

MARKET QUILT RAFFLE

Books of tickets available in the coffee area (near tea pots). Please collect to sell and provide your name and book number on the sheets provided!

Reminder - Mothers’ Day Raffle tickets available - drawn today!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: Peace, justice and tolerance amongst all nations.

THE CHURCH: Eglise Anglicane du Rwamda; The Diocese of Tasmania; Archdeaconry of Essendon; St Augustine’s Mentone; 18th Session of General Synod; St Agnes’ Glen Huntly. ‘Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, remembering especially today the staff and students at Theological College in Popondetta (ABM)’

THE PARISH/COMMUNITY: ‘Help me to hear your call, Good Shepherd, that I might do what you would have me do. Help me to encourage others on their journey towards the Church, whether to become priests, or members of religious communities, or as faithful lay people. May your sheep hear and heed your voice, O Lord (ABM)’

THE DEPARTED: Our own departed and those whose yearly remembrance falls at this time (Jan Constance; David Peek).

We remember with thanks: Matthias, Apostle and Martyr (Saturday).

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 10 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	Book Group in School Room
	7.00pm	Meditation in the Chapel
Wednesday, 11 th	8.00am	Meditation in the Chapel
	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
	7.30pm	Wardens’ Meeting
Thursday, 12 th	8.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Pastoral Care Meeting
Saturday, 14 th	9.00am	Working Bee

NEXT SUNDAY: 15TH MAY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

‘THE NEW COMMANDMENT’

Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelations 21:1-16

Gospel: John 13:31-35

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: The first session for this year is on **next Tuesday, 10th May at 2pm** in the School Room please read the Introduction and Chapters 1-3 of Michael McGirr’s book: ‘*Ideas to Save Your Life: Philosophy for Wisdom, Solace and Pleasure*’.

WORKING BEE: Please note there us a working bee **next Saturday, 14th May** from 9.00am. **No job too small** - any help is appreciated, even if you can only come for an hour or so!

