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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 today!!

REMINDER - 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)



REMINDER - 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!

REMINDER - THE GEELONG REFUGEES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (G-RAP)

This is a ministry of the Anglican parishes in the Geelong area. The current team is hoping to recruit more people from the parishes to join in this important work.

For further information and contact details, please see the notice in the foyer and coffee areas!

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.

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.

EASTER SUNDAY

17th April 2022

Liturgical Colour: White

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

Sentence

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayer of the Day *

Almighty God,
you have conquered death
through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant us by your grace
to set our mind on things above,
so that by your continual help
our whole life may be transformed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit in everlasting glory. Amen.



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

Service Setting: 'The Christ Church Service'

Postlude: "Deo Gratias" (Alex Guilmant)

Hymns: 8.00am: 362 & 380 10.00am: 362; 367; 392; 380

Psalm Response:



God's love en - dures for ev - - er.

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Reflection for Easter Sunday



Once again we have passed through the time of experiencing Jesus' betrayal, our grief at His death and now the joy of His resurrection. To find something fresh each year is the challenge made much harder when our hearts are not focused, but coloured by anxieties, viruses and wars, etc. We may well weep like Mary on that first Easter morn.

The angels asked Mary of Magdalene why she was weeping seems an odd question. It must have been obvious why she was weeping, especially to angels. Perhaps they knew Mary needed to articulate her painful feelings in order to deal with them.

Maybe the angels also thought she might be weeping because of the way Jesus, the man she loved, had been executed after a rigged trial. Or, perhaps, because of the shock of finding the grave empty; on top of all the other traumatic events of the previous couple of days.

But, Mary ignored all that and said she was weeping because: '*They have taken away my Lord and I don't know where they've laid him.*' She was weeping because of her assumption that the body had been stolen; an assumption which was wrong.

So many tears are often shed over assumptions, which then turn out to be entirely wrong!

Then, amazingly, Jesus appeared to Mary – changed!

His risen body was quite different from that poor, broken and lacerated body which had hung on the cross!

As a result of the encounter with the Risen Christ, Mary changed. Her tears dried and her misery disappeared. She seemed to gain a remarkable new inner-strength from her encounter with the Risen Christ.

Could our prayer in this church today be: that we be discerning in listening to assumptions made, seeking only what is good amongst them; that we allow the past to die and allow the Risen Christ to encourage and transform us.

Fr Graeme



Thank you to everyone who attended the working bees last Saturday to help with the extra cleaning of the church and grounds; and thank you, too, to those parishioners who assisted in any way in the services for Holy Week and Easter!
Fr Graeme

REMINDER - 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 are now available!



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: Peace and stability amongst troubled lands.

THE CHURCH: The Church of Pakistan (United); The Diocese of Adelaide; Anglican Development Fund; St George's Ivanhoe East; All Saints' Rosebud w. St Katherine's McCrae; Parish of Grovedale/Mt Duneed; 'Give thanks for the work and witness of all institutions dedicated to Christ's rising again, particularly the Cathedral of the Resurrection in Popondetta, PNG (ABM)'.

THE PARISH/COMMUNITY: 'Glorious Lord of Life, wherever I display bigotry towards others, help me to remember your Resurrection and to respond to it my opening heart and mind to yours (ABM).'

THE DEPARTED: Our own departed and those whose yearly remembrance falls at this time (Edward Elsom; Helen Sykes).

HOLY WEEK/EASTER

Tuesday, 19 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	Meditation in the Chapel
Wednesday, 20 th	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
Thursday, 21 st	8.00am	Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY: 24TH APRIL

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29;
Revelations 1:4-8 Gospel: John 20:19-31

Please note there will be a Baptism during the 10.00am service next Sunday!



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.