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### SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICES FOR LENT

Service times:  
8 am, 10am (Sung) and 5:15 pm  
6<sup>th</sup> March First Sunday in Lent  
Theme: *Jesus tempted*

13<sup>th</sup> March Second Sunday in Lent  
Theme: *Transfiguration*

20<sup>th</sup> March Third Sunday in Lent  
Theme: *We stand under God's judgement*  
Mention of: *Joseph husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
*Day of Remembrance on 19<sup>th</sup> March*

27<sup>th</sup> March Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Theme: *New Life - Mothering Sunday*  
Mention of: *Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
*Day of Remembrance on 25<sup>th</sup> March*

3<sup>rd</sup> April Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Theme: *Neither do I Condemn*

### MORE CHURCH SITTERS NEEDED



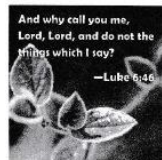
It is lovely to be able to share our beautiful church with the people of Geelong and visitors to the town, and we are glad that this is permitted again.

Some elderly parishioners have not been able to return since lockdown, and we need more volunteers to keep the church open between 12-2pm weekdays.

Why not bring a friend who is not a parishioner?  
If you can assist, please speak to Jan McGowan - 0409 176 409

We acknowledge the Wathaurong people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the lands on which Christ Church and its building now stand.

### A REFLECTION FROM FATHER GRAEME



And why call you me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

—Luke 9:46

The gospel for today includes two of my most favourite verses from the Gospels.

Jesus must've had a smile on his face when he painted the picture of a man with a large "four by two" piece of wood in his eye trying to find a speck of dust in another eye. We only have the right to criticise if we are perfect in all things. Are we that arrogant to believe that we are perfect? That is a pretty big piece of wood in one's eye.

I know that I am far from perfect, I try hard to be a man of God, but fail routinely. I remind myself; I remind you that we do not have the right to criticise negatively. To say that we would never criticise is unrealistic; to criticise, we should do so positively and confidently for the betterment and encouragement of another, and do so lovingly and caring. Our aim is not to hurt, knowing that we too have many specks in our eyes!

The second verse is, of course, you may have guessed about the man who built himself a house on the false foundation not on rock, and the waves and the wind etc blew him away.

Much can be said of this passage. My encouragement is that we should not be short-sighted, as we are all sometimes consumed with our present worries and fears. Do we realise that they are the present and will pass? It is often said, Christians are too heavenly minded to be any earthly good. My response to that is "that is a good thing", as we have to deal with the things of this earth. However, our joy and hope are to be found in the spiritual things, making us more of a "whole" person

So, in this church today, can we replace the word "criticism" with "guide" and do so lovingly and caring, seeking to build up the person. Also, we should not be weighed down by the things of this world, confident that true happiness is found in the things of the spirit and love of God; so we pray.

Fr Graeme

### Ash Wednesday Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and one another: call forth our penitence and acts of love, and strengthen us to face our mortality, so that we may look with confidence for your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen



Reminder: Gluten Free wafers are available, please tell a sides person



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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.

### EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

27<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Liturgical Colour: Green  
Holy Eucharist: 8.00am; 10.00am (Sung); 5.15pm

### Sentence

'My word shall not return to me empty,' says the Lord, 'but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

### Prayer of the Day \*

Almighty God,  
you have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts  
and freed us from bondage to sin:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your  
service, that we and all people may be brought to  
the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen



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

Service Setting: 'The Christ Church Service'  
Hymns: 10.00am: 130; 223; 446 (2); 755  
Psalm Response:



It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to give praise to your name O Most High.

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### COVID NEWS

QR CHECK-IN is NOT required to attend services  
Only fully vaccinated persons can attend refreshments/  
morning tea but QR CHECK-IN applies,  
MASKS are NOT NOW required in services  
MASKS are required to be worn, however,  
by those serving refreshments /morning tea

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: Peace amongst all nations, including Russia and the Ukraine.  
THE CHURCH: Anglican Church of Kenya; Diocese of North Queensland; Mentone Grammar School; Dinka Congregation, Casey; Holy Trinity, Kew (Confirmation); Holy Trinity, Doncaster (Confirmation); and 'the Philippine Independent Church (ABM)'  
THE PARISH/COMMUNITY: 'Lord, help me to shun hypocritical behaviour and give me the grace to fill my heart and mouth with love (ABM)'  
THE DEPARTED: Our own departed and those whose yearly remembrance falls at this time (Gavin Haywood; Bruce Scott; Thelma Evans).

Reminder: Home Fellowship Lenten Groups begin this Week!!

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March	8.30am	Morning Prayer (by phone)
	7.00pm	Meditation in the Chapel
Ash Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Holy Eucharist (Imposition of the Ashes)
	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00am	Morning Prayer (by phone)

### NEXT SUNDAY - 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91; Romans 10:4-3; Luke 4:1-15

### THE CHRONICLE

Thanks everyone for your contributions to the coming Chronicle - this is being finalised now and you should have it at services next Sunday!!!!

REMINDER - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Next Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am at St Marv's Basilica, 136-148 Yarra Street, Geelong  
This year the theme is: 'I Know the Plans I Have for You' prepared by the people of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Our Guest speaker is Father Jim Clarke. Everyone is most welcome! For further information, please contact Sue O'Donoghue on 0429 784 331



### REMINDER - MORNING TEA ROSTER

Offers of assistance would be appreciated for Morning Tea following the 10.00am service each Sunday.  
If you can assist, please speak to either Evie or Jan.  
Remember: Many hands make light work!