

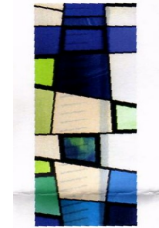
THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY

MOUNT WAVERLEY

WELCOME

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

16 August 2020



We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new

- Excerpt from United Church of Canada Creed

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, the people of the Kulin nation, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

This parish is committed to Child Safety and complies with Diocesan and State requirements. This is a shared responsibility of staff and parish. Please see the back of pew leaflet for contact details.

At Worship Today:

Loving God,
who chose the blessed virgin Mary
to be the mother of your incarnate Son:
grant that we, who are redeemed by his blood,
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

9.45 am (Sung Eucharist)

Preaching & Presiding: The Venerable Dianne Sharrock
Liturgy Setting: John Ross
Processional: 'Mary, Mother of our Lord' Tune 369
Sentence: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son
born of woman, so that we might receive adoption
as God's children.
First Reading: Isaiah 61.10- 62.3
Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel: Luke 2.1- 7
Offertory: 'Be still, for the presence of the Lord'
Communion Meditation: "Ave Maria" - Sergei Rachmaninoff
Recessional Hymn: TIS 161 'Tell Out My Soul'

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First Reading: Isaiah 61.10—62.3

10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. 1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. 2 The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. 3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.1– 7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be registered. 4 Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. 5 He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



'Watch, O Lord, with those who wake,
or watch, or weep tonight,
And give Your angels and saints charge
over those who sleep.
Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.
Rest Your weary ones.
Bless Your dying ones.
Soothe Your suffering ones.
Pity Your afflicted ones.
Shield Your joyous ones,
And all for Your love's sake.
Amen.'

St Augustine

From Your Vicar

Today we are celebrating the Feast of Mary, Mother of Our Lord. That is the official title from our Anglican Lectionary. According to the Roman Catholic Church and Eastern Christian teachings, at the end of Mary's earthly life God raised her body directly to heaven, this is known in the Christian West as the Assumption, which is the alternative name for this Sunday. The Eastern and Oriental Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Anglican and Lutheran churches believe that Mary, as the Mother of Jesus, is the Theotokos (Mother of God or God-bearer). There is significant diversity in the Marian beliefs and devotional practices of major Christian traditions. The Roman Catholic church holds distinctive Marian dogmas about the status of Mary; her immaculate conception, her perpetual virginity and her Assumption into heaven. Amongst the protestant churches there is still a great deal of difference in devotional practices of Mary, we still honour Mary as Theotokos, and we have 5 celebrations of Mary in our lectionary. The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, the Annunciation of Mary and the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth and the general one today are all biblically based stories that we use as the basis of the celebrations. Mary is to be honoured as the 1st disciple, and the image of prayer and the mother of our Lord. I might also mention that in the Quran, Mary holds a singularly exalted place within Islam considered the greatest woman in the history of human-kind – Mary, in Islam, is also called 'Our Lady'. Blessed be the mother of our Lord.

Pax (peace)

Dianne

New Restrictions

Archbishop's Covid-19 update:

From 11.59pm Wednesday, August 5, all church premises are to be closed. This includes op shops and staff offices. Apart from live-streaming services and funerals, nobody is allowed to be in churches, op shops or on church premises. Clergy and staff who normally work from the church building must relocate to their homes. This prohibition also applies to accessing church buildings for any reason, including printing, office supplies, financial reporting, personal prayer and bellringing.

This means that we will no longer be able to supply printed pew sheets to those with no internet access. This will be the case until further notice.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Mary, Mother of our Lord'

Tune TIS 369

1. Mary, mother of our Lord,
Alleluia!
bore the true and living Word.
Alleluia!
May we, too, consent today
and, with her, our God obey.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Mary, listening, took her part,
Alleluia!
treasured all things in her heart;
Alleluia!
so, with Mary, may we find
Jesus' wisdom, strong and kind.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Mary knew the Spirit's power
Alleluia!
in the Church as wind and fire;
Alleluia!
may our Church be open still
to the Spirit's gracious will.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

words: Elizabeth J. Smith.

OFFERTORY HYMN

'Be still, for the presence of the Lord'

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here;
come bow before Him now
with reverence and fear:
in Him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
the holy One is here.

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire;
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight?
Our radiant King of Light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him,
in faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

David Evans

RECESSIONAL HYMN

'Tell Out My Soul' TIS 161

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God by Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm
has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name – the Lord, the Mighty One.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to
flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley Smith

ALMS BASKETS

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions we can no longer collect your donations for the Asylum Seekers and Waverley Monash CIS.

We ask you to consider making a financial donation to assist these two local agencies to continue their good work.

Asylum Seekers Centre is a not-for-profit inter-denominational Christian organisation assisting asylum seekers, refugees and international students

Online Donations to BSB 083 266 (NAB) Account number 57934 1647 Send an email to David Spitteler with your details for a tax deductible receipt through the Diocese of Melbourne.

Cheques can be posted to ASC C/o David Spitteler, PO Box 258, Glen Waverley 3150

Monash Waverley Community Information and Support offers emergency relief services to people in need in the Monash area.

Online Donations to BSB 633 000 Account number 147629034

Cheques can be posted to PO Box 2038, Mount Waverley 3149

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FIGHT FOR PLANET A: OUR CLIMATE CHALLENGE

Premiering on ABC TV and iView

This three-part documentary aims to empower and motivate us to take action on Climate Change. It will also help us to understand where our energy comes from, how transport and travel emissions affect our health, and just what is the carbon footprint of the things we eat.

Tuesday 18 August & Tuesday 25 August ABC at 8.30pm.

Thank You!

Phoebe & Alf would like to thank you for all your prayers, phone calls, and kind thoughts during the time before and after Phoebe's Operation and Recovery.

Phoebe is progressing well. Thanks again.

MEDITATION PODCAST

Michael Mosley's Meditation Podcast is now available on the Meditation Page of the Parish Website. <https://www.stephenandmary.org.au>

Click on " Groups and Events" ; then " Meditation Groups".
The audio link is at bottom of " Evening Meditation Groups".



Roster for August

23 August – Bartholomew, Apostle and Martyr

Deuteronomy 18: 15 – 18 Ron Ritchie
John 1: 45 – 51

Intercessor Sue Retschko

30 August – Refugee and Migrant Sunday

Exodus 3: 1 – 15 Jenny Bowers
Matthew 16: 21 – 28

Intercessor Christine Mallouhi

Afternoon Meditation Gathering

On the 1st Wednesday of each month is still being offered during the Coronavirus in our own homes. We keep the same time in our own homes from 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm.

If you are Interested in joining with other parishioners please contact Val and the meditation we will reflect on together will be sent to you. **Our next gathering is Wednesday 2nd September.**

Evening Meditation Gatherings

On the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month meditation sessions are offered, via Zoom, in the Contemplative Traditions of Christian Meditation. The sessions start at 7.30pm but you can enter into the gathering after 7.15pm. Interested parishioners can contact Michael Mosley for more information. The next session will be on **Thursday 27th August** then on **Thursday 10th September.**

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(Day off - Monday)

The Venerable Dianne Sharrock

Assistant Curate

(Tues, Wed & Thurs mornings, Fri, Sun)

The Revd Greg Wong

Children's and Families' Minister

(Tues 10.00 am - 3.00 pm, Wed 9.30 am - 2.30 pm, Sun 10.30 am - 12.30 pm)

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SERVICE: Sunday 9.45 am