



## Seventh Sunday of Easter

16 May 2021

God, you are the vinedresser who cares for us  
with love.

You call on us to see the beauty of each branch  
united to the vine, the beauty of each person.

And yet, too often the differences, the pains and  
struggle in others make us afraid.

We withdraw into ourselves.

Our trust in you is forsaken.

Come and direct our hearts toward you once  
again.

Grant us to live from your forgiveness so that  
we may be together and praise your name.  
Amen.

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### 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:

8.00 am

Preaching & Presiding: Ven Dianne

Hymn: TIS 745 'Seek Ye First'

10.00 am

Almighty God,  
your blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things:  
mercifully give us faith to trust  
that, as he promised,  
he abides with us on earth until the end of time;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Sanctuary bell will be rung 5 minutes before the service begins to observe a time of quiet.

Presiding:

Revd Greg

Preaching:

Ven Dianne

Cantor:

Reis Flora

Liturgy Setting:

Curtis Stephan

Processional:

**TIS 183 'Sing of the Lord's Goodness'**

Sentence:

**Jesus prayed, 'Holy Father, protect them in your  
name that you have given me, so that they may be  
one, as we are one.'**

First Reading:

1 John 5: 9-13

Psalm Response:



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Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel:

John 17.6-19

Offertory:

**TIS 745 'Seek Ye First'**

Recessional Hymn:

**TIS 473 'Community of Christ'**

People of all Christian churches, who are communicants of their own church, are invited to share Holy Communion with us

First Reading: 1 John 5: 9-13

9 If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. 10 Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

### Three things from Parish Council

- Palm Sunday and Easter Services well attended and all went well. Thank you to all who participated.
- Seminar on The Book of Ester July 14, 21, 28 Bishop Paul. Parishioners will receive further information in the future.
- We will have Confirmations, Baptisms and reception on 21 November (Christ the King). Bishop Paul to preside.

**“He hath made a remembrance of his**  
wonderful works, being a merciful and  
gracious Lord:

**He hath given food to them that fear Him”.**

— Dunstan, archbishop of Canterbury (d.988)

mainly music continues to  
engage with young families.  
You are always welcome to  
come along and see what we  
do on Wednesdays 10.30am -  
12 noon, Old Church, during school term.



Gospel Reading: John 17.6-19

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 6 ‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15 I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 16 They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

*‘what if’ = fear*

*‘even if’ = faith*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN  
'Sing of the Lord's Goodness'

1. Sing of the Lord's goodness,

Father of all wisdom,  
come to him and bless his name.  
Mercy he has shown us,  
his love is forever,  
faithful to the end of days.

*Come then, all you nations,  
**sing of your Lord's goodness,**  
melodies of praise and thanks to God.  
**Ring out the Lord's glory,**  
praise him with your music,  
worship him and bless his name.*

2. Power he has wielded,  
honour is his garment,  
risen from the snares of death.

His word he has spoken,  
one bread he has broken,  
new life he now gives to all.

*Come then, all you nations...*

3. Courage in our darkness,  
comfort in our sorrow,  
Spirit of our God most high;  
solace for the weary,  
pardon for the sinner,  
splendour of the living God.

*Come then, all you nations...*

4. Praise him with your singing,  
praise him with the trumpet,  
praise God with the lute and harp,  
praise him with the cymbals,  
praise him with your dancing,  
praise God till the end of days.

*Come then, all you nations....*

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OFFERTORY HYMN  
'Seek Ye First'

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,

and all these things  
shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
seek and you shall find,  
knock and it shall  
be opened unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

**Alleluia ....**

3. We shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds  
from the mouth of the Lord.

Allelu, alleluia.

**Alleluia ...**

Karen Lafferty 1948 -

RECESSIONAL HYMN  
'Community of Christ'

1. Community of Christ,  
who make the Cross your own,  
live out your creed and risk your life  
for God alone:  
the God who wears your face,  
to whom all worlds belong,  
whose children are of every race  
and every song.

2. Community of Christ,  
**look past the Church's door**  
and see the refugee, the hungry,  
and the poor.  
Take hands with the oppressed,  
the jobless in your street,  
take towel and water, that you wash  
**your neighbour's feet.**

3. Community of Christ,  
through whom the word must sound -  
cry out for justice and for peace  
the whole world round:

disarm the powers that war  
and all that can destroy,  
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish  
into joy.

4. When menace melts away,  
**so shall God's will be done,**  
the climate of the world be peace  
and Christ its Sun;

our currency be love  
and kindness our law,  
our food and faith be shared as one  
for evermore.

Shirley Erena Murray  
1931 -

### MOTHERS UNION NEWS

At our next meeting on Monday May 17<sup>th</sup> in the parish Centre from 1-30pm. we will be hearing about *St. Kilda Mums*,

an organisation which helps new mothers and families in difficult circumstances by providing material aid and support.

Our June meeting on Monday June 28<sup>th</sup> 12 noon will be our birthday celebration with a casserole lunch and an impressive speaker.

*Dr. Gwenda Davey*, early childhood educator, folklorist, refugee activist and author will be speaking about her research

on the history of Childhood in Australia. We will meet at 12 noon for lunch, followed by our **speaker**. **As this is our fundraising event for MU's PNG Positive Parenting Project**, guests will be asked to donate \$20 to this project.

Please join us if you are able to.

More information from Branch president Irene Donohoue Clyne

### WINTER WOOLIES APPEAL

During the month of May the Social Justice Committee are seeking donations of winter woolies for distribution to the homeless through St Mark's Fitzroy and to the Asylum Seekers at Dandenong.

Donations can be left in the Narthex or in the foyer by the orange door.

Items can be new or good quality, clean second-hand goods.

Suggested items: Blankets, Sleeping Bags, Coats, Jumpers, Track Pants,  
Beanies, Scarves, Gloves, New Underwear or socks



### Upcoming dates for your diary:

- Pentecost Sunday on 23rd May – joint service at 9.30am including First Communion for 6 children.
- Ecumenical Service on 30th May (10am).
- NAIDOC week 4th – 11th July.
- **Bible Study 'Book of Esther' with Bp Paul Barker on 14th, 21st and 28th July to be** livestreamed to here. We will have pizzas at 6.30pm with a short worship time and then watch Bp Paul.
- Patronal Festival of St Mary on 12th September (joint service at 9.30am).
- Church Fete on 23rd October.
- Christ the King on 21st November with Baptism, Confirmation and Reception with Bp Paul (joint service at 9.30am).
- Annual Meeting on 28th November (joint service at 9.30am).

### GLENN LOUGHREY - LOVE LETTERS TO COUNTRY

1st June - 31st August @ Hearth Galleries 208 Maroondah Hwy, Healesville

**Exhibition launch will also include the launch of Glenn's book "On being Blackfella's Young Fella" (Coventry Press) on Saturday 5th of June at 2pm.**

### MISSION BOX COLLECTION

Last chance for mission box changeover today (16th May 2021).

### HOPPER NIGHT

The Hopper Night made \$1,300.

Thank you to all the organisers and attendees.

### Afternoon Meditation Gatherings

1st Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm in the Chapel, based on Ignatian Spirituality. A Sacred Space where you can find rest and stillness, listen and centre yourself. Spiritual food is offered to aid reflection and meditation. Contact Val Dyke. Next session will be on 12th May 2021.

### The Thursday Evening Meditation Group

We continue to meet on Zoom on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of the month at 7.30pm. Our next session will be on May 13 at 7.30pm. Zoom links are emailed to members prior to the sessions or enquiries can be directed to Michael Mosley. The session following May 13 will be May 27 at 7.30pm.

# Dates to put in your diary ...

## Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter

- May 16, 2021

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am Eucharist with Kids Church

Monday 17

4.00 - 8.45 pm Karen Margaret Dance

Tuesday 18

8.00 - 9.30 pm Amnesty Intl (meeting room)

Wednesday 19

10.30 am-12.00 pm mainly music (Old Church)

Thursday 20

10.00 am Thursday Eucharist  
4.00 - 5.00 pm First Communion Class  
(Old Church)

7.30 pm Choir practice (Church)

Friday 21

Saturday 22

3.00 - 10.00 pm Chinese Church

Sunday 23 Pentecost

9.30 am Eucharist with First  
Communion  
3.00 - 8.00 pm TCCV service

## Next week: Day of Pentecost

- May 23, 2021

9.30 am

Welcomers Jen Gracie  
David Sharrock

Reader Irene Donohoue Clyne  
John Leaver

Acts 2: 1 -21  
Romans 8: 22-27  
John 15:26-27, 16:4b - 15

Intercessor Prayers in Language

## Covid Cleaning Roster

Sunday 16th May

8.00am John Foster  
Mo Smethurst  
10.00am Sugan Blanchard  
Arunthy Blanchard

Thursday 20th May

10.00am John Foster

Sunday 23rd May

8.00am Doug Hastings  
Ruth Hastings  
10.00am Graeme Dellora  
Maggie Dellora

Tamil Christian Church services

2nd and 4th Sunday from 3pm

Joyriver Chinese Church

Saturdays from 3pm



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## **Priest**

(Day off - Monday)

The Venerable Dianne Sharrock

## **Assistant Curate**

(Day off - Monday)

The Revd Greg Wong

## **Children's and Families' Minister**

Lisa Eames

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

## **Child Safety Compliance Officer**

Elaine Fasken

## **Covid19 Compliance Officer**

Sugan Blanchard

## **Music Director**

Brian Copple

## **Treasurer**

Helen Warren

## **Office Manager**

Katherine Rushby

## **Churchwardens:**

Graeme Dellora

John Foster

Sue Retschko

## **Parish Council:**

Sugan Blanchard, David Bruce, Margaret Crawford, Rowena Ferguson, Judith Gibson, Jennifer Gracie, Nathan Kelly, Sherredan Maher, Helen Warren, Joan West

## **Pastoral Care Ministry:**

*Hospital Visiting:*

Clergy

*Funeral Ministry:*

The Vicar

*Contemporary Eucharist Contact:*

Rowena Ferguson

**Spiritual Directors:** Cath Connelly

Val Dyke

**Prayer Chain contact**

Margaret Syfret

**SERVICES: Sunday 8.00 & 10.00 am  
Thursday 10.00 am**