



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

5 February 2023

Welcome Revd Candice Mitrousis

God Says Yes To Me

I asked God if it was okay to be melodramatic
and she said yes

I asked her if it was okay to be short
and she said it sure is

I asked her if I could wear nail polish
or not wear nail polish
and she said honey

she calls me that sometimes
she said you can do just exactly
what you want to.

Thanks God I said.

And is it even okay if I don't paragraph
my letters?

Sweetcakes God said
who knows where she picked that up
what I'm telling you is
Yes Yes Yes

Kaylin Haught

In our Parish all are welcome, all are accepted, all are valued and all are respected.

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.

Lenten Studies

This year we offer a Bible study written by Bishop Bill Ray (QLD). We have done other studies **before using Bishop Ray's resources. The title of the book is *Lord I'm Serious about Lent*** and the cost is \$12.00.

In the introduction to the study, he writes:

“The Lenten gospels of Year A are the classic Catechumenal readings, traditionally associated with the days before baptism.

In the early Church, people seeking baptism at Easter were known as catechumens. The catechumens attended the early part of the worship (Ministry of the Word) and then withdrew from worship. In the time of withdrawal the catechumens participated in an intense time of instruction based on the Gospel reading for that day. Catechumens were seeking new life in Christ. Likewise, Christians use the season of Lent as a time to renew their life in Christ.

In many Christian Churches on Easter Day, worshippers are invited to renew their baptismal promises. It is important that we also spend time during Lent focusing on the baptismal promises so that when we come to renew our baptismal promises, we do so with a deeper understanding and conviction. In this study there is a section in the group time each week to explore one of the baptismal promises and/or questions.

The study enables group members to hear where other people are coming from in their faith journey. We are all different and may our differences enrich not only our group life, but encourage us to reflect in ways that we may not have thought of before, as we continue to move through the six weeks of Lent.

The journey of faith is an adventure. It is important that Christians take the disciplines of Lent **seriously.”**

So, join us in this journey through Lent as we learn from God and each other.

We will be offering Bible studies at three separate times each week during Lent, on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm (on zoom), Wednesdays at 1.30 pm and on Fridays at 10 am.

These will commence on Tuesday 21st February, Wednesday 22nd February (Ash Wednesday) and Friday 24th February and run for the 6 weeks of Lent. Sign-up sheet on notice board.

FIVE LEAF ECO TIP

Waste not, want not

Always cut your toothpaste and sunscreen tubes and shampoo bottles in half before you throw them out. You will find there are several days supplies left in the tube/bottle



Social Justice Committee.

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday February 5, 2023

- Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

11.30 am - 3.30 pm Cedar Church

6.00 - 8.00 pm Young Adults

Monday 6

4.00 - 8.45 pm Karen Margaret Dance

Tuesday 7

11.30 am Interment of Ashes

Wednesday 8

Thursday 9

10.00 am Eucharist

4.00 - 5.00 pm Junior Youth (Old Church)

7.30 pm Choir

7.30 pm Meditation (zoom)

Friday 10

Saturday 11

9.00 am The Net

Sunday 12

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

11.30 am - 3.30 pm Cedar Church

3.00 - 8.00 pm TCCV

Next Sunday - Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

- February 12, 2023

8.30 am Holy Communion

Welcomers Darrell Lieversz

Shanti Lieversz

Reader Adam Thevapalan

Server Brett Gaffney

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Welcomers Sujan Blanchard

Arunthy Blanchard

Readers Lyn Ryan

Dennis Mills

Intercessor Val Dyke

Next Sunday's Readings:

Deuteronomy 10.12 - 22

Ps 119.1 - 8

1 Corinthians 3.1 - 9

Matthew 5.21 - 37

Junior Youth Group

Our next Junior Youth group is on
Thursday 9th February @ 4.00 pm.
Suitable for ages 10 -13yrs.

Young Adults Group

Young Adults Group will be held on
Sunday 5th February at 6pm.
Suitable for those over 18 yrs.

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 Thursday February 9 2023 followed by Thursday, February 23. Zoom links are emailed to members prior to the sessions. Enquiries can be directed to Michael Mosley.

The Net

The Net will gather for our men's breakfast at 9am this coming Saturday, February 11 at Café 57, 57 Centreway, Pinewood Shopping Centre, Mount Waverley. All men of the parish are welcome. Contact Michael Mosley if you would like further details.

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Priest (Day off - Monday)	The Venerable Dianne Sharrock
Assistant Curate (Days off - Monday & Saturday)	The Revd Andrea Nagy
Children's and Families' Minister (Tues 10.00am - 12.00pm, Sun 9.30am - 11.30pm)	Lisa Eames
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Child Safety Officer	Lisa Eames/Elaine Fasken
Covid19 Compliance Officer	Sugan Blanchard
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<i>Hospital Visiting:</i>	Clergy
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Spiritual Directors:	Cath Connelly Val Dyke
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SERVICES:	Sunday 8.30 & 10.00 am Thursday 10.00 am