



Fifth Sunday of Easter

7 May 2023

God who listens,
open our hearts to hear the gentle invitation
of those without a voice;
placeless and dispossessed of all that was theirs,
instead of anger, revenge or blame,
they offer in their open hand absurd generosity,
an act of transformational forgiveness
from the centre of their being to ours:
May we sense the integrity of country speaking to country,
body to body;
and find within ourselves the humility to accept
and journey together,
to become our nation's better future,
resolving our colonial memory, Australia's original sin.
As Jesus gave his body for ours,
help us to receive and pass on this gift of new life,
for his name's sake. **Amen.**

(Rev. Canon Glenn Loughrey 2023)

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

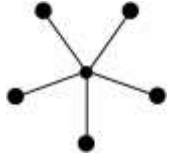
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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.

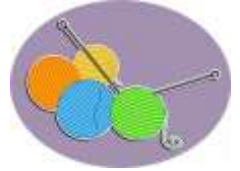
THE NET

The Net will gather for our men's breakfast at 9am this coming Saturday, May 13 at Café 57, 57 Centreway, Pinewood Shopping Centre, Mount Waverley. All men of the parish are welcome. You can contact Michael Mosley if you would like further information.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting will be at 11 am on Tuesday 9th May. All knitters are warmly invited to attend.



Young Adults Group

Young Adults Group will be held on
Sunday 7th May at 5pm.
Suitable for those over 18 yrs.

Junior Youth Group

Our next Junior Youth Group is on
Thursday 11th May @ 4.00 pm.

2023 WINE FUNDRAISER

St Stephen and St Mary Mt Waverley have joined with Prospect Wines to offer a selection of 6 excellent wines to help raise funds for our projects.

Order Forms available in the Parish Centre.

Orders close 28th May. Any queries to Howard Brown:



WINTER WOOLLIES COLLECTION

The Social Justice Committee is running a collection of winter woollies for people in need during May.

Goods to be collected include:

- Blankets and sleeping bags
- Knitted goods including hats, scarves, gloves, mittens
- **Jumpers, jackets, coats, tracksuits (both men's and women's)**
- Woollen socks – we suggest Explorer socks.

Please place goods in the Narthex.

Thank You.

Dates to put in your diary ...

Sunday May 7, 2023

- Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.30 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist w. baptism
11.30 am - 4.00 pm Cedar Church
4.30 - 7.00 pm Young Adults

Monday 8

4.00 - 8.45 pm Karen Margaret Dance

Tuesday 9

11.00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday 10

Thursday 11

10.00 am Eucharist
2.00 pm Ladies Guild (meeting room)
4.00 pm Junior Youth (Old Church)
7.30 pm Choir
7.30 pm Meditation (zoom)

Friday 12

Saturday 13

7.00 am - 12.00 pm KCV

Sunday 14

8.30 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
11.30 am - 3.30 pm Cedar Church
3.30 - 8.00 am Tamil Church

Next Sunday - Sixth Sunday of Easter

- May 14, 2023

8.30 am Holy Communion

Server Joanne Burns

Welcomers Adam Thevapalan
Nirmal Thevapalan

Reader Adam Thevapalan

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Welcomers Sugan Blanchard
Arunthy Blanchard

Readers Irene Donohoue Clyne
Dennis Mills

Intercessions Graeme Dellora

Morning Tea Annemarie Davies
Elaine Fasken

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 17.22-31

Ps 66.7-19

1 Peter 3.8-22

John 14.15-21

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 May 11 2023 followed by Thursday, May 25. Zoom links are emailed to members prior to the sessions. Enquiries can be directed to Michael Mosley.

Afternoon Meditation Gatherings

1st Wednesday of the month (usually) at 2.00pm 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 7th June 2023 at 2pm.

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Priest (Day off - Monday)	The Venerable Dianne Sharrock
Assistant Curate (Days off - Monday & Saturday)	The Revd Andrea Nagy
Assistant Curate (Sundays only)	The Revd Candice Mitrousis
Children's and Families' Minister (Tues 10.00am - 12.00pm, Sun 9.30am - 11.30pm)	Lisa Eames
Safe Ministry Compliance Officer	Elaine Fasken
Child Safety Officer	Lisa Eames/Elaine Fasken
Covid19 Compliance Officer	Sugan Blanchard
Music Director	Brian Copple
Treasurer	Helen Warren
Office Administrator	Katherine Rushby
Churchwardens:	Sugan Blanchard Graeme Dellora Sue Retschko
Parish Council:	Sugan Blanchard, Graeme Dellora, Judith Gibson, Sally Hibbert, John Leaver, Sue Retschko, Fiona Sawyer, Helen Warren, Joan West
Pastoral Care Ministry:	
<i>Hospital Visiting:</i>	Clergy
<i>Funeral Ministry:</i>	The Vicar
Spiritual Directors:	Cath Connelly Val Dyke
Prayer Chain contact	Margaret Syfret
SERVICES:	Sunday 8.30 & 10.00 am Thursday 10.00 am