

As a Christian community, meeting together to worship God, we affirm our commitment to ensuring the safety of each child who interacts with our community.

Our statement of commitment for Child Safety is available on our website or in the Narthex of each Parish Centre.

Mission Statement: *To live as disciples of Christ Embracing his teaching of love and service to all.*

Vision Statement: *To be known as God's people of prayer, to be welcoming of all our sisters and brothers by being inclusive and sensitive to diversity, open to change and growing as a community by the love and grace of Christ.*

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Please consider the continuation of your Stewardship giving
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DIARY THIS WEEK

No Wednesday or Sunday Services or face to face meetings / activities this week.

Wednesday 29th. July
Mary and Martha of Bethany

Thursday 30th. July
William Wilberforce, social reformer (d.1883)

Friday 31st. July
Joseph of Arimathea
Ignatius of Loyola, priest and founder of the Society of Jesus (d.1556)

Saturday 1st. August
Holy men and women of the Old Testament

Sunday 2nd. August
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

**Life changes so quickly.
We can be happy one day, empty and broken the next.
If we learn anything from this pandemic,
I hope it is to value the moments,
treasure the memories and hold onto what counts.
Make time each day to realize how fleeting life is
and to thank God for each blessing.
Maybe this pandemic will teach us to slow down,
appreciate what we have and how quickly it can be gone.
My prayer is that it will be.
Life is a gift.
Amen.**

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WELCOME

*During this time of online services,
Please feel free to follow along if you have a prayer book at home.
The service begins on page 119 of A Prayer Book for Australia*



**EIGHTH SUNDAY
after
PENTECOST**

**26th. July
2020**

Now that we are in lockdown again, please continue to stay safe, observe the restrictions which have been imposed for Greater Melbourne area. When out at allowed places, please observe Social Distancing, wash your hands frequently, or use hand sanitizer, and remember to look out for the health and wellbeing of yourself and others.

Acknowledgement of Land

(An act towards reconciliation by the Parish of Glenroy/ Hadfield / Merlynston)

For thousands of years indigenous people have walked in this land. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives. We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, for their stewardship throughout the ages.

Sentence: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8. 38-39;

Collect : O God, the fount of wisdom, you have revealed to us in Christ, the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price: grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment, that, in the midst of the things of this world, we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom, and be ready to renounce all else, for the sake of the precious gift you offer. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings

Genesis 29. 15-28;

Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country – giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Psalms 105.1-11,

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
tell among the peoples what things he has done.
- 2 Sing to him, O sing praises;
and be telling of all his marvellous works.
- 3 Exult in his holy name;
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.
- 4 Seek the Lord and his strength;
O seek his face continually.
- 5 Call to mind what wonders he has done;
his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth.
- 6 O seed of Abraham his servant;
O children of Jacob his chosen one.
- 7 For he is the Lord our God;
and his judgements are in all the earth.
- 8 He has remembered his covenant for ever;
the word that he ordained for a thousand generations:
- 9 The covenant that he made with Abraham;
the oath that he swore to Isaac.
- 10 And confirmed it to Jacob as a statute;
to Israel as an everlasting covenant.
- 11 Saying, 'I will give you the land of Canaan;
to be the portion of your inheritance.'

Romans 8. 26-39;

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 13. 44-58;

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this? They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.' When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place. He came to his hometown and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?" and they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house." and he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

