## CHILD SAFETY

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 od 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

Although the Church building is not open for services or prayer, due to Government restrictions to curb the spread of the Corona Virus,

WE ARE THE CHURCH - OUR HEARTS ARE OPEN TO GOD AND EACH OTHER

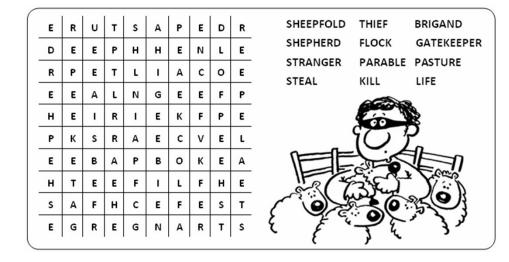
please consider the continuation of your Stewardship giving by Direct Debit - BSB 703122 Indue Ltd. Account 05004414

#### DIARY THIS WEEK

PLEASE NOTE - the PARISH WEBSITE www.matthewlinus.com HAS BEEN DELETED and CHANGED BACK TO -

## www.matthewlinus.org.au

Friday 8th. May Julian of Nowich, holy woman and mystic (d.1417)



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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



Fourth Sunday of Easter

> 3rd. May 2020

#### 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: 'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' John 10.11

**Collect:** God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep: send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

#### Readings

#### Acts 2. 42-47;

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

#### Psalm 23;

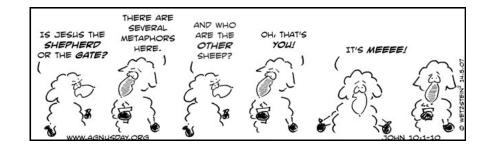
- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;
- therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He will make me lie down in green pastures; and lead me beside still waters.
- 3 He will refresh my soul;
  - and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

#### 1 Peter 2. 1-10;

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

#### GOSPEL John 10.1–10;

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'



# THE NEWSTAND 23rd. - 29th. APRIL

The May edition of TMA (The Melbourne Anglican) is available in various formats for reading online or printing at - tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/this-months-tma

The Prayer Diary has not been included within the pages of TMA this month, but can be

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- Significant Federal Court win for Biloela Tamil family
- Anzac message from the Bishop to the ADF
- The Christian origins and symbolism of Anzac Day
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