

## 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 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

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

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## DIARY THIS WEEK

Tuesday 21st. April  
*Anselm, archbishop of Canterbury, teacher (d.1109)*

Thursday 23rd. April  
*George, martyr (d.303)*

Saturday 25th. April **ANZAC DAY**  
**MARK, EVANGELIST AND MARTYR**



## MISSION NEWS

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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*



**Second Sunday  
of  
Easter**

**19th. March  
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:** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1. 3;

**Collect:** Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe, and the hope of those who doubt: may we, who have not seen, have faith, and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Readings

#### Acts 2. 14a, 22–32;

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

#### Psalm 16;

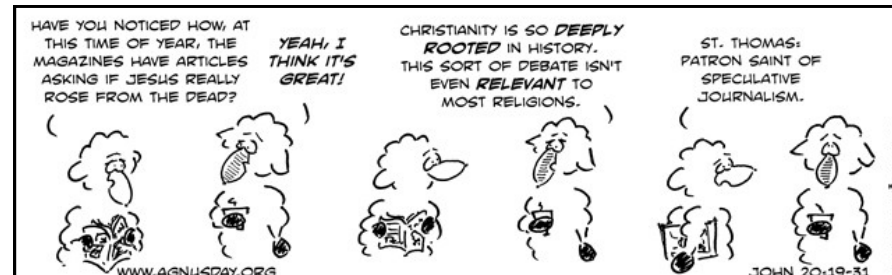
- 1 Preserve me, O God,  
**for in you have I taken refuge;**
- 2 I have said to the Lord, You are my Lord;  
**and all my good depends on you.**
- 3 As for those who are held holy on the earth;  
**the other gods in whom people delight,**
- 4 Though the idols are many that they run after;  
**their offerings of blood I will not offer,  
Nor take their name upon my lips.**
- 5 The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup;  
**you hold my lot in your hands.**
- 6 The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places;  
**and a fair land is my possession.**
- 7 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel;  
**at night also he has instructed my heart**
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me;  
**he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.**
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;  
**my flesh also shall rest secure.**
- 10 For you will not give me over to the power of death;  
**nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.**
- 11 You will show me the path of life;  
**in your presence is fullness of joy,  
and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.**

#### 1 Peter 1. 3–9;

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

#### GOSPEL John 20. 19–31;

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



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