

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

please consider the continuation of your Stewardship giving
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DIARY THIS WEEK

Tuesday 19th. May
Dunstan, archbishop of Canterbury (d.988)

Thursday 21st. May
ASCENSION DAY

MISSION NEWS

ACT FOR PEACE

The National Council of Churches in Australia

During this time while many of us are staying home and doing our best to keep our communities safe, the Act for Peace team are praying for the safety and well-being of all people. Currently, the Act for Peace office, like many others, is closed and staff are working from home, to help reduce the spread of infection.

During this time, the needs of Act for Peace partners overseas is growing by the day. Right now, Act for Peace is working with local partners on the ground to prepare for and respond to the threats posed by COVID-19; the greatest humanitarian crisis in recent memory.

- in India and Gaza refugee communities are receiving health information and instructions to identify symptoms and reduce transmission.
- In Zimbabwe, Act for Peace partner is using church networks to share facts on the virus as well as distributing soap and clean water.
- In Pakistan, Act for Peace partner is assisting medical teams with essential training.

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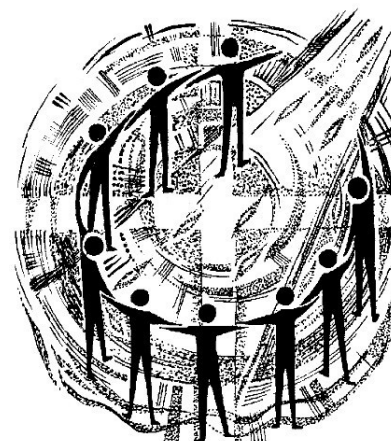
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WELCOME

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*



**Sixth Sunday
of
Easter**

**17th. 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: 'Those who love me will keep my word,' Jesus promises, 'and my Father will love them, and will come to them and make our home with them.'

Collect: O God, you have prepared for those who love you, joys beyond our understanding: pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Acts 17. 22–31;

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Psalms 66. 7–19;

- 7 O bless our God, you peoples;
and cause his praise to resound.
- 8 Who has held our souls in life,
who has not suffered our feet to slip.
- 9 For you have proved us, O God;
you have tried us as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the net;
you laid sharp torment on our loins.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads, we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.
- 12 I will come into your house with burnt-offerings ;
and will pay you my vows,
- 13 The vows that opened my lips;
that my mouth uttered when I was in trouble.
- 14 I will offer you burnt-offerings of fattened beasts; with the sweet smoke of rams;
I will sacrifice a bull and the flesh of goats.
- 15 Come then and hear, all you that fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.
- 16 I called to him with my mouth;
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 17 If I had cherished wickedness in my heart,;
the Lord would not have heard me.
- 18 But God has heard me;
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.
- 19 Praise be to God;
who has not turned back my prayer, or his steadfast love from me.

1 Peter 3. 8-22;

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. For 'Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.' Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

GOSPEL John 14. 15–21;

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'



ASCENSION DAY - Thursday 21st. May 2020

Readings

Sentence: 'Go and make disciples of all nations,' Jesus commands; 'I am with you always, to the close of the age.'
Matthew 28. 19-20;

Collect: Eternal God, by raising Jesus from the dead, you proclaimed his victory, and by his ascension, you declared him Lord of all; lift up our hearts to heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Acts 1. 1-11;

Psalms 47;

Ephesians 1. 15-23;

Matthew 28. 16-20;