
ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

EAST BURWOOD



5th February 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”

Welcome to Church

We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today. Please take Communion, whatever your denomination, and come to worship with us again. If you are visiting, please make yourself known to Fr. Anthony or to one of our welcomers following the service and do stay for a cuppa and chat!

Sentence for Today

‘Is not this the fast that I choose,’ says the Lord: ‘to loose the bonds of injustice, and to let the oppressed go free?’ Isaiah 58.6.



For those who have children with them, there is a children’s corner in the church for the little ones. During school term, children who are pre-school age and above can attend ‘Godzone’ - Special Children’s Activities - shortly after we begin the 9.30am service.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Before each service we enter a time of silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Entrance hymn: TiS 349 *“In the cross of Christ I glory”*

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake us,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake us.
from it shines our peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

John Bowring 1792-1872 alt.

Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome

Prayer of Preparation:

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Two Great Commandments:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Kyries: Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy.

The Gloria:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day:

Faithful God,
you have appointed us your witnesses,
to be a light that shines in the world:
let us not hide the bright hope you have given us,
but tell everyone your love,
revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We give praise to God:

**We thank you, Lord,
for keeping us under the shadow of your mercy,
for sustaining and supporting the anxious and fearful,
for lifting up all who are brought low.
May we always rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us
from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

Godzone blessing

The ministry of the Word:

The first reading: Isaiah 58.1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practised righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.
'Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord ?
Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112

O praise the Lord. Blessed are they fear the Lord:
and greatly delight in his commandments.

Their children shall be mighty in the land:
an upright race who will be blessed.
Riches and plenty shall be in their house:
and their righteousness shall stand for ever.
Light arises in darkness for the upright:
gracious and merciful are the righteous.
It goes well with those who act generously and lend:
who guide their affairs with justice.
Surely they shall never be moved:
the righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.
They will not fear bad tidings:
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
Their hearts are confident and will not fear:
they will see the downfall of their enemies.
They give freely to the poor:
**their righteousness stands for ever,
their head is uplifted in glory.**
The wicked shall see it and be angry:
**they shall gnash their teeth and consume away;
and the hope of the wicked shall fail.**

The second reading: 1 Corinthians 2.1-13

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom.

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.

My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish.

But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But, as it is written,

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him' —

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: TiS 619 *“Have faith in God, my heart”*

**Have faith in God, my heart,
trust and be unafraid;
God will fulfil in every part
each promise he has made.**

**Have faith in God, my mind,
though oft thy light burns low;
God's mercy holds a wiser plan
than you can fully know.**

**Have faith in God, my soul,
his cross for ever stands;
and neither life nor death can pluck
his children from his hands.**

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew, chapter 5 beginning at verse 13

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Lord Jesus, make me whole;
grant me no resting place,
until I rest, heart, mind and soul,
the captive of thy grace.**

Bryn Austin Rees 1911-83 alt.

The Sermon

The Creed:

Let us stand together and affirm the faith of the church:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven;
*was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.***

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

At the conclusion

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers,
**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Preparation

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5.16.

Prayer of Approach:

**We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

Invitation to Confession:

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.
Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in
penitence and faith.

Confession:

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution:

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
+ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace:

We are the body of Christ.
His spirit is with us.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory hymn: TiS 674 "Inspired by love and anger"

Inspired by love and anger, disturbed by endless pain,
aware of God's own bias, we ask him once again:
'How long must some folk suffer? How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self-interest turn prayer and pity blind?'

From those forever victims of heartless human greed,
their cruel plight composes a litany of need:
"Where are the fruits of justice? Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners and dreams find their release?"

From those forever shackled to what their wealth can buy,
the fear of lost advantage provokes the bitter cry,
"Don't query our position! Don't criticise our wealth!
Don't mention those exploited by politics and stealth!"

God asks: 'Who will go for me? Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen, will prophesy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome, will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow, will walk the road I show?'

Amused in someone's kitchen, asleep in someone's boat,
attuned to what the ancients, exposed, proclaimed and wrote,
a saviour without safety, a tradesman without tools
has come to tip the balance with fishermen and fools.

John L Bell 1949 & Graham Maule 1958-

Prayer over the gifts:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ,

Who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
And lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah,

the light of the nations,

and revealed him as the hope

of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The breaking of the bread:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei:

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Invitation to communion:

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Post communion hymn: TiS 582 "Lead, kindly light"

**Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom;
lead thou me on.**

**The night is dark, and I am far from home;
lead thou me on.**

**Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
the distant scene — one step enough for me.**

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou
shouldst lead me on.
I loved to choose and see my path; but now
lead thou me on.
I loved the garish day, and spite of fears
pride ruled my will: remember not past years.
So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still
will lead me on,
o'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
the night is gone;
and with the morn those angel faces smile,
which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

John Henry Newman 1801-90

Prayer after Communion:

God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth.

**Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

Notices

The Blessing:

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a
light to the world; and the + blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Final Hymn: TiS 416 "Great God, your spirit like the wind"

**Great God, your Spirit, like the wind -
unseen but shaking things we see -
will never leave us undisturbed,
fulfil our dreams, or set us free,
until we turn from faithless fear
and prove the promise of your grace,
in justice, peace and daily bread,
with joy for all the human race.**

**Lord, shake us with the force of love,
to rouse us from our dreadful sleep;
remove our hearts of stone, and give
new hearts of flesh, to break and weep
for all your children in distress
and dying for the wealth we keep.
Help us prevent, while we have time,
the blighted harvest greed must reap.**

**And then in your compassion, give
your Spirit like the gentle rain,
creating fertile ground from which
your peace and justice spring like grain;
until your love is satisfied,
with all creation freed from pain,
and all your children live to praise
your will fulfilled, your presence plain.**

Alan Grant 1935-

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

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NOTICES

Shrove Tuesday: Pancake Day is Tuesday 21st February; come along for Pancakes at the McKenzie household starting at 7:00pm. Please add your name(s) to the list in the Narthex to ensure the chef beats up enough mixture!

Lenten Reflections 2023 - Dust Dreaming of Glory: Ash Wednesday to Easter

As part of our Parish's commitment to both individual and shared GROWTH, we will be offering a series of Lenten reflections based on the Gospel readings through Lent in the lead up to Easter. These group reflections will be led by Rev. Trevor Smith and will be held each Wednesday following the 10:00am Midweek Eucharist or, for those who find evenings easier, each Wednesday 7:30pm. During this time we will be taking a deep dive into the Gospel readings for the upcoming Sunday. To express your interest, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex so that we can get a sense of numbers and for ordering resources.

News and views on faith from Australia and around the world brought to you by *The Melbourne Anglican*. The NewsStand is now live on TMA's website, using the link <http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/newsstand>

- 'Spirituality and sexuality – people shouldn't have to choose': the Australian church celebrating queer joy – The Guardian
- NSW Police apply to Supreme Court to stop LGBTQI protest outside George Pell's Sydney funeral – ABC News
- Sydney schools linked to conservative Catholic group Opus Dei investigated over 'broad' curriculum concerns – SBS News
- Tensions rise within Indian diaspora at pro-Sikh vote at Federation Square – The Age
- The footy club that kept the faith with indigenous players – Eternity News

- Christianity's true peril is not in the West – The Age
- 'He Gets Us' organizers hope to spend \$1 billion to promote Jesus. Will anyone care? – Religion News Service
- Death toll from Pakistan mosque bombing rises to 100 – Al Jazeera
- Death and dying: how different cultures deal with grief and mourning – The Conversation
- and more...

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-17
 Psalm 104.26-32
 Mark 7.14-23

Next Sunday: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 10.12-22
 Psalm 119.1-8
 1 Corinthians 3.1-9
 Matthew 5.21-37

WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS, LET US PRAY EACH DAY FOR THE CHURCH

Sun 5 Casey Dinka Congregation AAC (Peter Alier Jongroor); The Diocese of Bunbury (Bp Ian Coutts, Clergy & People); The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea;

Mon 6 The Parish of St Mary's Caulfield with St Clement's Elsternwick (Mark Juers, Andrew Stewart, Karen Winsemius); The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short, Asst Bp Carol Wagner, Clergy & People); Firkbank Grammar School (Jenny Williams, Principal; Christine Croft, chaplain);

Tues 7 St Paul's Caulfield North (Brendan McDonald, Jennifer Poulter); Ministry to the Defence Force (Bishop Grant Dibden, Chaplains & Members of the Defence Forces); Chaplain to Anglican Centre staff (Heather Cetrangolo); The Diocese of Gippsland (Bp Richard Treloar, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Stonnington;

Wed 8 St Matthew's Cheltenham (Colleen Clayton); The Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People); Geelong Grammar School (Rebecca Cody, Principal; Gordon Lingard, Howard Parkinson, Chaplains);

Thurs 9 Inner West Church Kensington (Peter Greenwood); Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Bp Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop, Aboriginal Clergy & People); Bush Church Aid Society (Adrian Lane, Regional Officer);

Fri 10 Archdeaconry of City on a Hill Melbourne (Guy Mason); Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia (Torres Strait Islander Clergy & People); Melbourne Anglican Diocesan Corporation (Justin Lachal, GM);

Sat 11 City on a Hill Melbourne East (Nicholas Coombs); The Diocese of Melbourne (Abp Philip Freier, Asst Bps Paul Barker, Bradly Billings, Genieve Blackwell, Kate Prowd, Clergy & People); Converge International (Jenny George, CEO, and Chaplains); The Episcopal Church in the Philippines (Brent Harry Alawas); St Matthew's Cheltenham – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); Holy Trinity East Melbourne – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Reconciliation and justice for our First Nations People. Those impacted by the state of the economy and recent natural disasters.

THE WORLD

Containment of the coronavirus pandemic, those suffering and the medical staff. A compassionate outcome for all Asylum Seekers. Productive and harmonious relationships among Pacific neighbours. A peaceful outcome in Eastern Europe. Those affected by climate change - wisdom and leadership to prevent further environmental damage.

THE ASCENSION COMMUNITY

Please hold in your daily prayers any individual parish members who may be on your heart, and for an awareness of God's presence in the events of the week.

Those in special need of prayer: *Helen Daniels, Estelle Carman, Jean & Alan Close, Shirley and Alan Wagner, Glenys Howell, Barbara Stark, Gwen McMahon, Carole Smith, Pauline Le Riche, Lyle Mansfield, Stanley & Rose Joseph, Marie Cleaver (Judithe's friend), Geoffrey (Josh's father), David and Glen Wood, Fanny (Aggie's sister), Joy (Jan Wheeler's sister), Dave Ritchie, Gerald (Pat Eadon's brother), Don Lambourne, and others known to us.*

Those at the Peter James Centre and Burwood Lodge
Those working in Health and Aged Care settings
Our local Schools, Colleges, and Universities

**Ourselves - as we are strengthened through the power of the
Holy Spirit in love and prayer for one another**

ROSTERS:

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>9:30am</u>
Welcomers	Sue Tregear	Pat Ludwick & Kym Le Riche
Reader	Kym Le Riche	Bruce Tudball
Servers	Sue Tregear	Christine Youings
Liturgical Assistant		Ron McKenzie
Intercessions	Fr Anthony	Trevor Smith
Godzone		Michael Jellis & Anne Wharton
Music		Dawn Joseph
Morning Tea		Joy Ritchie & Pat Eadon
Sacristan	Judithe Atkinson	
Gardens	Sue Tregear	
Printing	Barrie Harding	
Flowers	Jan Mansfield	

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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land,
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation.
We pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.*

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Pew sheet: Please send all items for inclusion in next week's pewsheets to Ron McKenzie by 5:00p.m. Thursday evening (r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au.)

Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement

Weekly services

Sunday	8:00am Eucharist
	9:30am Eucharist
	'Godzone' children's program during 9.30 am service (during school term)
Tuesday	<i>Fr Anthony's day of rest!</i>
Wednesday	10:00am Eucharist
Friday	10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for cuppa and chat.

Commitment to Child Safety: At the Church of the Ascension we follow Christ in being a caring Church welcoming of all, extending his love and invitation of new life.

In ministry to children, young people and vulnerable adults we are committed to providing an environment that is physically, emotionally and spiritually safe and supportive.

We have a zero-tolerance approach to Child abuse or abuse of vulnerable people.

This includes a culture of child-safety and of inclusivity for people of cultural and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, people with disability or any other specific group.

Read the full **Commitment to Child Safety** document on our website: www.ascensionchurch.org.au