

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

"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

'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord; 'those who follow me will have the light of life.' John 8.12



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 275 "Hail to the Lord's anointed"

- 1. Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son; hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to let the captive free, and take away transgression, and rule in equity.
- 2. He comes with help and mercy to those who suffer wrong, to raise the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong, to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls condemned and dying were precious in his sight.
- 3. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth, and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth; before him on the mountains shall peace the heralds go, and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.
- 4. Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring; all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing; to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
- 5. O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest, from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all-blest. The tide of time shall never his covenant remove; his name shall stand for ever, that name to us is love.

James Montgomery 1771-1854 alt.

Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God's kingdom, now and 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.

Invitation to Confession:

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Let us then ask for mercy, 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**.

Trisagion:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

The Prayer of the Day:

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and one another: call forth our penitence and acts of love, and strengthen us to face our mortality, so that we may look with confidence for your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We pray for the growth of God's Church:

God of mission, Who alone brings growth to your Church, Send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our actions, Joy to our worship, And power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, In spiritual commitment to you, And in service to our local community, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Godzone blessing

The ministry of the Word:

The first reading: 1 Samuel 16.1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord 's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

He will make me lie down in green pastures:

and lead me beside still waters.

He will refresh my soul:

and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

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.

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.

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.

The second reading: Ephesians 5.8-14

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—

for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,

for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: TiS 447 "Amazing grace! (how sweet the sound)"

Amazing grace! (how sweet the sound) that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

As grace first taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John, chapter 9 beginning at verse 1

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not

know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; God's grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

John Newton 1725-1807 alt.

Sermon - followed by a time of silent reflection

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

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6.35

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.

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 447 "Lord, your almighty word"

- 1. Lord, your almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.
- 2. Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy dove, speed forth your flight; move on the waters' face, bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light.
- 3. Saviour, who came to give those who in darkness live healing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind, now to all humankind let there be light.
- 4. Holy and blessèd Three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might, boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride, through the earth far and wide, let there be light.

John Marriott 1780-1825 alt.

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. He was tempted in every way as we are, vet he did not sin. 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. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to walk in the way of his love. 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 519 "And now, O Father, mindful of the love"

And now, O Father, mindful of the love that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's hill, and having with us him who pleads above, we here present, we bring before you still that only offering perfect in your eyes, the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look, Father, look on his anointed face, and only look on us as found in him; look not on our misusings of your grace, our prayer so halting, and our faith so dim: for now between our sins and their reward we set the passion of your Son our Lord. And so we come; O draw us to your feet, most patient Saviour, who can love us still; and by this food, so awesome and so sweet, deliver us from every touch of ill; in your own service make us glad and free, and may we in your presence ever be.

William Bright 1824-1901 alt.

Prayer after Communion:

God of mercy, may we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world. **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:

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven, + and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn: TiS 456 "Your hand, O God, has guided"

- Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age; the wondrous tale is written full clear on every page. Your people owned your goodness, and we their deeds record; and both to this bear witness: one church, one faith, one Lord!
- 2. Your heralds brought tidings to greatest and to least; they bade them rise and hasten to share the great King's feast. And this was all their teaching in every deed and word, to all alike proclaiming: one church, one faith, one Lord!
- 3. Through many a day of darkness, through many a scene of strife, the faithful few fought bravely to guard the nation's life. Their gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, earth restored, was all in this enfolded: one church, one faith, one Lord
- 4. Your mercy will not fail us nor leave your work undone; with your right hand to help us the victory shall be won. And then by all creation your name shall be adored; and this shall be our anthem: one church, one faith, one Lord.

Edward Hayes Plumptre 1821-91 alt.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen **Lenten Reconciliation:** Please let Fr Anthony know if you would like to schedule a time for personal confession and reconciliation during the season of Lent. This ministry can be helpful for those who need some extra guidance, counsel, and encouragement at this time.

NOTICES

Mothering Sunday Lunch is **TODAY** at 12 noon. This annual lunch is a time to get together half way through Lent. Remember to BYO your refreshment. All are welcome even if you forgot to add your name to the list! A big thanks to all who helped setting up!

Thank you to Cheryl Hall for baking our Simnel Cake to be blessed and shared with us all again this year.

The Stations of the Cross around the walls of the church are intended to be a devotion that is prayed and walked by one or more persons during Lent. The stations recall the journey of Jesus from his trial to the cross and to the grave. Please take time out to walk the stations using one of the printed copies of the Stations of the Cross, found on the small table to the left of the door, inside the church, to use as you walk.

Lenten Reflections 2023 - Dust Dreaming of Glory: 10:00-11.30am or 7:30-9pm Wednesdays 22nd – 29th March (2 sessions remaining)

As part of our Parish's commitment to both individual and shared GROWTH, we are offering a series of Lenten reflections based on the Gospel readings through Lent in the lead up to Easter. These group reflections are being led by Rev. Trevor Smith and are held each Wednesday following the 10:00am Midweek Eucharist or, for those who find evenings easier, each Wednesday 7:30pm. During this time we take a deep dive into the Gospel readings for the upcoming Sunday. Open to everyone each week.

Footy Tipping Competition: We are in the midst of Round 1 and to date we have 18 earnest and hopeful tippers. A good initial round is always a confidence builder, but many iffy decisions made with no real form guide. Plenty of the season to make good! Thanks to all who are participating. It's not too late to join if you still wish to. Please contact Christine or Jon Youings.

Not home alone: We will be having lunch at the R.S.L Glen Waverley, Friday 31st March at 12:30pm. Look forward to seeing you all there. Judithe 9729 8185

Anglican Board of Mission: In the pews are ABM Lenten giving envelopes. Donations can be placed in envelopes in the collection bowl or, alternatively, electronic giving options are also included on the envelopes or on separate flyers in the Narthex. The funds raised will be directed to ABM's Sustainable Communities Program for people in need all over the world - from the Diocese of Jerusalem to Papua New Guinea!

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- 'Everything Everywhere All at Once' and the Paradox of Achieving 'Nothing' Christianity Today
- and more...

SAINTS AND HOLY WOMEN AND MEN FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday	JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Monday	Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, bishop and missionary (d. 687)
Tuesday	Thomas Cramner, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr and evangelist (d. 1556)
Wednesday	Thomas Ken, bishop of Bath and Wells, teacher (d. 1711)
Friday	Paul Couturier, ecumenist (d. 1953)
-	Oscar Romero, archbishop of San Salvador, martyr (d. 1980)
Saturday	THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

Isaiah 49.8-15 Psalm 145.8-13 John 5.17-30 Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37.1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8.6-11 John 11.1-45

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

Sun 12 Footscray Parish (Chaplain Soma, Gabriel Mayen); Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Bp Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop, Aboriginal Clergy & People); Angliss Health Services; St Agnes Glen Huntly service (Abp Philip Freier); *Mon 13* St Mark's Forest Hill (Philip Knight); Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia (Torres Strait Islander Clergy & People); Melbourne Grammar School (Philip Grutzner, Principal; Hans Christiansen, William Peacock, Malcolm Woolrich, Chaplains);

Tues 14 St Luke's Frankston East (Glen Macrae, Dennis Emery); The Diocese of Melbourne (Abp Philip Freier, Asst Bps Paul Barker, Bradly Billings, Genieve Blackwell, Kate Prowd, Clergy & People); Diocesan Property Committee;

Wed 15 St John's Frankston North (Cheryl Sullivan, David Sullivan); The Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy & People); *Thurs 16* St Paul's Frankston (Claudia Mauracher); The Diocese of North Queensland (Bp Keith Joseph, Clergy & People); Mentone Girls' Grammar School (Natalie Charles, Principal; Philippa Lohmeyer-Collins, Chaplain);

Friday 17 St Stephen's Gardenvale (Paul Carr, Elsa Carr,); The Diocese of North West Australia (Rev'd Darrell Parker, Clergy & People); Diocesan Provincial Council; National Bishops Conference;

Sat 18 City on a Hill Geelong East (Andrew Grills, Lynette Pearson); The Diocese of Perth (Abp Kay Goldsworthy, Asst Bps Jeremy James, Kate Wilmot, Clergy & People).

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. A peaceful outcome in Eastern Europe. The many affected by the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria. 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, Kaye & Carole Smith, Pauline Le Riche, Lyle & Jan Mansfield, Stanley & Rose Joseph, Marie Cleaver (Judithe's friend), Geoffrey Waite, David and Glen Wood, Fanny (Aggie's sister), Joy (Jan Wheeler's sister), Dave Ritchie, Gerald (Pat Eadon's brother), Don Lambourne, Ron McKenzie, Bob Reid, 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:

8:00am

Welcomers Reader	Sue Tregear Kym Le Riche	
Servers	Sue Tregear	
Liturgical Assistant		
Intercessions	Fr Anthony	
Godzone		
Music		
Morning Tea		
Sacristan	Judithe Atkinson	
Garden	Robin Jellis	
Printing	Barrie Harding	

<u>9:30am</u>

Pat Ludwick & Ros Smith Chloe Bedlow Natalie Ortlieb Ron McKenzie Bruce Tudball Joanne & Elizabeth Waite Peter Bedlow Barrie Harding & Bruce Tudball



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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 pewsheet to Ron McKenzie by 5:00p.m. Thursday evening (<u>r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au</u>.)

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	Fr Anthony's day of rest!
Wednesday	10:00am Eucharist
Friday	10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for cuppa and chat.

<u>Commitment to Child Safety:</u> 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

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