



ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
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The Feast of Mary
Mother of Our Lord
With Baptism and Confirmation

10am, 18 August, 2019

Welcome

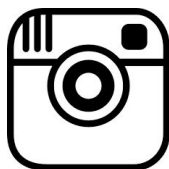
On behalf of everyone at St. John's, Toorak, a very warm welcome to this church and faith community. St. John's welcomes everyone to all services and events, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or background.

This is a wonderful and historic church, founded in 1859, and celebrating our 160th year! We are part of the Anglican Church of Australia and a member of the global Anglican Communion, comprised of 80 million people.

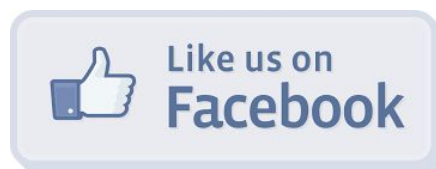
Regular services of worship are held each Sunday at 8am and 10am, and Wednesday at 7pm. All are welcome. Services are followed by times of fellowship over food and drinks to which everyone is also welcome.

This church actively follows Jesus' command to love God, love one's neighbour and to care for all people. Our clergy and parishioners regularly visit the sick, home-bound, and the dying. We care for the poor and needy through service and charitable giving, through our Opportunity Shop run in partnership with the local Catholic and Uniting churches, and by supporting the work of Anglicare, The Brotherhood of St. Laurence and The Anglican Board of Mission. Our clergy regularly baptise new members of the church, preside at weddings and care for the grieving through our funeral ministry. If we can be of service to you or your family, please do not hesitate to get in touch. If you would like to give of your time and talents in the service of others, please also contact the church and we will gladly welcome your contribution.

If you're visiting for the first time, please introduce yourself to a welcomer or member of the clergy, and fill out the blue 'Welcome' card found at the end of every pew so we can stay in touch with you.



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Cover Image

Modern Madonna and Child of Theotokos Virgin Mary
painting after Russian traditional icon made in Poland,
hand painted in oils by Magdalena Walulik

The setting of the Eucharist for today is by Thomas Heywood, and found on the sheets handed out in the Narthex. Please join the singing.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Please stand to sing the Hymn

Hymn 449 'Stand up and bless the Lord'

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

There is one Body and one Spirit; **there is one hope in God's call to us.**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, **one God and Father of all.**

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We have come together today to obey that command. Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit. In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal. In confirmation those who have been previously baptised come to confirm their baptismal promises and join with the other candidates to receive the laying on of the bishop's hand with prayer. We pray that those who are baptised and confirmed will be empowered by the Holy Spirit for the ministry and service to which God shall call them.

So we welcome you who come to be baptised and confirmed, with your sponsors and families. We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.

A pause for reflection

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image.
Forgive us when we turn away from you.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death. Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution *pronounced by the Bishop*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and keep you in life eternal. **Amen**

Gloria in Excelsis *sung with the choir*

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 Collect for The Feast of Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Heavenly Father, who chose the virgin Mary, by your grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: fill us with your grace, that in all things we may accept your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3 *Read by Jenny Smith*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up

before all the nations. ⁶² ¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Magnificat (Song of Mary, from Luke 1:46-55) *sung by the choir*

The Second Lesson Galatians 4.4-7 *Read by Rex Williams*

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gradual Hymn

Gradual Hymn 413 'Holy Spirit, come, confirm us'

Please remain standing and turn to face the gospel as it is read

The Gospel Luke 2.1-7

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 2, commencing at verse one. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon The Rt. Revd. Genieve Blackwell, Bishop of Marmingatha
Episcopate, The Archdiocese of Melbourne

Anthem *He, watching over Israel*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

The Bishop says

We welcome those who have come to be baptised and confirmed. I invite their sponsors to present them now.

Each sponsor in turn says

I present Diana Helen Raeburn Dunlop to be baptised and confirmed.
I present Keira Anne Griffiths, Zoe Catherine Renwick, Ella Rose Pennell,
Lucas Alexander Aponso, Sanae Homberger to be confirmed.

THE DECISION

The Bishop says to the candidates

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom.

Amen.

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

The Bishop says to the congregation

You have heard these our sisters and brother respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

The congregation answers **We will.**

The Curate leads the prayers

Let us pray. Grant, merciful God, that these persons may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in them. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in them. **Amen.**

Give to their sponsors and their families the desire to share with them what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

May they know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May they proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Vicar comes to the font, and begins the thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things. **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called Diana to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that those who are baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All the candidates for baptism and confirmation, come to the font and stand to face the congregation. The Bishop addresses all the candidates

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Bishop says to the congregation

This is the faith of the Church.

The congregation responds

This is our faith:

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The candidate for baptism is brought to the water. The Vicar says

Diana Helen Raeburn Dunlop, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Diana, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever. Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

The world now is too dangerous and too beautiful for anything but love. I anoint your eyes so you see God in everyone, your ears so you hear the cry of the poor, your hands so everything you touch is a sacrament, your feet so you run to those who need you. And may your heart be so opened, so set on fire, that your life and your love, changes everything.

God has brought you out of darkness into God's marvellous light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

God has called you into God's Church.

We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

THE CONFIRMATION

The Bishop says

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
now, and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop continues

Almighty and everliving God, you have given your servants new birth by water and the Spirit, and have forgiven them their sins. Strengthen them, we pray, with the Holy Spirit that they may grow in grace. Increase in them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of discernment and inner strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and fill them with wonder and awe at your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Those who are to be confirmed kneel in turn before the bishop, who lays a hand upon each of them saying

Strengthen, Lord, your servant, (Name) with your Holy Spirit.
Empower and sustain her/him for your service. **Amen.**

When all the candidates have received the laying on of hands, the congregation joins with the bishop in saying this prayer

Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

The Bishop prays

Almighty and everliving God, watch over these your servants upon whom we have now laid our hands. Let your Holy Spirit always be with them and lead them to know and obey your word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Those who have been Confirmed are greeted by the congregation

The Greeting of Peace *standing*

The Bishop says

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

All share with each other the sign of peace, customarily shaking hands with those around them, and saying, 'Peace be with you'

Parish Notices *given by The Vicar*

Offertory Hymn 351 'Lift high the cross'

During which a collection for the life and ministry of St. John's is taken

Prayer for Receiving the Offertory

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 Blessing of the Altar Frontals *Here the Bishop, from the altar, blesses the set of frontals generously given to St. John's by Robyn Warwick, in memory of her husband Tom, who died 8 May 2018.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All remain standing. The Bishop prays 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 our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us. 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. In baptism you have united us to him and brought us out of darkness into light.

You pour your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, and calling us to serve you as a royal priesthood. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

Sung **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

Sung **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:

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

The Lord's Prayer

*Please pray the Lord's Prayer of your custom, in your own language
or using the following translation*

**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 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 *sung, kneeling or standing*

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 *kneeling or standing*

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall
be healed.**

Administration of Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

*If you do not wish to receive communion and would like a blessing, please come forward and
indicate your desire to do so by keeping your arms behind your back.*

Communion Anthem *Beati quorum via* CV Stanford (1852 – 1924)

Post Communion Prayers

The Bishop says

Let us pray. Gracious God, in baptism you make us one family in Christ
your Son, one in the sharing of his body and his blood, one in the
communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Final Hymn 411 'Filled with the Spirit's power'

The Bishop says

All who have been baptised and confirmed are called to study the Bible, to take part in the life of the Church, to share in the Holy Communion, and to pray faithfully and regularly. We are called to share with others, by word and example, the love of Christ and his gospel of reconciliation and hope. We are called to love our neighbours as ourselves, to honour all people and to pray and work for peace and justice. I invite all of you to commit yourselves anew to this calling.

We will gladly do so, in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Blessing *The Bishop*

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; give honour to all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal *The Vicar*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude from *Sonata I*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)



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CONGRATULATIONS!

To Diana Dunlop on the occasion of her baptism, and congratulations to all who have been confirmed today: Keira Griffiths, Zoe Renwick, Ella Pennell, Lucas Aponso, Sanae Homberger, and Diana Dunlop.

Church Photo!

Don't forget to gather on the front steps immediately after the 10am service today for our church photo!

Breakfast & Morning Tea

Join us for breakfast after the 8am service in the Guild Room and for morning tea and coffee after the 10am service, generously provided this morning by Jenny and Darcy Smith, Amanda Bagot and Dougal Colhoun in Buxton Hall, immediately behind the church.

Parish Notices

Sunday 18 August - Service of Baptism & Confirmation TODAY

Today we welcome our bishop, The Right Reverend Genieve Blackwell, Bishop of the Marningatha Episcopate in the Diocese of Melbourne, to St. John's. The Bishop will preside at a service of baptism and confirmation. Please pray for Diana Dunlop to be baptised and confirmed, and Keira Griffiths, Zoe Renwick, Ella Pennell, Lucas Aponso, and Sanae Homberger to be confirmed, as they continue in their journey of faith.

Gerard Tucker Oration TODAY

Debra Saffrey-Collins, Head of Chaplaincy and Diocesan Partnerships at The Brotherhood of St. Laurence, warmly invites you to the annual "Gerard Tucker Oration", celebrating the Brotherhood at work in Melbourne with a service of Evensong and an Oration. The Oration this year will be delivered by Kasy Chambers, Executive Director, Anglicare Australia, an accomplished CEO with extensive national experience in government and the community sector. The title of the Oration will be 'Beyond Tucker'. All welcome 6pm, Sunday 18 August 2019 at Christ Church South Yarra - birthplace of Gerard Tucker - corner of Punt and Toorak Roads, South Yarra. A light supper will be served after the service.

Barry Marshall Memorial Lecture 2019 - Thursday 22 August

The 49th Annual Barry Marshall Memorial Lecture will be presented by the Revd Dr Robert Derrenbacker, Dean and Frank Woods Associate Professor in New Testament at the Trinity College Theological School. The presentation this year is titled '*And he went out and wept bitterly*': A Socio-Cultural Reading of Peter's Denial in Matthew 26:69-75. The event is Thursday 22 August, 7pm for 7.30pm start, concluding at 9pm, The Craig Auditorium, Gateway Building, Trinity College, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville. This lecture is free, but bookings by Thursday 15 August are essential www.trybooking.com/.

Prayers for Christian Unity - Thursday 29 August

On Thursday 29 August, 10.00am, at The Swedish Church. All welcome.

St. John's Cinema Group - Sunday 1 September

Save the date: Sunday 1st September. No film has been chosen yet but we are open to suggestions. It will be late afternoon at Como Cinema in South Yarra. We had a lovely group attend our inaugural evening and all agreed the film *The White Crow* was wonderful. Enquiries contact Celia Langford 0418552335.

Annual Archbishop's Dinner 2019 - Wednesday 4 September

This fundraiser supports Trinity College Theological School's "Building our Future" appeal. The event is 6.30-10pm on Wednesday 4 September with the option of also attending Evensong in the Chapel at 5.40pm. The cost is \$110 per person. Tickets can be purchased at trybooking.com/BDPPO by 28 August, listing your parish as "St. John's Toorak". For general enquiries contact Matilda Sholly events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au or (03) 9348 7527. For other donations visit www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/donate

Save the Date - St. John's 160th Birthday - November 24, 2019 at 10am

Please save the above date and come to church for a very special occasion when we celebrate our 160th Birthday! Following a celebratory 10am Service, the new Parish History will be launched by Professor Geoffrey Blainey. Written by our very own Professor Geoff Quail OAM, this new and very well-written history is a wonderful record of our church. Please save the date!

Sermons Available

Did you now that audio recordings of recent sermons preached at St. John's are available on our website? Go to www.saintjohnstoorak.org/worship/sermons/

Nametags

If you would like a church nametag (which very much helps in getting to know everyone's name!), please contact the Church Office on 98261765 during business hours to order one. A \$5 donation is requested.

Toorak Op Shop Menswear

Spread the word to the men in your family that the Toorak Op Shop has a great range of leading menswear brands. There are suits, tailored and casual jackets, and knitwear to suit all ages. And don't forget there's a great range of women's and children's clothing as well! Toorak Op Shop, 1A Carters Avenue, opposite the Council Car Park. Open 10am - 4pm, Monday - Saturday.

Guest Preacher - Sunday 8 September

It will be our pleasure to welcome The Reverend Rob Ferguson, Senior Chaplain Anglicare Criminal Justice Ministry as guest preacher at both our Sunday services on Sunday 8 September. Rob Ferguson was ordained in Melbourne in 1992, and has served in parish ministry, and school, university, hospital, and prison chaplaincy in six dioceses. He currently divides his work life between Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry as Senior Chaplain, and Relationships Australia as a counsellor.

Music Notes

The choral works today reflect two sides of the Christian experience on which we may draw: the guiding text of *Beati quorum via* [Blessed are they who fear the Lord] and the assurance of *He, watching over Israel slumbers not nor sleeps*, from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.

ANZCO invite you to hear the Next Generation of local organ performers, including St John's WG Price Organ Scholar, Hanford Lam performing Cesar Franck's monumental *Chorale in a minor* as the concluding item.

Sunday August 25. 3pm Organ Discovery, 3:30pm NextGen Gala Concert. \$20 Admission Students/children FREE. St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne.

In the Church Foyer

The following pamphlets/newsletters are currently in the foyer for your perusal/collection:

- *The Quarterly Magazine of MAF Australia Winter 2019*

What's Happening at St. John's?

For the latest details on what is planned in the parish this year, go to <https://www.saintjohnstoorak.org/community-events/>

Sunday 18 August, TODAY 10am Baptism & Confirmation Service - Bishop Genieve presiding and preaching. Please pray for Diana preparing for Baptism, and those preparing for Confirmation: Sanae, Diana, Ella, Zoe, Keira, Lucas. *A photo of the whole congregation with our bishop will take place after this service.*

Wednesday 4 September, 6.30pm Annual Archbishop's Dinner at Trinity College Theological School. Evensong in the Chapel at 5.40pm.

Sunday 8 September, 8am & 10am, GUEST PREACHER – The Reverend Rob Ferguson, Senior Chaplain Anglicare Criminal Justice Ministry

Sunday 29 September, 12-1pm Concert in Church - Organ *Plus* Series. Organist Christopher Cook, Director of Music at St. John's Anglican Church Toorak. Guest artist Paola Bastreri-Grey, Mezzo-Soprano. <https://www.trybooking.com/BCZXC>

Sunday 13 October, 4-6pm The Blessing of Pets, in the Church Garden

Sunday 20 October, 8am & 10am, GUEST PREACHER – Bron Davis-Jones, Volunteer Manager for The Richmond Churches Food Centre, which is supported by funds from our Op Shop and from our Trivia Night

Sunday 24 November, 10am, 160th Birthday Celebrations! Celebration Eucharist with guest preacher The Rt. Revd. Peter Hollingworth AC OBE. Including the Launch of new Parish History, written by parishioner Prof. Geoff Quail OAM, and launch by Prof. Geoffrey Blainey AC.

For Your Prayers

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world. Anglican Church of Southern Africa (Abp Thabo Makgoba); Diocese of North West Australia (Bp Gary Nelson, Clergy & People); Diocesan Liturgical Committee; Parish of St John's, Flinders w. St Marks Balnarring (Jennifer Furphy); Visit to All Saints Kooyong (Abp Philip Freier); Gerard Tucker Oration – Christ Church South Yarra (Abp Philip Freier); St Thomas, Burwood – parish visit (Bp Brad Billings); St John's Toorak – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

For all those who lead us in the Anglican Church, especially: Our Primate The Most Revd Philip Freier, Archbishop of Melbourne, and our Bishop, The Right Revd Genieve Blackwell.

For Reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians: For Aboriginal Anglican clergy and lay-leaders around Australia, their spiritual health and physical well-being, and the people they care for. For Aboriginal and Government leaders and their work together.

The Toorak Ecumenical Movement: Our partner churches, St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Toorak Uniting Church, and The Swedish Church.

For The Anglican Board of Mission, The Brotherhood of St. Laurence, and Anglicare.

For those celebrating birthdays: Sarojini Maclarn on Monday; Val Hurst on Wednesday.

For those who mourn: The family and friends of Alan Rose; and Jennifer White.

For schools in our parish: Geelong Grammar School Toorak Campus, Head of Campus Rachel George; St Catherine's School, Principal Michelle Carroll; and Toorak Primary School, Principal Julie Manallack.

For the sick and all in need: David; Matthew; John Saunders; Alan; Paul Dalton; Grace; Rosemary Griffith; Rhonda Cook; Philip; Sam; Sandra, John; Julia Jones; Rona Hatfield; Mary; Christopher Morgan; Maggie Perkins; Helen Kent; Elizabeth Haes; Jacob Henriss-Anderssen; Augustus and Victoria; Sean and Valerie; Audrey Leeton; Annette B; Mark; Matt; Lorilee von Schoenberg; Clair Rouse; Sarojini Maclarn, Carolyn McDowall and Justin Maclean.

For those in aged care and those who are housebound: Randall Watt; Teri Lawrence; Janet Field; and Beverley Joyce.

Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week: Jean Stewart; Beryl Whitfield; Mervyn Davies; Kirsty Hamilton; Margaret Bailey Smith; William Dimmick; Claude Ullin and Peter Gunnerson.

The prayer petitions above follow closely the daily prayer regimen of the Anglican Church of Australia, which you can follow everyday here:

<http://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/faith/CallingMelbourne2Prayer/Pages/Prayer-resources.aspx> How about making this part of your daily prayers?

THIS WEEK

Sunday 18th August Mary, Mother of Our Lord

8am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Isaiah 61.10-62.3, read by Sam Shepherd

Second reading: Galatians 4.4-7, read by Anthea Gedge

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.1-7

Intercessor: Volunteer required

Celebrant: The Revd Dr Peter French

Preacher: The Revd Elizabeth Murray

Breakfast: Sarojini Maclarn & Jenny Garner

10am Service of Holy Communion with Baptism and Confirmation

First Reading: Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3, read by Jenny Smith

Second Reading: Galatians 4.4-7, read by Rex Williams

Gospel Reading: Luke Luke 2.1-7

Intercessor: Clergy

Celebrant: The Rt Revd Genieve Blackwell

Preacher: The Rt Revd Genieve Blackwell

Morning Tea: Jenny and Darcy Smith; Amanda Bagot; Dougal Colhoun.

Wednesday 21 August

2.30pm Funeral of Alan Rose

7pm Holy Communion, Angel Chapel, with refreshments in the vestry following

Friday 23 August

1pm Funeral of Jennifer White

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 25th August

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Jeremiah 1.4-10, volunteer reader required.

Second reading: Hebrews 12.18-29, read by Kelly Shang

Gospel Reading: Luke 13.10-17

Intercessor: Keiron Jones

Celebrant: The Revd Dr Peter French

Preacher: Dr Kelly Shang

Breakfast: Greg Robb

10am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Jeremiah 1.4-10, read by Andrew Ankers

Second Reading: Hebrews 12.18-29, read by Margaret Jones

Gospel Reading: Luke 13.10-17

Intercessor: Volunteer required

Celebrant: The Revd Dr Peter French

Preacher: Dr Kelly Shang

Morning Tea: Robyn Whitaker, Kate Boyer and Vivienne Crompton



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