



ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
TOORAK
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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

16th of May, 2021

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, part of the Anglican Church of Australia and a member of the global Anglican Communion, comprised of 80 million people.



QR code for church

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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INTRODUCTORY RITE *please stand*

HYMN 'God is gone up on high' (at 8am, only verses 1 & 3 are sung, at 10am verses 1, 3, 4 & 6 are sung)

D F#m Bm / G Em A /
D Bm E / A D E A / G A7
Bm A Em / G Bm D A D

1. God is gone up on high,
with a triumphant noise;
the clarions of the sky
proclaim the angelic joys!

*Join all the earth, rejoice and sing;
glory ascribe to glory's king.*

2. God in the flesh below,
for us he reigns above:
let all the nations know
our Jesus' conquering love!

3. All power to our great Lord
is by the Father given;
by angel hosts adored,
he reigns supreme in heaven:

4. High on his holy seat
he bears his righteous sway;
his foes beneath his feet
shall sink and die away.

5. His foes and ours are one,
Satan, the world, and sin;
but he shall tread them down
and bring his kingdom in:

6. till all the earth, renewed
in righteousness divine,
with all the hosts of God
in one great chorus join.

Charles Wesley 1707-88
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INVOCATION

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

GREETING

Christ is risen. Alleluia! **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 your 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.'

CONFESSION

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

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 *pronounced by the celebrant*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *said at 8am, sung at 10am*

Gloria 4

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God,
heaven-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fath-er, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fath-er,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on
us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fath-er: re-ceive our prayer. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High Je-sus
Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fath-er. A-men.

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COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we pray you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to the same place where our Saviour Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S ADDRESS *At 10am, all children are invited to the chancel step*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Acts 1.15-17, 1.21-26 *Read at 8am by Sam Shepherd; and at 10am by Jenny Smith*

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ¹⁶'Friends,

the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’ ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

THE PSALM Psalm 1, *said together at 8am and sung by the choir at 10am*

¹ Blessed are they

who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly:
nor followed the way of sinners,
nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.

² But their delight is in the law of the Lord:

and on that law will they ponder day and night.

³ They are like trees planted beside streams of water:

that yield their fruit in due season.

⁴ Their leaves also shall not wither:

and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

⁵ As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:

they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.

⁶ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up

at the judgement:

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

⁷ For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:

but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND READING 1 John 5.9-13

Reader required at 8am; and 10am by Rex Williams

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

Please stand and turn and face the Gospel as it is read

THE GOSPEL John 17.6-19

(AT 10AM ONLY) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

(AT 10AM ONLY) This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. John.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁶I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you

have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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

SERMON The Assistant Curate, The Revd. Keiron Jones

(AT 10AM) ANTHEM *God is ascended*

Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)

THE NICENE CREED *said together, standing*

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 *At 8am led by Vivienne Randall. At 10am led by John Horan.*

The Prayers end with the following

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.

THE GREETING OF PEACE *standing*

We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

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

All share with each other a COVIDSafe sign of peace, saying, 'Peace be with you.'

PARISH NOTICES *given by The Vicar*

OFFERTORY

A monetary collection for the life and ministry of St. John's is taken here. You may give by contributing to the brass collection plate or paypoint at the rear of the church, or by prior arrangement with the parish office.

OFFERTORY HYMN 'Lord, enthroned in heavenly' (*at 8am, only verses 1, 2, 3 & 6 are sung*)

Gr. Capo 3 Bb(G) Gm(Em) Cm(Am) F7(D7) Bb(G)
Gm(Em) C(A) F(D) F7(D7) Bb(G) Cm(Am)
F7(D7) Bb(G) F(D) C7(A7) F(D)
Bb(G) Bb7(G7) Eb(C) Bb(G) Cm(Am) F7(D7) Bb(G)

1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
you alone our strong defender,
lifting up your people's head:
alleluia, alleluia,
Jesus, true and living bread.

2. Here our humble homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know you now:
alleluia, alleluia,
you are here, we ask not how.

3. Though the lowliest form now veils
you
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there your angels hail you,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem;
alleluia, alleluia,
we in worship join with them.

4. Paschal Lamb, your offering,
finished
once for all when you were slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.

5. Great High Priest of our profession
through the veil you entered in;
by your mighty intercession
grace and mercy you can win:
alleluia, alleluia,
only sacrifice for sin.

6. Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship you, the Lamb who died,
alleluia, alleluia,
ris'n, ascended, glorified!

George Hugh Bourne 1840-1925 alt.
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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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *said at 8am, sung at 10am*

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.

The priest continues to pray the Thanksgiving Prayer until

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/singing:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are

Benedictus

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The priest continues to pray the Thanksgiving Prayer until

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Acclamation

Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

The priest continues to pray the Thanksgiving Prayer until

Acclamation

Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and power are

yours for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever. 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 said at 8am, sung at 10am

Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our
sins, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world, grant us your peace.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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 to receive a blessing, please come forward and indicate your desire to do so by keeping your arms behind your back. Due to COVID restrictions we can only communicate the bread, not the wine.

(AT 10AM) COMMUNION ANTHEM *O sacrum convivium* H 235

Marc-Antoine Charpentier (c1645-1704)

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS *which end with*

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.

HYMN 'The head that once' (at 8am, verses 1, 2 & 3 are sung)

G Em D C G Em A7 D
G Em Am D C D7 G

1. The head that once was crowned
with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.

2. The highest place that heaven
affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings and Lord of lords
and heav'n's eternal light,

3. the joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love
and grants his name to know.

4. To them the cross, with all its
shame,
with all its grace, is given,
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.

5. They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.

6. The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly 1769-1855
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BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Prelude in C

JS Bach (1685-1750)



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PARISH NOTICES

Help our Music Flourish with Tax-Free Donations to the St. John's Gibb Fund

You can support St John's Musical Program by making a donation to the Gibb Fund, celebrating its 70th Anniversary this year! Donations should be made to the Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation (MACO) via the Melbourne Anglican Fund. <https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/>

Please ensure you nominate to have the donation made to the Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation directed to St John's Musical Program. Donations made to the Gibb Fund received via the Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation over \$2 are tax deductible.

Morning Tea After the 10am Service Today

Morning tea after the service this morning will be served in Buxton Hall, with thanks to Catherine Soans and Anthony Mannering.

Be part of our Sunday Services

All our ministries are supported by volunteers. The Rosters for May and June are NOW AVAILABLE. If you are able to assist with any gaps - particularly cleaning and welcoming - please contact the parish office.

Wednesday Night at 7pm Services

Each Wednesday at 7pm everyone is welcome to this quiet service of eucharist in the Angel Chapel. Please do come along and experience this hidden gem in the middle of a week, especially if you're unable to attend church on Sunday or need some prayer and community during a busy week.

Toorak Ecumenical Movement 41st Anniversary Invitation

The Toorak Ecumenical Movement invites you to join them on Pentecost Sunday 23rd May, 2021 at 2:00pm for a Thanksgiving Service at St. Peter's Catholic Church - 581 Toorak Road, Toorak. Afternoon Tea will be provided afterwards. Please RSVP by Tuesday 18th May 2021 at <https://www.trybooking.com/BQYYS>
For enquiries please contact Anne Smith, Chairman of Toorak Ecumenical Council on 0409 509 006 or amsis@ozemail.com.au. There is no cost associated with this event. See formal invitation on page 19.

Confirmation Service

A Confirmation service will be held on Sunday 1 August at 10am, with the Assistant Bishop, the Right Revd Genieve Blackwell in attendance. A program of preparation will be led by the Assistant Curate, the Revd Keiron Jones, and held over four Sunday afternoons. Expressions of interest should be given to Keiron by Friday 21 May at curate@saintjohnstoorak.org. For more information a detailed flyer is on page 17.

Thank you

In recent weeks we have received letters and receipts thanking us for our support. From Anglicare Victoria - Dixon House, a letter and receipt for \$1,266.00; from Anglican Board of Mission for \$75.00; and a certificate from the Christmas Bowl for a donation of \$100. Such charities rely on support in order to carry out their vital work. Thank you to everyone who donated. The letters are on the noticeboard in the narthex.

Children's Ministry

Children's Corner in church

At the back of the church, there is a comfortable space for young children, including books and activities. For older children, there is a wonderful book called *My Illustrated Prayer Book*, which encourages children who can read to follow the service in an age-appropriate way. Please feel free to use them with your children and leave them in the box at the end of the service.

Sunday School in the Whitney King Room

Sunday School in the Whitney King Room will recommence on Pentecost Sunday - 23rd May during the 10am service. Initially, Sunday School will be held fortnightly throughout June and July, for 30 minutes. Our Sunday School supervisors, Shierly and Clive, have required safety checks and working with children cards, and the Whitney King Room is a welcoming, safe space for children to be together. The most immediate dates for Sunday School are: Sunday 23 May; Sunday 6 & 20 June; Sunday 4 & 18 July.

Cinema Group

If any parishioners and their friends are interested in joining us for a film at the elegant Palace Cinemas Como, South Yarra on a Sunday afternoon please leave your contact details with the parish office or contact Celia Langford 0418 552 335 to be put on the mailing list. Generally we gather on a Sunday afternoon, every six weeks or so, arriving early for refreshments and a chat beforehand. Any suggestions for a particular film are always welcome. How wonderful it is to be able to venture to the cinema once again!

Pew Cushions - UPDATE

The cleaning of the pew cushions was discovered to be well beyond the already extraordinary capabilities of Keiron, Sally and Peter - and thus will be professionally dry-cleaned and returned in due course.

The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)

The link to the latest edition of TMA is [here](#). The link to this week's Newstand is [here](#). The link to the May Prayer Diary and prayer resources is [here](#).

Prayers for Christian Unity

On Thursday 27 May at 10am, at The Swedish Church. An ecumenical service open to all.

***Thy Kingdom Come* Global Prayer Movement**

The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Revd Justin Welby, encourages Christians around the world to pray for people to come to know Jesus. The annual *Thy Kingdom Come* worldwide wave of prayer is held from Ascension to Pentecost. Resources and opportunities to participate can be found at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> Excellent and fun resources for children to be involved are at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/cheekypandas>

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests can be sent to prayers@saintjohnstoorak.org. The clergy check emails for prayer requests daily, and pray in solidarity with anyone who would like prayers said for them.

Clergy Days Off

Our clergy have one regular day off per week. Our Vicar Peter has Friday and our Assistant Curate Keiron Monday. Please respect their time away from work and unless in an emergency, please refrain from telephoning, texting, visiting the Vicarage, or emailing them on these days. Thank you.

MUSIC NOTES

Leighton's early death from oesophageal cancer must be one of the greatest blows to original, terse and dynamic musical thought in the UK, since the passing of Benjamin Britten. An Easter Sequence covers the liturgical period from Easter to Ascension, concluding with the work we hear today: *God is ascended*. The at-times pungent harmonic language is complemented by highly rhythmical and appealing textures. We welcome Flynn Seward to play the *obbligato* trumpet part in the Leighton work. Flynn is a student at The University of Melbourne. He is undertaking a Bachelor of Science and concurrent Diploma in Music, studying trumpet under Joel Brennan. He has played trumpet with the Melbourne Youth Wind Symphony and other community ensembles including the Moreland City Band. We welcome him to the music-making today!

"O Sacrum Convivium is a prose text honouring the Blessed Sacrament. It was included as a Magnificat antiphon in the vespers of the Office of Corpus Christi. The text of the Office is attributed with some probability to Saint Thomas Aquinas. Its sentiments express the profound affinity of the Eucharistic celebration, described as a banquet, to the Paschal mystery:

O sacred banquet at which Christ is consumed, the memory of his Passion is recalled, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of future glory is given to us." (wiki)

At 3:30pm on May 23 the Director of Music, Christopher Cook, will perform Maurice Duruflé's 'Veni Creator' in a free, 30-minute concert in St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne. This amazing piece uses the traditional chant of the Veni Creator [Come Holy Ghost] as its inspiration. All are most welcome to attend.

COVID SAFE DIRECTIONS

- PLEASE NOTE: You now MUST sign in digitally. *As of 23 April, you must sign in using a phone and the Victorian government QR code. If you do not have a smartphone, ask a welcomer, a fellow parishioner, or Covid-safe officer to use their phone to record your name and contact details. Sign-in sheets are no longer permissible and thus have been removed.*
- Please do not come to church if you are unwell
- Use hand sanitiser, found at each of the doors

- Masks are not required to be worn indoors but it is recommended that they be worn when singing
- Please maintain physical distancing of at least 1.5m from another person unless you are sitting in a family group
- Please do not shake hands or hug other people
- The church is cleaned regularly
- Service Density Quotient remains at 170

Holy Communion remains Bread Only

Until government restrictions ease, Communion will be celebrated as usual but only administered in 'one kind,' that is, by people receiving the consecrated bread only. This is, and always has been, considered as communion in full and in no way diminished. Please note the clergy use hand sanitiser immediately before the Great Thanksgiving prayer and before administering Communion and giving blessings.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE **Sunday 1 August 2021, 10.00am**

In the Church, Confirmation is taking up for yourself the promises made at your Baptism, to be inspired by God's love and the teaching of Jesus Christ. Any member of the St. John's community who is baptised and not yet confirmed is warmly invited to consider this next step in their faith journey.

A Confirmation Service will be held at St. John's on Sunday 1 August at 10.00am, with The Assistant Bishop, The Right Revd Genieve Blackwell (Marmingatha Episcopate in attendance.

A program of preparation for Confirmation candidates will be held over four Sunday afternoons, each session lasting for 90 minutes. These afternoons provide space for relaxed, reflective discussion on matters of faith, belief and Christian living, alongside scholarly teaching on the Bible and the Church.

The program will be led by the Assistant Curate, The Rev'd Keiron Jones. Expressions of interest should be given to Keiron by Friday 21 May at curate@saintjohnstoorak.org

Confirmation Preparation Schedule

Introduction & Faith & Belief	Sunday 30 May, 2.30 – 4.00pm
God & The Bible	Sunday 13 June, 2.30 – 4.00pm
Church & Worship	Sunday 20 June, 2.30 – 4.00pm

School holidays

Christian Living	Sunday 11 July, 2.30 – 4.00pm
Rehearsal	Sunday 25 July, 2.30 – 4.00pm
Confirmation Service	Sunday 1 August 10am

The following links provide more information about Confirmation:

<https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/being-a-christian/>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/confirmations/confirmation-faqs>

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Korea; The Diocese of North West Australia (Bp Gary Nelson, Clergy & People); Mentone Grammar School (Mal Cater, Principal; Andrew Stewart, Michael Prabakaran, Chaplains); Church of the Ascension Springvale (Inpa Eliezer); Long Beach Anglican – Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); St John’s Sorrento – Organ Dedication (Bp Paul Barker); St John’s West Brunswick – Baptism & Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Anglican Parish of Banyule – Pastoral Visit (Bp Kate Prowd).

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

For those who lead us in Government: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; Governor General David Hurley AC; Prime Minister Scott Morrison; Federal Member of Parliament for Division of Higgins, Dr. Katie Allen; Premier of Victoria, Daniel Andrews; Member for Malvern and Leader of the Opposition, Michael O’Brien.

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.

For 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 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: Rosemary Griffith; Maggie Perkins; Rosie Creswell; Gwen; Audrey Leeton; Jean James; Lachie Sullivan; Mary; Delta; Sue; Adrian Hall; Debra Moore.

For those who have died, and the families who mourn them: Rozel McEacharn; Eric Easton.

For those in aged care and those who are housebound: Teri Lawrence; Janet Field; Beverley Joyce; Val Hurst; Marcia Larsson; Gordon Kennett; Anne Myers; Billee Edwards; Elizabeth Johnson.

Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week: Joan Carter; Mary-Rose Croyle; James Hancock; Sarah Ormiston; Betty Rose; Ken Holder; Elizabeth Miller; Brian Ritter; Jenny Grove; Ronald Langford; Margot Spry.



The Toorak Ecumenical Movement

Celebrating the 41th Anniversary of our Covenant

invites you

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to celebrate with us on Sunday 23rd May 2021

at

Saint Peter's Catholic Church – 581 Toorak Road, Toorak, VIC,

3142 Combined Thanksgiving Service at 2pm with Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Robert W Gribben

Afternoon Tea at St Peter's Church Parish Centre

583 Toorak Road, Toorak, VIC, 3142

Please RSVP by Tuesday 18th May 2021 at <https://www.trybooking.com/BOYY5>

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There is no cost associated with this event.

THIS SUNDAY

8am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Acts 1.15-17, 21-26, read by Sam Shepherd

Second reading: 1 John 5.9-13, volunteer reader required

Gospel Reading: John 17.6-19

Intercessor: Vivienne Randall

Celebrant: The Revd Dr. Peter French

Preacher: The Revd Keiron Jones

10am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Acts 1.15-17, 21-26, read by Jenny Smith

Second reading: 1 John 5.9-13, read by Rex Williams

Gospel Reading: John 17.6-19

Intercessor: John Horan

Celebrant: The Revd Dr. Peter French

Preacher: The Revd Keiron Jones

Morning tea: Catherine Soans and Anthony Mannering

NEXT SUNDAY, 23rd May

8am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Acts 2.1-21, read by Lindsay Hosking

Second reading: Romans 8.22-27, read by Brenda Mouritz

Gospel Reading: John 15.26-27

Intercessor: Robyn Whitaker

Celebrant: The Revd Keiron Jones

Preacher: The Revd Dr. Peter French

10am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Acts 2.1-21, read by James Griffith

Second reading: Romans 8.22-27, read by Margaret Jones

Gospel Reading: John 15.26-27

Intercessor: Nick Langford

Celebrant: The Revd Keiron Jones

Preacher: The Revd Dr. Peter French

Morning tea: Sanae Homberger and John Correa



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