

Remembrance Sunday 10 November, 2024

10am

Welcome

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

Worship

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

Mission

Our mission is to know and love Christ and neighbour. We actively follow Jesus' command to love God, love one's neighbour and to care for all people. We 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.

Visitors

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.

The Church

The church is decorated in green, the liturgical colour during what the Church describes as 'Ordinary Time,' that is, the time outside the major seasons of Christmas and Easter. Green symbolises life, hope and anticipation.

Cover Image

Christ is our Bridge to Heaven, Elisabeth Wang (1942-2016), oil on canvas, 2008 © Elizabeth Wang, Radiant Light

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge we meet on the Traditional Lands of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples of the East Kulin Nations and pay our respect to their Elders past and present.





As you enter the church, please ensure your phone is switched off or on silent and use the time before the service for prayer or quiet reflection, allowing others to do the same

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Please stand as the procession enters the church

PRELUDE 'O Mensch, bewein' dein Sünde groß' J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE INVOCATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

GREETING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

We meet in the presence of God on this day of remembrance. We pray for all who in bereavement, disability or pain continue to suffer the consequences of war. We remember with great thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

HYMN 'In a world where people walk in darkness'



In a world where people walk in darkness

let us turn our faces to the light, to the light of God revealed in Jesus, to the Daystar scattering our night.

For the light is stronger than the darkness and the day will overcome the night, though the shadows linger all around us, Let us turn our faces to the light.

In a world where suffering of the helpless

Casts a shadow all along the way, Let us bear the Cross of Christ with gladness

And proclaim the dawning of the day.

For the light is stronger...

Let us light a candle in the darkness, In the face of death, a sign of life. As a sign of hope where all seems hopeless, As a sign of peace in place of strife. For the light is stronger than the darkness and the day will overcome the night, though the shadows linger all around us, Let us turn our faces to the light.

Words: Robert Willis (1947-2024) Tune: Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

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.

COLLECT

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks today for the peace and security we enjoy. We remember those who in time of war faithfully served their country. We pray for their families, and for ourselves whose freedom was won at such a cost. Make us a people zealous for peace, and hasten the day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation and neither learn war any more. This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world: Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. **Amen.**

THE REMEMBRANCE

The Laying of The Memorial Wreath

The congregation continues to stand as the Organist plays 'The Dead March' from 'Saul,' by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759). The Memorial Wreath will be placed at the altar.

The Priest then says

Let us now remember with both sadness and gratitude all who, in the defence of our country and of freedom, and for the triumph of liberty, truth, and justice, have given up their lives. We pray especially for the grandparents and parents, siblings, spouses, and other relatives, comrades and friends, of the men and women of The Australian Defence Forces and those who fought alongside them. Hallowed in Christ is the memory of the brave who died in wars. They fell in the course of doing their duty.

THE ODE Mike Fogarty, Toorak RSL Sub-branch

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them." *The League Ode*, 1921

THE 'LAST POST' Played by Richard Thornton

Silence is observed. After which Mike Fogarty says

Lest we forget: **Lest we forget.**

THE 'ROUSE' Played by Richard Thornton

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Australians all, let us rejoice, for we are one and free; we've golden soil and wealth for toil, our home is girt by sea.
Our land abounds in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare; in history's page, let every stage advance Australia fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing: Advance, Australia fair!

Beneath the radiant Southern Cross we'll toil with heart and hand, to make this Commonwealth of ours renowned of all the lands
For those who've come across the seas we've boundless plains to share; with courage let us all combine to Advance Australia fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing: Advance, Australia fair!

Please be seated

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 2.1-4 Read by Phillip Thomas, Toorak RSL Sub-branch

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many people shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

For the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 46 sung together



- 1. God is our strength and refuge, our present help in trouble; and we therefore will not fear, though the earth should change! Though mountains shake and tremble, though swirling floods are raging, God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!
- 2. There is a flowing river, within God's holy city; God is in the midst of her she shall not be moved! God's help is swiftly given, thrones vanish at his presence God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!
- 3. Come, see the works of our maker, learn of His deeds all powerful; wars will cease across the world when He shatters the spear! Be still and know your creator, uplift Him in the nations God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

Richard Thomas Bewes (1934 –)
DAMBUSTERS MARCH
Eric Coates (1886 – 1958)
(TiS 28)

THE SECOND READING Romans 8.31-39 read by David O'Brien, Toorak RSL Sub-branch

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake

we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



I vow to thee my country, all earthly things above, entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love; the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test. That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best; the love that never falters, the love that pays the price, the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country
I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her,
most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies,
we may not see her king,
her fortress is a faithful heart,
her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently
her shining bounds increase
and her ways are ways of gentleness
and all her paths are peace.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, 1916 (1859 – 1918) THAXTED: Gustav Holst (1874 – 1934) John Keble 1792–1866 (vv. 1, 3) and others

Please remain standing for the reading of the Gospel

THE GOSPEL John 14.1-6

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

For the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON The Assistant Priest, The Revd Dr Wendy Crouch

THE ANTHEM 'Justorum animae' Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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 led by John Horan

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

For service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God; may God give peace. **God give peace**.

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss; may God give peace. **God give peace**.

For all members of the defence forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return; may God give peace. **God give peace.**

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatred of humanity;

may God give peace. God give peace.

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

may God give peace. God give peace.

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace;

may God give peace. God give peace

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world: its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for all people.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

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

THE PARISH NOTICES

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.**

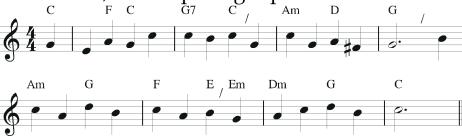
All share with each other a 'COVIDsafe' sign of peace Feel free to come and share peace with those people joining us on Zoom

OFFERTORY

As the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward, a monetary collection for the life of St. John's is taken. Please give by contributing to the collection plate, at the paypoint at the rear of the church or by scanning the QR code.



offertory hymn 'O God, our help in ages past'



- 1. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
- 2. Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure: sufficient is your arm alone, and our defence is sure.
- 3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.
- 4. A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone: short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

- 5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all of us away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
- 6. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, remain our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts 1674-1748 alt. (TiS 47)

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.**

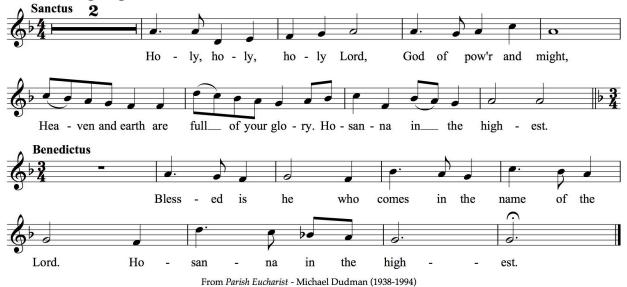
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All remain standing

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 Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues to the following

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:



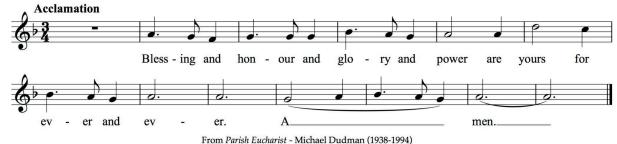
The Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues to the following

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



The Great Thanksgiving Prayer ends with the following

... songs of never ending praise *or* ... now and for ever.



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 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.



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 baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion is available as consecrated bread, which is given to each person, and wine which may be drunk from the chalice. A separate chalice for intinction (dipped) is also provided. If you would prefer a blessing, please come forward and indicate this by keeping your arms behind your back. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

COMMUNION 'In the midst of life'

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We pray for ourselves in the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.

HYMN 'Who would true valour see'



- 1. Who would true valour see, let them come hither; those here will constant be, come wind, come weather. There's no discouragement shall make them once relent each from a vowed intent to be a pilgrim.
- 2. Those who beset them round with dismal stories cannot the brave confound: their strength the more is. No lion can them fright, they'll with a giant fight, but each will have a right to be a pilgrim.

John Bunyan 1628–88 alt. (TiS 561)

3. Hobgoblin nor foul fiend can daunt their spirit: they know they at the end shall life inherit.

Then fancies fly away; they'll scorn what people say, and each work night and day to be a pilgrim.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE 'Nimrod' from Enigma Variations Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

As the postlude is played please remain seated or leave quietly



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CURRENT NOTICES

November 10, Parish Council Nominations

With the Annual Meeting date only a week away (Sunday 17 November, 11.30am), today is the last day nominations can be made for parish council. Nomination forms can be found in the Narthex. You must be on the parish roll to be nominated.

Wednesday 13 November, Wednesday Night Eucharist CANCELLED

Due to the Archbishop's Dinner there will be no Wednesday night Eucharist this week. Services will resume as normal next week.

Wednesday 13 November-Saturday 16 November

Our Assistant Priest Wendy will be taking the Diocesan Ordination Retreat at Pallotti College in Warburton for those to be priested on the Saturday, and then preaching at their Ordination Service St Paul's Cathedral at 10am on the 16th. Please pray for her, and for those to be ordained.

News About Assistant Curate, The Revd Lydia Thangadurai

At the end of almost three years of service to our church, Lydia is preparing to resign her position as Asst. Curate, with her final Sunday being November 24, 2024. A Special Morning Tea to farewell Lydia is planned for after the Sunday 10 am Service that day. December 1 Lydia commences as Asst. Priest and Succentor of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. In preparation for her move Lydia will be taking the remaining amount of leave she has accrued in her time with us, from October 17 to November 19, inclusive. As is our custom with clergy leaving, we shall present Lydia with a gift as she leaves our parish. Contributions to a fund by which we can do so can be made here: BSB 033086 | Acc. No. 871931 *The Vicar*

Annual Meeting, 17 November, 11.30am

All members of the parish are invited to the Annual Meeting, to be held in the church. Those on the Electoral Roll may vote but all are invited. This is an important event in the life and affairs of the parish so all are encouraged to attend. The meeting will include a follow up from the parish meeting held on Sunday 20th October.

Advent Working Bee, Saturday 30 November, 10am-12pm

Come and join in as we prepare the church for Advent, with a spruce up of the church and the setting up of the unadorned trees and wreaths. All help willingly received! Sign up here or in the narthex.

Trinity College Annual Carol Services, Saturday 30 November & Sunday 1 December, 5pm, at Trinity College, The University of Melbourne

You are warmly invited to Trinity College's Advent Carols and a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Both Services will feature the Choir of Trinity College, directed by Christopher Watson, and commence at 5pm. RSVP 5pm 22 November. www.trybooking.com/CVCQF. Enquiries: events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au

Morning Tea in the Vicarage and Gardens, December 1, 11.30am

Robyn and I invite everyone to morning tea in the Vicarage and Garden to mark the beginning of the new church year on the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, at 11.30am.

The Vicar

Preparing for Advent: A Quiet Day, Saturday 7 December, 10am -4pm

During Advent, which commences on Sunday 1st December, we prepare for the great summer festival of the nativity of Christ - Christmas! Setting time apart for reflection on the meaning of Advent is a lovely way to enter Advent. The Revd Dr Wendy Crouch will be holding an Advent focussed Quiet Day in the picturesque surrounds of St Josephs by the Sea, Williamstown. A sign up sheet is in the narthex And a number have already indicated their intention to come. For further information please contact Wendy assistantpriest@saintjohnstoorak.org or the St John's parish office on 9826 1765 or enquiries@saintjohnstoorak.org

November 18 - December 6, Madonna: Wisdom, Grace and Compassion

This exhibition at Kinross Arts Centre presents a thoughtful exploration of the rich tradition of European sacred art, presenting the Madonna as a symbol of divine grace, wisdom, and compassion. Ursula Betka and Margaret Gibson, both esteemed iconographic artists, bring together Renaissance-inspired and Byzantine-influenced works, articulating to Madonna's enduring spiritual resonance across different cultural and artistic traditions.

An Opening Celebration and Book Launch will be held on Friday 22 November, 6-8pm. RSVP required: director@kinrossarts.org.au. For more information: www.toorakuc.org.au/kinross-exhibitions.

November & December Rosters Now Available



Rosters for the months of November and December 2024 are now available! Hard copies will be available in the Narthex or click here to view the rosters online. Our pewsheets and rosters, are also available on our website: www.saintjohnstoorak.org
Did you know that we send the rosters and pewsheets out weekly? Join our mailing list here or scan the QR code!

Giving to St. John's Ministry via the Anglican Development Fund (ADF)



We recommend using ADF to set up regular giving. Simply download and complete the form here or scan the QR code. You can choose to give through *direct debit* or *credit card*, and at what intervals you would like. It not only makes it easier for you to contribute to the ministry of St. John's, it also helps us to budget for the coming year. For any confidential questions or assistance, email our Parish Recorder, Richard Uglow: giving@saintjohnstoorak.org

Process of Selection of our New Archbishop

Updates on the Selection process are available at www.boardofnominators.org.

PRAYER FOR THE SELECTION OF OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese a shepherd after your own heart, who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer Book for Australia, p. 212.

REGULAR NOTICES

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

St. John's is committed to safeguarding all people and protecting their wellbeing, including young and vulnerable people, especially Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, and children with diverse needs. All relevant staff and volunteers are trained in child safety and have appropriate clearance for service or ministry. If you have any concerns about the wellbeing of children in this parish, contact Kooyoora on 1800 135 246 or www.kooyoora.org.au If you have concerns about your wellbeing or that of another churchgoer, please contact the clergy.

Pastoral Care

Clergy and members of the Pastoral Care Team offer pastoral care on a regular basis to parishioners as well as to those who specifically request it. This may include Home Communion. They also visit local hospitals at the request of patients, family, friends or staff with the consent of the recipient. Clergy and Lay Pastoral Carers visit a number of local Aged Care facilities on a regular, usually monthly, basis. Parishioners and others are welcome to phone the church office to arrange a home visit by the clergy or a lay pastoral carer. Those who are no longer able to attend usual services at the church are visited on a regular basis.

The Melbourne Anglican (TMA) and Prayer Diary

The latest edition of TMA is <u>here</u>. The link to the November Prayer Diary is <u>here</u>.

Contribute to Worship Services

All our ministries at St John's are supported by our wonderful volunteers. The rosters for September are available here. And you will note that volunteering for morning tea has now been added to the list of duties. If you can help fill any of the gaps please contact the parish office. Thanks in advance.

Communion Instructions

All are welcome at the altar and those baptised are welcome to receive Communion. Holy Communion is distributed via a chalice from which to sip or, a separate chalice into which the bread may be intincted (dipped). If you wish to simply receive the bread only that is perfectly appropriate. Gluten free wafers are available on request. A blessing only is also available.

Zoom Link - NOTE NEW LINK

Our 10am Sunday service is streamed here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86212089431?pwd=ZEN2M2xWRHRhMVhxTWhwcmVwTzFEdz 09 Meeting ID: 862 1208 9431 | Passcode: 541347

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests can be sent to <u>prayers@saintjohnstoorak.org</u>. 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 Assistant Curate Lydia has Monday and Vicar Peter has Friday. Wendy usually works Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday only. 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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers for Victims of War

Give comfort, O Lord, to all who are torn away from their homes and their loved ones, by war, by famine, or by cruelty; give the world your peace and turn the hearts of those who will to war; grant that we who dwell secure in this insecure world may be generous in caring for our displaced brothers and sisters, of all faiths and none. We ask this in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: St Aidan's Parkdale (Philip Hurwood); Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia; Calling Melbourne2Prayer Group (Jill Firth, Rachel McDougall, Jamie Miller, Philip Trouse); All Saints' Glenhuntly – Pastoral service (Abp Philip Freier); Christ Church Essendon – Pastoral service (Bp Kate Prowd); City on a Hill East Melbourne – Pastoral service (Bp Paul Barker); The Church of South India (Bp Dharmaraj Rasalam);

For those who lead us in Government: His Majesty King Charles III; Governor General Ms Sam Mostyn AC; Prime Minister Anthony Albanese; Federal Member of Parliament for Division of Higgins, Dr. Michelle Ananda-Rajah; and Premier of Victoria, Jacinta Allan.

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 Nicole Ginnane; St Catherine's School, Interim Principal Robert Marshall; and Toorak Primary School, Principal Julie Manallack.

For the sick and all in need: Gwen, Rex, Bruce, Sam, Margaret, Nichole, Joanna, Ivan, Anthea, David, John, Tim, Joan, James, Karen, Trisha, Emma, Thomas, Rod, Robyn, Stephen, Stella & Spencer.

For those in aged care and those who are housebound: Beverley; Angela; Marg; Val; Rosalind; Elizabeth; Russ & Sue.

For those who have died recently and those who mourn them: Val Hurst, Dorothy Pizzey & Bruce Fordham.

Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week: Margaret Hill (2015); Bill Thomson (2025); Judy Gronow (2020); Ross Herron (2017); Malcolm Shepherd (2016); Gwynneth Brett (2017); Betty Lamerton (2016); Joyce Pettigrew (2018) & Alexander Cecil (1991).

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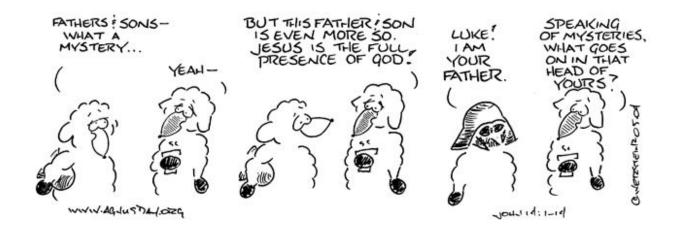
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SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

Our regular scripture commentary is unavailable today. Commentary will resume Sunday week.



MUSIC COMMENTARY

PRELUDE 'O Mensch, bewein' dein Sünde groß' BWV 622 J.S. Bach (1685-1750) from The Orgelbüchlein

The Orgelbüchlein is a collection of 45 chorale preludes that J.S. Bach composed in Weimar around 1713–1717, intended as teaching material for young organists and as a comprehensive exploration of Lutheran chorales. "O Mensch, bewein' dein Sünde groß," BWV 622, is one of its most expressive pieces and is often played on Good Friday.

POSTLUDE 'Nimrod' from Enigma Variations *Edward Elgar (1857-1934)* Elgar was a violinist, organist, bassoonist, and prolific composer, as well as a brilliant conductor.

ART COMMENTARY

Christ is our bridge to heaven - the only Way across the gulf between earthly life and eternal glory, is a visually striking painting by a 21st century artist, Elizabeth Wang. Elizabeth Wang was born in 1942 and spent a lot of her life engaging with the Catholic Faith. As a result, she produced many writings on Catholicism and much of her art embodies spiritual and religious themes.

Meed time for prayer? Some quiet space?

The church is open every day from 9am until 5pm for you to come and pray, meditate, or sit quietly. There are prayer books and prayer booklets in the Angel Chapel and the Narthex for use, the latter of which you can also download here.

This Week

SUNDAY, 10 November 2024 Remembrance Sunday

8am Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist

12pm Baptism of Olivia Cutler & Catherine Hassett

WEDNESDAY, 13 November 2024 7pm Eucharist CANCELLED 5.45pm, Evensong at Trinity College followed by the Archbishop's Dinner

> THURSDAY, 14 November 2024 4pm TEM Council Meeting at the Swedish Church



Next Sunday, 17 November Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Eucharist

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:4-20, Fiona McLeay Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25, Angus

McLeay

Gospel Reading: *Mark* 13:1-11 Intercessor: Jason Pennell

Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter French

10am Eucharist

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:4-20, Adriaan den

Dulk

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25,

Andrew Ankers

Gospel Reading: *Mark* 13:1-11 Intercessor: Keith Beecher

Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter French

Morning Tea: Anthony Mannering & Volunteers

Required





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