

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Morning & Evening Prayer is held in the Chapel on weekdays at 8.30am and 5pm respectively.

MONDAY 5 May

4.00pm Wardens' meeting in Dempster Room

TUESDAY 6 May

9.30am Moving into Music—Annex area
Rutherford Room
9.30am Pastoral Care Team meets in Dempster Room
12 noon Eucharist
12.40pm Staff Meeting
1.15pm Staff lunch out
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting

WEDNESDAY 7 May

9.30am Little Seeds Playgroup back for Term 2
11.30am Eucharist
12.15pm BYO Lunch in Dempster Room
12.30pm Deanery Meeting at St Mark's.
6.30pm Communion and Curry
7.00pm Cursillo Executive meets in Dempster Room

THURSDAY 8 May

10.15am Ecumenical Ministers meet
1.30pm Committee of Bp. Perry Training Institute meets in Dempster Room

SATURDAY 10 May

9.00am Cakes Stall outside Priceline
2.30pm U3A Concert in the Church

NEXT SUNDAY - 11 May 2014

Easter 4

Acts 2. 42-47; Psalm 23;
1 Peter 2. 1-10; John 10. 1-10

8am EUCHARIST

Presider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Reader: Penny Galbraith
Intercessor: Peter Forwood
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Penny Galbraith

9.00am BREAKFAST

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Readers: John Lester, Georgina Porter
Intercessor: Andrew Porter
Servers: Jenny Cook (MC)
Geoff Vincent, James Moorhouse,
Sue Banting
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Ross Smith
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov, Alicia White

12.00 noon Regina Caeli in the Chapel

3.00pm INDONESIAN : David Moore,
Emily Fraser, Kuncoro Rusman - Eucharist

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE



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ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

Feast of St John the Evangelist—4 May 2014

My Dear Friends,

It is a great privilege to celebrate this 151st feast of St John the Evangelist with you. For the last eleven years Luke the Evangelist has been the patron saint shaping my mission and ministry. My first celebration of the feast of John with you has prompted me to consider how John appeals to us.

Christian spirituality has become drastically stuck, a state of affairs that has accelerated since 'the enlightenment' - paradoxically! In the early church, Biblical interpretation was a three-faceted enterprise, involving a historical or literal meaning, an ethical or moral meaning, and a spiritual or esoteric meaning. But under the influence of the prevailing rationalistic, materialistic and extroverted attitude of 'enlightened' western consciousness the Bible has been increasingly hijacked by adherents of either the first or the second way of reading Scripture. Anyone can observe in Christian churches and in Western history the sad and tragic results.

However, for giants of early church biblical interpretation such as Gregory of Nyssa, a Bible passage could not be fully understood until its symbolic-spiritual meaning had been comprehended. While not neglecting the ethical-moral nor the historical-literal meaning of Scripture, our forebears realised the priority of the spiritual-symbolic meaning. More recently, Thomas Merton wrote "What is hidden beneath the literal meaning [of Scripture] is not merely another more hidden meaning, it is also a new and totally different reality... It is the divine itself."

St Augustine of Hippo wrote of John's gospel that he is "the first among the evangelists in penetration of the depths of the divine mysteries... In the figure of the four animals of Ezekiel... he is compared to the eagle which flies higher than other birds and gazes at the sun's rays with undazzled eyes. He rested on the Lord's breast at the Last Supper and drank a draught of heavenly wisdom better than that received by the others from the source itself, the Lord's heart. His concern was to intrust us with Christ's divinity and the mystery of the Trinity."

Our patron beckons us to gaze deeply into the mystery of Divine life, to rest on the Source itself, the heart of Christ. In a time when the Bible is either shackled by the regressive spirit of moralism, literalism, and historicism, or rejected as irrelevant because of that ill spirit, John is the gift to the Christian community to more deeply comprehend the meaning of Scripture. I wonder how we are being invited to share our patron's gift at 'the junction'?

With my love, David

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SERVICES TODAY

WELCOME! We are glad to have you join us in the sacred liturgy. With generations of Christ's followers we are all welcomed around the banquet table of the Word made flesh—regardless of gender, race, colour, sexual orientation, social status or any other distinction. And you are warmly invited to join us for morning tea in the Rutherford Room following the liturgy.

WELCOME THE PREACHER: We are delighted to welcome as our guest preacher today at 10am **The Reverend Canon Dr Colleen O'Reilly**. Vicar of St George's Malvern, Colleen also contributes substantially to the life of the Diocese of Melbourne and the Province on many boards and committees, in light of which we are especially grateful for her accepting our invitation to preach today.

No 8.00am Eucharist today

10.00am Sung Eucharist

*Readings: Proverbs 8.22-31; Psalm 97;
1 John 1. 1-5; John 20. 2-8*

President: David Moore
Preacher: Colleen O'Reilly
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Georgina Porter
Keith Wilkins
Intercessor: Andrew Porter, Fransisca
Komimbin, Margaret Kelly,
Kidz@Church, Penny
Galbraith
Cantor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
Neil Nyholm
Geoff Vincent
Robin Carter
Neicia Shaw
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon
TBA

KIDZ@CHURCH: Cathy Hayes, Janice Wong
and Verona Lea

This Service at 10am is followed by
Morning Tea in the Rutherford Room
and a Festive Lunch.

12 noon Regina Caeli

3.00pm Indonesian - Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm: Contemplative Service

THANK YOU... to everyone who has helped to make today's Patronal Festival such a lovely occasion – in the sanctuary, at the door, in the grounds, in the kitchen, in the office, in the choir room.

EASTERTIME After the liturgical simplicity and austerity of Lent, we now pull out all the stops – bells, magnificent flowers, gold and white cloths, an abundance of candles, the fragrance of incense, singing many Alleluias. 40 days of preparation for 50 days of celebration - *Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

PASCHAL MYSTERY: Resources for Lent-Easter. A guide for the season is available today. Please take a copy.

PASCHAL CANDLE The Paschal Candle illuminated our way in the pre-dawn light on Easter Day. It remains lit throughout Eastertime's 50 days of celebrating, after which it is lit for baptisms and funerals. Thanks to Judy Moore for painting this year's Paschal Candle.

TMA—The Melbourne Anglican— is available today at the back of the church. Please take a copy.

CONVERSATION WITH THE ARCHBISHOP: *"The demise of manufacturing in Australia"*. Wednesday 7 May at **7.30am**. Join Archbishop Philip Freier as he discusses this vital issue with the Hon Clare O'Neil, Labor MP for Hotham and Professor Ian Harper, a partner with Deloitte Access Economics and recently appointed by the Federal Government to chair a review of competition policy. Deakin Edge, Federation Square. Admission free. **NOTE: 7.30am.**

CHORAL FOUNDATION BROCHURES can be found at the back of the Church. This programme has been a joyous and significant innovation, raising the quality of our weekly worship and bringing young people into our faith community. To maintain the Foundation into its second year we need more people to contribute. Please speak to our Director of Music, David Byrne, if you would like to support the Foundation.

THE CAKE AND PRESERVES STALL in Burke Road is on **next Saturday 10 May**. A detailed flyer with labels for ingredients is with these notices today. Proceeds go to Anglicare Victoria and Camcare. This is our only cake stall this year. Please put your name on the list on the noticeboard if you can help on the day. *Diana Azzopardi*.

OPEN FORUM Everyone is welcome and warmly invited to participate in a parish 'Open Forum' – **11.30am-12.30pm Sunday 25 May**, in the Rutherford Room. This will be a conversation which I will chair. The agenda is open. There will be no motions, nor is debate its aim – that's what Parish Council is quite properly set up to do. Rather, the aim is for us to hear each other, freed from the need to rebut. There will be no 'minutes' – but the key points will be summarised and distributed to all afterwards. I will be very happy to answer any questions which are mine to answer, and I will be most grateful to hear from you about what matters. Though I should add that I do not intend this to be primarily a conversation with me - rather I envisage an atmosphere in which all of us are in conversation with each other. *David*

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Laura Lord, Harold de Soysa (Priest), whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ARRANGEMENTS DURING KEITH'S ABSENCE: Keith is away until Monday 19 May. Graham is away from 10 to 19 May. In his absence please contact Kerry Pratt on any matters relating to Keith's absence.

'CONFESSING OUR FAITH': the next unit in the Trinity Certificate begins next Sunday afternoon, 11 May, at 4pm in the Dempster Room. It is not too late to book - please speak to Muriel Porter. Casual attenders will be welcome each Sunday: \$10 per session.

"JESUS, THE FORGIVING VICTIM" - JAMES ALISON, a Catholic theologian, priest and author, will visit Melbourne in May. **Public Lecture:** "Cinderella no longer...taking hope to the ball". Wednesday 21 May 7.00-8.30pm Burge Theatre, Trinity College. **Retreat:** "Jesus the Forgiving Victim" - Friday 23 May 7.30-9pm and Saturday 24 May 10am-5pm, Trinity College. **Dinner with Q & A** with James Alison on "The Church and her Future", Saturday 24 May, 6.30pm for 7pm start, St Peter's Hall, Eastern Hill. All events open to the public - Flyer on noticeboard. <http://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/australian-girard-seminar-and-st-peters-eastern-hill-6387228803>—Register by 19th May.

FUTURE DATES

'CONFESSING OUR FAITH' COURSE, commences Sunday 11 May— 4pm— continues for 9 weeks.

ASCENSION DAY: 29 May—Eucharist 6.30pm. If anyone is interested in having a meal out after the service, please speak with the Vicar.

FAMILY EUCHARIST: Sunday 18 May 10am.

OPEN FORUM: Sunday May 25—11.30am -12.30pm in the Rutherford Room.