

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

### MONDAY 21 July

**12noon** Friends of St John's Community Support Group BYO Lunch in Dempster Room. Tea/coffee provided

### TUESDAY 22 July

**NB: There will not be a Eucharist at 12 noon.**

**11.00am** Funeral in the Church for Mr Cyril Dunn

**12.45pm** Staff Meeting

**3.15pm** Liturgy Meeting

### WEDNESDAY 23 July

**9.30am** Little Seeds Playgroup

**11.30am** Eucharist in the Chapel

**12.15pm** BYO Lunch in Dempster Room

**1.30pm** Field Committee—Emily Fraser—meets

### THURSDAY 24 July

**8.00pm** Thursday Study Group at Ross' home

### FRIDAY 25 July

**7.00 for 7.30pm Winter Dinner** (See details on Page 3 of these notices).

### SATURDAY 26 July

**8.30am** Clean up after Winter Dinner

**2.00pm** Sing Australia Concert in the Church

## NEXT SUNDAY - 27 July 2014

### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29.15-28; Ps. 105.1-11 or Ps. 128

Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.44-58

### 8am EUCHARIST

**Presider:** Emily Fraser  
**Preacher:** Emily Fraser  
**Reader:** Keith Dempster  
**Intercessor:** Geoff Vincent  
**Server:** Geoff Vincent  
**Euch. Asst.** Keith Dempster

### 10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

**Presider:** David Moore  
**Preacher:** Emily Fraser  
**Deacon:** Kuncoro Rusman  
**Sub-Deacon:** Ross Smith  
**Readers:** Kerry Pratt  
Georgina Porter  
**Intercessor:** Andrew Porter  
**Servers:** Neil Nyholm (MC)  
Jenny Cook  
Sue Banting  
Neicia Shaw

**Euch. Assts.** Sub-Deacon, Jenny Cook  
**Kidz@Church:** Sue Pratt & Debbie Pratt

**12.00 noon** **The Angelus** in the Chapel

**3.00pm** **INDONESIAN Congregation**  
**Kuncoro Rusman**

**5.15pm** **Exploring Faith 2**

**6.00pm** **CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE**



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**ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL**  
**Feast of Mary Magdalene—20 July 2014**

My Dear Friends,

Two events last week caught my attention while I was beginning my preparations for today's feast. In Rome, Pope Francis is alleged in an interview to have floated the possibility of the end to mandatory clerical celibacy. The Vatican quickly responded that Francis did not actually say that – of course! In London, Ian Thorpe declared in an interview with Michael Parkinson that he is gay. In responding to the obvious question as to why his self-disclosure had taken so long, the swimmer confessed: "I'm a little bit ashamed that I didn't come out earlier, that I didn't have the strength to do it, I didn't have the courage to do it, to break that lie." His family's 'conservative Christianity' has been cited as one of the factors.

It is sobering that Christian theology has been dominated for most of its history by a male clerical caste, by a neurotic dread of sexuality and the body, and by a dualistic body-denying theological edifice. The legacy of all this is monumental. Repression of human instinctuality, which is the inevitable consequence of Christianity's flesh-despising theology, was bound to break out in all manner of destructive forms. The Christian problem is the body, flesh - in fact matter in general. In breaking with Semitic affirmation of the flesh, Christian theologising became increasingly reoriented according to a dualistic mindset. The key element in this regard is the radical separation of heaven and earth, spirit and flesh, the divine and the human. Under this influence the goal of Christian life became fleeing the 'sinfulness' of the body for an other-worldly 'heaven'. Keeping oneself sexually pure in this life became a prerequisite for eternal reward. We need to face up to the fact that this was *not* the cosmology of Jesus the Jew – but the cosmology of Greek philosophy.

Anyone (except, apparently, many Christians) can see how this dualistic distortion is bound to make those who attempt to adhere to it themselves distorted – at times brutal, masochistic, misogynistic, homophobic. Moreover, when the human body is despised, all matter pays the price, as is evident from the ecological situation we now face. While I hope for an end to compulsory celibacy, it remains sobering to reflect on the fact that though 16<sup>th</sup> century reformers rushed to marry, rigid theological dualism has remained largely intact in much of the protestant world. While I am delighted that a swimming legend's coming out has given comfort to so many, even so the churches remain captive to brutal homophobia.

Re-enter stage left Mary Magdalene, apostle to the apostles, and the reappearance of the feminine and the Wisdom tradition suppressed for so long by a male-patriarchal religious institution. Speak to us again, Mary.

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.

### 8.00am Eucharist

Prisider: David Moore  
Preacher: David Moore  
Readers: Graham and Elisabeth Pratt  
Intercessor: Clergy  
Server: Hans Ferdinands  
Euch. Asst. Graham Pratt

### 10.00am Sung Eucharist

Prisider: Emily Fraser  
Preacher: David Moore  
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman  
Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm  
Readers: Carole Nicholls  
Neil Nyholm  
Intercessor: Adrienne Bolch  
Cantor: Greg Lee  
Servers: Neicia Shaw (MC)  
Geoff Vincent  
James Moorhouse  
Robin Carter  
Euch. Assts. Neil Nyholm  
Carole Nicholls

KIDZ@CHURCH: Andrew and Georgina Porter

**12 noon The Angelus**  
**1.30pm Indonesian Coordinating Committee meets**  
**3.00pm Indonesian Congregation Kuncoro Rusman**  
**6.00pm Contemplative Service**

*Readings for the day: Song of Songs 3.1-4; Ps 63; 2 Corinthians 5.14-21; John 20.1-18*

**EXPLORING FAITH:—Next Sunday July 27 and Sunday August 3** at 5.15pm. If you're interested in preparing for baptism, confirmation, reception into the Church or making a re-affirmation of faith, you're invited to join 'Exploring Faith' to reflect on that journey with others. All are welcome. For more details, see the leaflet 'Exploring Faith' in the narthex, or speak with one of the clergy.

**THE RAMADAN FRIENDSHIP DINNER** held in the Rutherford Room last Thursday was a great success. Thankyou to all involved. St John's parishioners, Camcare, and other supporters joined refugees, unaccompanied minors and their carers, in a Ramadan dinner prepared by the refugees. During the course of the evening all present learnt a great deal about one another and we heard some amazing stories.  
*Liz Pratt.*

**PARISH COUNCIL REPORT** from the July meeting is enclosed with these notices.

**GUTENBERG'S BIBLE** is being exhibited in the Baillieu Library University of Melbourne from 18-27 July - 11am to 5pm. See noticeboard for details of free exhibition.

**MALAYSIAN AIRLINE TRAGEDY:** Extract from a Press Release from Archbishop Freier: "Our sympathies and prayers are with the thousands of people who are grieving the loss of family members," Dr Freier said. There will be a memorial service at St Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne on Thursday 24 July at 5.10pm.

**TOMORROW THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S Community Support Group** Lunch Time Meeting is on at **12 noon** in the Dempster Room (BYO lunch—tea and coffee provided). Our lunch time meetings twice a year are a great way to keep in touch and to talk about our activities in the community during the past six months. We extend the invitation to all members of the Parish who may be interested in hearing about our outreach ministry activities or becoming involved in some way. Please let me know if you are attending. Liz Pratt [liz@pratt.id.au](mailto:liz@pratt.id.au).

**NEXT FRIDAY 25 July 7 for 7.30pm. WELCOME TO ITALY!** This is our 2014 Winter Dinner theme. **Tickets are on sale now** after the 10.00am services on Sundays, or through the Church Office during office hours. New goods or talents for the silent auction are now open to be received. Contact Neicia Shaw Email: [neicia@nsproject.com.au](mailto:neicia@nsproject.com.au). **AUCTION ITEMS** are listed on the flyer in these notices. **USED TERRACOTTA PLANT POTS are still needed** (120mm in diameter) for the Winter Dinner. Please speak with Neicia.

**SCHOOL DAY MEMORIES:** St. John's Camberwell Anglicare Auxiliary—Bring a photo and a story and enjoy a Devonshire Tea with fine bone china at St. John's Tea Rooms. **Monday 28 July 2014 at 2.15 pm** in the Rutherford Room. Donations to Anglicare Victoria.

**MEN'S SOCKS NEEDED:** There is an urgent need for men's socks (new or washed second-hand) for clients of St Peter's Eastern Hill Breakfast Program. They may be put in the basket on Sundays or left at the office.

**A CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING** will be held on Thursday 31 July at 7.30pm in the Rutherford Room.

**A CONCERT** presented by Sing Australia will be held at 2pm in the Church next Saturday.

**YEAR'S MIND:** We remember before God, Alan Brownell, Millie Anderson, Reginald Livsey, Nellie Barker, Ian Shumack, James Paterson, Russell Clark (Priest), Ivor Ferdinands, Geoffrey Moorhouse (Priest), Marion Parsons, Olive Bolt, and Alan Woods, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**CYRIL AND JOAN DUNN** were regular members of St John's until they moved away from Melbourne some years ago. Since returning, Cyril has had a prolonged stay in hospital and we are now sad to record his death. Joan has resumed her membership and we assure her and her family of our sympathy and prayers. Cyril's funeral will be held here at St John's on Tuesday 22 July at 11am.

**BOOKS, BOOKS and MORE BOOKS** are needed **NOW** for our Book Fair here at St John's on Saturday 30 August. Books may be brought on Sundays, left in the box in the narthex or to the Parish Office during office hours. Proceeds from the Book Sale will be shared between Anglicare Victoria and Anglican Overseas Aid specifically to aid their work with asylum seekers and refugees. Enquiries to Penny Galbraith.

**NINTH ECUMENICAL BREAKFAST** of Canterbury Council of Churches at Siena College on Sat. 26 July at 9am. Cost \$15. Speaker: Sr. Brigid Arthur, of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers' Project. See flyer on noticeboard.

## FUTURE DATES

**WINTER DINNER:** 7 for 7.30pm—25 July.

**EXPLORING FAITH:** - 5.15pm July 27 and August 3rd

**SCHOOL DAY MEMORIES** - 2.15pm Monday July 28

**BP. BARBARA'S FINAL VISIT:** 10am and 3pm Sunday 17 August.

**BOOKSALE**—Saturday 30 August.