

# CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

Acland St, St Kilda

Newsletter  
Ascension Sunday  
29 May 2022

**A lighthouse atop Green Knoll  
A lighthouse shining in the dark  
A lighthouse beaming the light  
of life  
of love  
of hope  
of Christ**



**A vision for  
Christ Church St Kilda**

*Christ Church St Kilda Parish acknowledges the  
Yaluk-ut Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung with deep respect.  
We give thanks to God for their Elders, both past and present,  
and their continuing relationship to this land.*

## **Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith.....**

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, the fortieth day of the Easter Season, one of the great Mysteries of our Faith. And as a Mystery, it is perhaps best approached obliquely, by image and symbol, by poetry. To enhance our celebration of this Feast, here is a contemporary poem written expressly for the day.

### ***A Sonnet for Ascension Day***

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory  
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place,  
As earth became a part of Heaven's story  
And heaven opened to his human face.

We saw him go and yet we were not parted,  
He took us with him to the heart of things,  
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted  
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,

Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,  
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,  
Whilst we our selves become his clouds of witness

And sing the waning darkness into light,  
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,  
Which all creation waits to see revealed .

*Fr Malcolm Guite*

***Fr Ken***

*Fr Turi and Dianne on leave*

Just to remind you that Dianne and Fr Turi will be on leave from Saturday 14 May 2022 through to Sunday 12 June inclusive. Fr Ken Letts has kindly agreed to stand in for me while we are away.

## LIFE IN THE PARISH

### Prayer Requests

It's important for us to keep our prayers going for those on the Parish prayer list. How do you let the Parish know you have a prayer request to add to the Parish prayer list? You can call Fr Ken on 0428 671 789 or email him at kletts@mac.com You can also contact Valerie Lion or Geoffrey Court. We know prayer works.

### Praying For The Parish

The Parish Prayer Group continues to meet **every Thursday at 9.30am** to pray for the Parish. During the lockdown they met by phone. Now that the restrictions are eased, they meet in the Memorial Garden when the weather is good otherwise they meet in the St Michael Chapel. Everyone is welcome to join the Group whenever you are able. Geoffrey Court is the facilitator.

### Parish Safety Officer

Our Parish needs to appoint a Parish Safety Officer whose job is to ensure that the Parish complies with all the regulations, Federal, State and Diocesan, concerning the safety of children and young people. The Diocese has a particular concern that every Parish fulfils the requirements. The Parish has been well served by Rachel Prince who has had to step down for her personal health and work commitments. We urgently need a person to take up the role. **A job description is available from Fr Turi.** Please contact him on 0413 395 621 or by email: vicar@christchurchstkilda.org.au

## LIVING WITH COVID-19

**"The most recent advice from the Diocese: Easing restrictions**

" In practice most Churches and Church activities are free of restrictions, we continue to echo the health advice to maintain good

hygiene and care, use sanitiser and not attend if you have any symptoms.

Any worker on Church premises including volunteers must be double vaccinated.

From midnight on 22nd April anyone can attend Church services regardless of their vaccine status.

Food and drink may also be made available and those serving are not required to wear masks.

QR code check in longer applies for any Church activity.

Fr Turi and Robyn ask that even though the wearing of face masks is not compulsory we encourage the wearing of them to maintain our duty of care for each other"

### VALE Ian Rodney Purvis:

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Ian Rodney Purvis**, our parishioner, on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022. The Vicar, Fr Ken, Wardens, Council and Parish extend deepest sympathy to his wife Sophie, children Melissa, Edward and Flora, sister Fiona and family and friends. His funeral will be at the Church on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 2.00pm. He will be very much missed. He is with Our Lord.

## FROM THE WARDENS:

### SPACE FOR RENT

The upper storey of the Community Centre is available for rent. It consists of a wide carpeted space, 2 smaller offices, small kitchen area and toilet. It would suit a professional person, community organization or fit a number of other appropriate uses.

Contact Gary on 0412570798 for further details.

## CURRENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### PARISH FINANCES:

April 2022			Year to date		
Budget	Actual	Var <sup>n</sup>	Budget	Actual	Var <sup>n</sup>
4,831	5,515	684	35,931	38,820	2,889

The Wardens and Fr Turi thank everyone for continuing to give generously toward the life of the Parish during this difficult time.

**The Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone who donated, did preparation and worked on the BBQ on Election Day, we made \$1,908.00 which was an amazing result.**

#### SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST - TRIVIA NIGHT

"We are having another of our very popular Trivia Nights, please make a note of the date in your diary."

**Bush Church Aid** This Anglican agency supports Anglican churches throughout Australia. The support is for small struggling churches and institutions in rural areas and in the outback across Australia. Dedicated clergy and their families work in some of the remotest parts of Australia to give support to the people of those areas. Donations from more fortunate communities keep them going. We have a small group here at Christ Church helping to send off some money as part of our missionary giving in June and December each year. Any small donation helps and you can put an envelope in the plate labelled Bush Church Aid if you would like to help or talk to Gary.. **Please speak to Gary Israel.**

#### Lenten Studies

The 10 week **Lenten Study Group** *The Creed In Slow Motion* continues. Fr Ken's group meets on **Friday mornings at 10am.**

Fr Turi's group will resume on **Thursday 23 June at 7pm.**

**Social Connection Group** - **The group will resume June 21<sup>st</sup>.**

The **Social Connection Group's** pot-luck meal for men who are experiencing loneliness, anxiety and depression in their lives will be on **Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm.** If you know someone, or know of someone, who might be interested in joining this group let them know about it and ask them to contact Fr Turi.

#### Wedding

The wedding of Nicole Diepenhorst and Jonathan George will be held in Christ Church on **Saturday June 11 2022 at 1:30pm.** **Pastor Nick Coombs** from City on the Hill Melbourne East will be officiating.

## COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

### **Work This Way: Training Program**

We have now re- launched the Work This Way Training Programs. These were developed in partnership with the Port Phillip Community Group.

We had 2 previous starts which were disrupted by COVID.

This first round of 7-weeks are an introduction to Hospitality course on Monday afternoons as well and an introduction to Horticulture on Wednesday afternoons.

The programs are for community members taking their first steps into community involvement and who are interested in developing skills to help them to find employment, further training or a volunteer position in their chosen field.

The courses will also run for 7 weeks during Term 3 and Term 4.

The current participants are very enthusiastic.

Take care, thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and your ongoing support.

Elaine Wilkinson,

Program & Volunteer Co-ordinator

*Theme: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

9am Eucharist – Fr Ken

11am Gathering for Fellowship – Fr Turi

## CALENDAR OF SUNDAY WORSHIP

May- June 2022

### **5 June 2022: Day of Pentecost**

*Theme The Spirit poured out*

9am Eucharist – Fr Ken

### **12 June 2022: Trinity Sunday**

*Theme: The Most Holy Trinity*

9am Eucharist – Fr Ken

### **19 June 2022: Corpus Christi**

*Theme: God's love for us*

9am Eucharist – Fr Ken

11am Gathering for Fellowship – Fr Turi

### **26 June 2022: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (OS 13)**

*Theme: God our strength and support*

9am Eucharist – Fr Turi

11am Gathering for Fellowship – Fr Turi

### **3 July 2022: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Theme: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

9am Eucharist - Fr Turi

11am Gathering for Fellowship – Fr Turi

### **10 July 2022: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Theme: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

9am Eucharist – Fr Turi

11am Gathering for Fellowship – Fr Turi

### **17 July 2022 : Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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