

CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

Acland St, St Kilda

Newsletter

6th Sunday after Pentecost or
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10th July 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.*

FROM THE VICAR'S DESK



In early 1991 I had the privilege of attending a three-week course in Canberra on ecumenism that was run in preparation for the 7th Assembly of the World Council of Churches (WCC), which was also held in Canberra.

During the course we had lectures by a Greek Orthodox priest, among other amazing international theological and biblical scholars, who introduced us to the Greek Orthodox Church and the

world of the Orthodox traditions. Two of his lectures were on the history and significance of the creeds of the Church, particularly on what led to the schism between the Latin and the Orthodox and Coptic Churches.

At this week's bible study group, on Wednesday night, I talked about the copy of the icon of the Holy Trinity that can be found in the chancel of our church. The original icon was painted by the famous iconologist, Alexei Rublev, around 1425 CE for a basilica in Kyiv capital of the Ukraine. The icon is based on the story of three angels who visited Abraham and his clan at the oasis of Mamre. The story can be found in Genesis 18: 1-18.

In the lecture on the icon (and confirmed in our OT Hebrew course at seminary) we were told that Genesis 18: 1-18 is the first Old Testament account where the Trinity is mentioned. Abraham hosts

the angels and during the meal one of the angels tells Abraham that Sarah is going to conceive. Sarah overhears the conversation and laughs out of disbelief because of her age. When the angel asks why she laughed she denies that she did so. The angel re-affirms what He had said.

Icons are 'windows on heaven' and this icon is a window on the Holy Trinity. God the Father is seated on the left; God the Son is seated in the middle; and God the Holy Spirit is seated on the right. The colour of the robes helps distinguish who they are: the Father is dressed in gold and blue; the Son is dressed in red, blue with a strip of gold; the Holy Spirit is dressed in green and blue. This is further affirmed in the way the Son and the Holy Spirit are both bowed toward the Father and the Father acknowledges them. The way they are posed forms a circle that shows their unity and the expression on their faces shows the love that binds them together.

There is a great deal more that can be said about this icon. Whenever I say the Nicene Creed, which is the topic the bible study group is exploring, I always picture this icon in my mind, as it too tells us so much about the Holy Trinity.

LIFE IN THE PARISH

11am Gathering for Fellowship

From Sunday July 31st this service will be in the church.

Study Group

The study group with Fr Turi will continue to meet **at 7pm on Wednesday evenings** in the vicarage.

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

From Saturday, June 25th, unvaccinated people can work, whether paid or voluntary, on church premises. In effect, this removes the final Covid restrictions for churches.

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."

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"

FROM THE WARDENS:



**Can you help save our Belfry?
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.**

The belfry is on the north side of the Church near Eildon Road. It is a separate stone tower with a pointed roof of slate. It has a fine bell mounted which cannot be rung due to the weakness of the structure. For about \$160,000 we can repair it and use the bell to summon the faithful but, more importantly, the tower adjoins the Church and it is letting rain water in, which is soaking through to the walls of the Church itself. The upper part of the tower is in danger of collapsing. We have \$70,000 set aside for the repair and another \$30,000 promised.

Can you spare something for the appeal?

Tax deductible donations can be made to our National Trust Account

(www.givenow.com.au/christchurchstkildarestoration) or direct donations can be placed in the box at the back of the Church. A collection is made at the Sunday service via the red velvet pouch near the exit door to morning tea. All sales of "St. Kilda Families" Memorials in Christ Church " also go to this cause. We have sold 5 books this month already adding another \$200 to the Appeal.

PARISH FINANCES:

June 2022			Year to date		
Budget	Actual	Var ⁿ	Budget	Actual	Var ⁿ
4,831	5,067	236	46,650	49,776	3,126

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

FUNDRAISING:

FRIENDS, WE ARE HAVING ANOTHER TRIVIA NIGHT. WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN US FOR ANOTHER FUN FILLED EVENING.

Christ Church St Kilda's Trivia Night

MIDDLE PARK BOWLING CLUB



When: Saturday, 6th August 2022

Cost: \$30

Need more information? Contact Robyn on 0408 536 241

Prizes needed for trivia night if you are able to help with any of the following, we would be grateful.

Gourmet goodies: wine, biscuits, chocolates, good jam, olive oil, tins of gourmet nibbles etc. needed to make up hampers.

Prizes - Wine, chocolates, anything new that you do not want/need

Vouchers ask your favourite Restaurant/Coffee shop if they can donate a voucher for the silent auctions.

Please, nothing out of or near the use by or best before dates

ALSO money donations gladly accepted

	5:00pm Sunday 17 th July
	ALL SAINTS EAST ST KILDA
	2 Chapel Street East St Kilda 9913 9365 www.allsaints.org.au

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS:

A BIG THANK YOU to Denise of Elwood Bakers Delight



Volunteer delivery of bread rolls and other goods from Bakers Delight

We have been receiving fresh bread from Bakers Delight in Elwood since 2019 due to the generosity of the Bakers Delight Franchisee, Denise.

Denise has ensured that community members who are experiencing financial difficulties are able to access the daily basics of bread, rolls, assorted sweet and savory goods. There is a dedicated team of friendly volunteers, who deliver at least 4 large trays of baked goods each day to share.

Denise is moving on to a new venture. We wish to acknowledge and thank her whole heartedly for her generosity and also thank her for requesting the new franchisee continues in her footsteps and maintains this act of goodwill by providing goods to the community centre to distribute to people in need.

We wish Denise all the very best for her future and thank her again on behalf of all of the community who has benefited from her good will and the team at Bakers Delight, Elwood.

Thank You for making a difference, Denise.

CALENDAR OF SUNDAY WORSHIP

July - August 2022

24 July 2022 : Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Lord on the day I called for help, you answered me.

9am Eucharist – Fr Turi

11am Gathering for Fellowship – Fr Turi

31 July 2022 : Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Theme: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

9am Eucharist – Fr Turi

11am Gathering for Fellowship – Fr Turi

7 August 2022 : Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

9am Eucharist - Fr Turi

11am Gathering for Fellowship – Fr Turi

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