

# CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

Acland St, St Kilda

Newsletter

Feast of Michael and All Angels (OS 26)

25<sup>th</sup> September, 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

Today is my last Sunday when I will be preaching and celebrating as the Incumbent of Christ Church St Kilda Parish. The old saying: *Time flies when you're having fun* is a truism that comes readily to mind as I think back over the last 8 ½ years. If you take out the 2 ½ years of the COVID pandemic, time has flown and I have enjoyed 90% of that time living and working among the family of God in this Parish, within the Area Deanery, the Archdeaconry of Melbourne, the regional Episcopacy of Marningatha, and with the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne.

I have been blessed to get to know a large number of sisters and brothers in Christ well, and to become acquainted with so many more. I give thanks to God for calling me to Melbourne in 2013. In particular I want to acknowledge the work of Geoffrey Court, Valerie Lion and Stephen Baldwin who were members of the Incumbency Committee under Bishop Paul White.

Christ Church St Kilda is quite a unique Parish that has evolved during my time here. In 2014 drugs, especially Ice, and the sex industry were significant and very evident sectors of the suburb's social and economic life. The Community Centre, under the management of Michele Sholl and leadership of Mike Wilson, was struggling to provide care and assistance to those who were sleeping rough, to those who were in community housing, and to those who were on very low incomes. The drug sector is not so evident nowadays as it has gone further underground although drugs, especially Ice, are still widely available. The sex industry shifted for a time further down and across the Nepean Highway.

The COVID pandemic has had a huge impact on our lives and on my Parish. The need to adapt to the regulated isolation and other restrictions taught us all lessons on maintaining and sustaining personal health and wellbeing as well as looking out for others. Along with others in the community, many of my parishioners experienced – suffered - loneliness and depression and keeping in contact with everyone was a challenge. I am grateful to Geoffrey Court, Valerie Lion, Sandra Johnston and Robyn Foy for keeping in contact with people.

From the Pandemic we have relearned the necessity of supporting one another and keeping in touch. Geoffrey's *News from the Square* was an excellent way of keeping people connected! We also learned some new skills, particularly how to produce online services using my laptop and mobile phone. Unfortunately, the quality of production was not always the best but we trudged on and made it through. Elizabeth Rooney and Geoffrey Court led the Community Centre through a very difficult time but it has come through with lots of resources to enable it to develop further in the community.

As Dianne and I head toward our departure from you and Melbourne on 30 September, we want to thank you all for welcoming us 8 ½ years ago and for taking us in. As we move back to Aotearoa-New Zealand we will take some great memories and lots of learnings. If you come over the ditch please don't hesitate to get in touch.

*E ngā tamāriki a te Matua, e te whānau a te Karaiti, e ngā kaimahi tahi a te Wairua Tapu, ngā mihi aroha ki a koutou katoa. Noho ora mai i roto i te whakapono. Ka huihui anō tātou.*

## **LIFE IN THE PARISH**

### **11am Informal Gathering**

**There will be no 11m service this week  
as we will be joining as one to celebrate**

## **Fr Turi's last service in the parish.**

This service will be in the church. It will alternate between an Informal Eucharist on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month and the Gathering for Prayer on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. There will be no 11am service on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

## **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**

Thank you, Nikki for taking the position of Parish Safety Officer. Her job is to ensure that the Parish complies with Federal, State and Diocesan regulations concerning the safety of children and young people.

Nikki can be contacted at aniki7536@gmail.com if you wish to report any incidents or concerns. Or you can report your concern to the diocesan agency, Kooyoora on 1800 135 246

## LIVING WITH COVID-19

Most Churches and Church activities are free of restrictions. Fr Turi and Robyn ask that you continue to use sanitizer and not attend if you have any symptoms to maintain our duty of care for each other.

## NEWS FROM THE WARDENS:

The wardens are pleased to introduce our locum priest to the Congregation and ask you to make The Reverend Gail Bryce very warmly welcome. We are used to calling our priests Father so how to address the Rev. Gail? She is happy to be called Reverend Gail or Mother Gail which are the appropriate styles of address.

### **The Rev'd. Gail Bryce, the new Locum Priest at Christ Church:**

I am very much looking forward to being with you at Christ Church in response to Bishop Genieve Blackwell's invitation and Archbishop Philip Freier's licensing of me to be with you two days during the week, and Sundays.

My husband, Ian, and I were both born and married in Brisbane. We later moved to country Victoria for Ian's work in the fruit canning industry where he was an Executive on the Management Team. We have three adult children, a daughter and two sons.

There is a sense in which, since my earliest days, I felt the call of God to Serve Him. I have spent a good many years of my ministry in the Diocese of Wangaratta and Bendigo, coming to Melbourne Diocese in 2014. Since then I have been Locum Vicar in at least twelve Parishes, most recently the Parishes of Bentleigh and Altona.

I love serving God and His people, have a heart for Grief Ministry, for Bible Study and Prayer Groups, for teaching the Christian faith, for Biblical Preaching, and a passion to grow God's Church

Ian and I look forward to getting to know each of you and walking with you during this chapter in the life of the Parish. Please be in touch with me at any time for any reason, **Mobile: 0458254882, or by e mail: gaildbryce@icloud.com**

I pray God's richest Blessings, His guiding hand and the strengthening power of the Holy Spirit upon us all as we seek to be faithful to our Lord Who is always faithful to each of us.

Yours in Christ's Service,

The Rev'd. Gail Bryce.

## PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS:

### **Finding the new vicar:**

**Meeting Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October after the 9am Service  
Please come!**

Fr Turi will be leaving us at the end of September to return to New Zealand. The Parish then undertakes a standard process to find a new Vicar.

The members of the Incumbency Committee (Valerie Lion, Charles Baird and Geoffrey Court) have met with Bishop Genieve.

The next step is to hold a Parish Consultation. Bishop Genieve has asked Rev Nick White to facilitate this process. He will meet with parishioners after the **9 am service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**. To gain a true understanding of the views of parishioners on our next Vicar. We would encourage you to attend.

Geoffrey Court for the Parish Council

### **Farewell for Fr Turi and Dianne:**

You should have received an invitation for Fr Turi and Dianne's farewell, on **Wednesday September 28<sup>th</sup> 2022 from 6.00pm to 8.00 pm** in the Community Centre.

If you have not, please contact Gary or Robyn asap

We do ask that you reply as soon as possible, as per the invitation, to Robyn Foy. This will help us with organization of catering. Finger food and drinks will be available.

### PARISH FINANCES:

August 2022			Year to date		
Budget	Actual	Var <sup>n</sup>	Budget	Actual	Var <sup>n</sup>
4,831	5,093	262	57,369	60,758	3,389

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

### FUNDRAISING:

In future, we will be having the Mini Market on the first Saturday of the month commencing on the 1st October to coincide with the Veg Out Farmers Market.

**We are looking for additional stalls to join us, if you know of anyone who would like to have a stall on a regular basis or just a one off, please ask them to ring Robyn on 0408 536 241 for further details.**

### COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS:

Emily coordinates the team of volunteers who collect and deliver bread from Bakers Delight to us each day. The team keep connected on What's App which is a great idea and is helpful to arrange collections times and arranging volunteers if someone is unavailable. Today, Karen



delivered the bread and uploaded onto the app, a lovely photo of the goods that are kindly donated by Bakers Delight. We have captured Marie and Karen who share something in common

both having a Maltese background.

### CALENDAR OF SUNDAY WORSHIP

#### **2 October 2022: Feast of St Francis of Assisi (OS 27)**

*Theme: If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.*

9am Eucharist – The Reverend Gail Bryce

11am **Blessing of the Animals** – The Reverend Gail Bryce

#### **9 October 2022: 18th Sunday After Pentecost (OS 28)**

*Theme: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

9am Eucharist – The Reverend Gail Bryce

11am Gathering for Fellowship – The Reverend Gail Bryce

#### **16 October 2022: 19th Sunday After Pentecost (OS 29)**

*Theme: Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth.*

9am Eucharist – Fr Ken

11am Gathering for Fellowship – The Reverend Gail Bryce

#### **23 October 2022: 20th Sunday After Pentecost (OS 30)**

*Theme: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

9am Eucharist – The Reverend Gail Bryce

11am Gathering for Fellowship – The Reverend Gail Bryce

#### **30 October 2022: 21st Sunday After Pentecost (OS 31)**

*Theme: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

9am Eucharist – The Reverend Gail Bryce

11am Gathering for Fellowship – The Reverend Gail Bryce

### PARISH DIRECTORY

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