

CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

Acland St, St Kilda

Newsletter
Trinity Sunday
12th June 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.***

The Feast of the Holy Trinity

On the cover of today's Liturgy Booklet, we have a photo of the famous Russian icon of the Holy Trinity, depicted as the three angels who were offered hospitality by Abraham and Sarah (Gen. 18:1-8)

It is a great icon, written by Andrei Rublev (15th century), a copy of which we have to the side of the Nave Altar at Christ Church .

In one of his books, the late Henri Nouwen wrote, *"Rublev wrote this Icon not only to share the fruits of meditation on the Mystery of the Holy Trinity but also to offer his fellow monks a way to keep their hearts centered in God while living in the midst of political unrest."*

We certainly know that experience today.

Nouwen goes on to say: *"Within the circle of the Holy Trinity, all true knowledge descends into the heart. The Russian mystics describe prayer as descending with the mind into the heart and standing there in the presence of God. Prayer takes place where heart speaks to heart, that is, where the heart of God is united with the heart that prays. Thus, knowing God becomes loving God, just as being known by God is being loved by God."*

In 2018, Pope Francis wrote: *“The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity leads us to contemplate the Mystery of God who unceasingly creates, redeems and sanctifies, always with love and through love.”*

Some thoughts as we celebrate the Feast.....

Fr Ken

LIFE IN THE PARISH

*Fr Turi and Dianne will return on Monday June 13th
. Fr Ken is standing in for Fr Turi during his absence.
He can be contacted on 0428 671 789*

Study Group

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

Social Connection Group _
The group will resume June 21st

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.

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

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."

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.

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:

CHURCH FINANCES:

Due to the Parish's difficult financial situation, as advised at the Annual Meeting, the wardens are keeping a close eye on parish receipts and expenditure. The wonderful thing is the response from our small congregation. The Fundraising Committee was given a very big target to achieve for the year (\$12,000) and is doing a spectacular job. It has raised close to \$9000 to date. A huge vote of thanks goes to Robyn Foy (convenor) and her band of hard-working helpers. Parishioners have also risen to the challenge in meeting the large increase in expected giving via the plate so that we are, for April, \$2889 above the increased target figure. There is, however, no room for complacency as the May figure is below target due to illness of parishioners and

absence of some people. We do ask that, if you are unable to attend Church, you cover your usual giving as soon as possible. We also say THANK YOU for your response to date. Another fantastic effort! Our costs are constantly rising and we have had big increases in insurance costs, parish assessment to the Diocese and the inevitable costs for minor and major maintenance. We still face a deficit for the year. Several parishioners have made donations to cover costs and we do also thank them for their wonderful help.

PARISH FINANCES:

April 2022			Year to date		
Budget	Actual	Var ⁿ	Budget	Actual	Var ⁿ
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.

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.

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Last week we had the grand reopening of the dining room. The Open House Meal was always intended to be a social meal, a place of welcome, comfort and enjoyment.

Since March, 2020 we have made take away meals available but finally we're back.

The dinner wouldn't be possible without the amazing volunteer teams. We also welcome back some of our crew who have been on stand by and have kindly returned.

Dinner last week consisted of creamy cauliflower soup with a serve of bread and butter, beef shepherd's pie, side salad, fruit salad and ice cream. Our diners were most grateful.

Marie Baker –

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

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

9am Eucharist – Fr Ken

11am Gathering for Fellowship – Fr Turi

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

CALENDAR OF SUNDAY WORSHIP

June - July 2022

19 June 2022: Corpus Christi

Theme: God's love for us

9am Eucharist – Fr Ken

11am Gathering for Fellowship – Fr Turi

26 June 2022: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost (OS 13)

Theme: God our strength and support

9am Eucharist – Fr Turi

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