

CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

Acland St, St Kilda

Newsletter
5th Sunday of Easter
15 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.***

FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

He is risen!! He is risen indeed!!! Alleluia!!!

A Reflection during Eastertide

Fr Richard Rohr is an American Franciscan. He is a very popular, and sometimes controversial, speaker on spiritual matters. This little snippet from his book *A Spring Within Us* can perhaps offer us something upon which to reflect as we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. *Life itself - and Scripture too - is always three steps forward and two steps backward. It gets a point - and then loses it or doubts it. Our job is to see where the three steps forward are heading (invariably toward mercy, forgiveness, inclusion, nonviolence, and trust) which then gives us the ability both to recognise, and forgive, the two steps backward (which are usually about vengeance, pettiness, law over grace, form over substance, and requirements over relationship.) Isn't it a consolation to know that life is not a straight line? Many of us wish, and have been told, that it should be, but I haven't met a life yet that's a clear and straight line to truth, to self, or to God. It's always about getting the point, and missing the point. It's God entering our lives and*

then our fighting, avoiding, running away from that very possibility.

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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 following is an extract from the latest missive from Archbishop Philip on COVID restrictions:

“Easing restrictions

From midnight on 22 April 2022, anyone can attend church services, activities and premises regardless of vaccine status. Food and drink may also be made available to anyone and those serving are not required to wear masks. QR code check in no longer applies for any activity in church. Unvaccinated people can now work in and on church premises.

In practice, churches and church activities are free of restrictions though we continue to echo the health advice to

maintain good hygiene and care, use sanitiser, and not to attend if you have any symptoms.”

Fr Turi and Robyn ask that even though the wearing of face masks and presenting proof of our vaccination status are no longer required please be ‘COVID conscious’. Please continue with our ‘duty of care’ for ourselves and for others. We can still keep each other safe.

FROM THE WARDENS

A major inspection of the structure of the Church took place on Monday 9th May by wardens, Vicar, Church heritage architect Arthur Andronas and Rob Jones from Tech Rest. A cherry picker was deployed to provide close up viewing and several slipped slates were replaced or realigned. In addition lead gutters with cracked joins were siliconed and stone joints which had separated were similarly treated. Two windows behind the main altar will need to be taken out and re-lead. The belfry top of tower was observed to be continuing to deteriorate and the Grey Smith window in the South transept was reported in bad condition with many cracks in the stonework supports and the glass. This needs urgent attention. The stained glass will need to be removed and repaired to allow the stone work to be worked on. Storm water drainage also needs attention and it is recommended that much of it be redirected via the driveway to Acland Street.

This represents a huge expenditure of money which the wardens, Council and congregation need to address. Much has been achieved in recent years and, with the Lord’s help, we must seek ways to deal with these issues. Each item must be addressed somehow to preserve our beautiful Church into the future.

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

Volunteers Needed Election Day May 21st 2022

We need volunteers for the Election Day Sausage Sizzle, we need people for preparation prior to the day and on the day, we will need for 4 people for each three-hour shift, as we will be selling tea and coffee as well as the sausages. We would also welcome donations towards the purchase of the supplies. Please speak to **Robyn Foy and/or Valerie Lion**.

BOOK FOR SALE

This is just a reminder that the book that Jennifer O’Donnell wrote on the Memorial in our St Michael Chapel, which tells the stories of the men and women named on the Memorial, is still available for \$40. Jennifer donated the cost of writing the book and donated copies of the book to the Parish to help with our fundraising for the restoration of the church. **Please speak to Gary Israel.**

CURRENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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 **Social Connection Group’s** pot-luck meal for men who are experiencing loneliness, anxiety and depression in their

lives is **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.

The group will resume June 21st .

Wedding

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

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Community Centre News - 15 May 2022

Changing 'Open House' free community meal to reflect changing needs.

The two years of COVID have meant many changes to services offered in the community all over Melbourne. By making changes (using a trolley for Emergency Support and take away meals for the Open House Meal) our wonderful staff and volunteers at CCM have continued to provide both services throughout this time.

Things are beginning to return.

The Open House Meal will return as a sit-down meal from June 2nd. Yes, that's right, it will move from Wednesday to Thursday. This is because there are no meals offered in the local area on Thursday evening.

It will still be a delicious 3 course meal prepared in our kitchen.

Participants will still be greeted with good cheer and a welcoming smile.

There will be other changes:

- It will be 'table service'.
- This means we will need more volunteer waiters and witnesses.
- This should be a fun role interacting with customers:
 - ✓ 'Do you want soup with that?'
 - ✓ 'Would you like a dessert?'
 - ✓ 'How about trying our lovely salad?'

We would love to have you join with us we move to this next exciting stage: as a volunteer, visitor, or donor (groceries or money).

Next time you are visiting the church why not walk over and become part of our wonderful team.

Take care. We look forward to seeing you sometime soon.

Elizabeth Rooney, Manager

CALENDAR OF SUNDAY WORSHIP

May- June 2022

22 May 2022: 6th Sunday of Easter

Theme: Christ our high priest

9am Eucharist - Fr Ken

29 May 2022: Ascension Day

Theme: Christ risen, ascended, glorified

9am Eucharist - Fr Ken

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: 3rd 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

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