

Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA
YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



Albrecht Dürer – Mary's Assumption

Sunday in the Octave of
Mary, Mother of our Lord
Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism

9.30am
16 August 2026
Setting: Dudman

CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA: YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME.

We gather to worship God and explore faith in Jesus, welcoming and celebrating the diverse St Kilda community.

In the next three to five years we aim:

- to grow an energetic and committed worshipping community.
- to provide an open, inclusive and welcoming space for everyone.
- to communicate a vibrant, joyful and loving faith.
- to build connections with the local community.
- to be faithful stewards of Church Square and its buildings.

*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.*

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

9.30am Monday-Thursday – Morning Prayer

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

All stand when the entrance bell is rung



**Mary, mother of our Lord, *Alleluia!*
bore the true and living Word. *Alleluia!*
May we, too, consent today
and, with her, our God obey.
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**When she did not understand, *Alleluia!*
what would come of God's command, *Alleluia!*
still she served the Holy One;
may we too, in faith go on. *Alleluia!***

**Mary, listening, took her part, *Alleluia!*
treasured all things in her heart; *Alleluia!*
so, with Mary, may we find
Jesus' wisdom, strong and kind. *Alleluia!***

**Mary, weeping, at the cross, *Alleluia!*
loved her son and knew the cost; *Alleluia!*
may our love, as hers, be strong
though the way of pain be long. *Alleluia!***

**Mary knew the Spirit's power, *Alleluia!*
in the church as wind and fire; *Alleluia!*
may our church be open still
to the Spirit's gracious will. *Alleluia!***

*Words: Elizabeth J. Smith
Tune: TIS 369 Chislehurst*

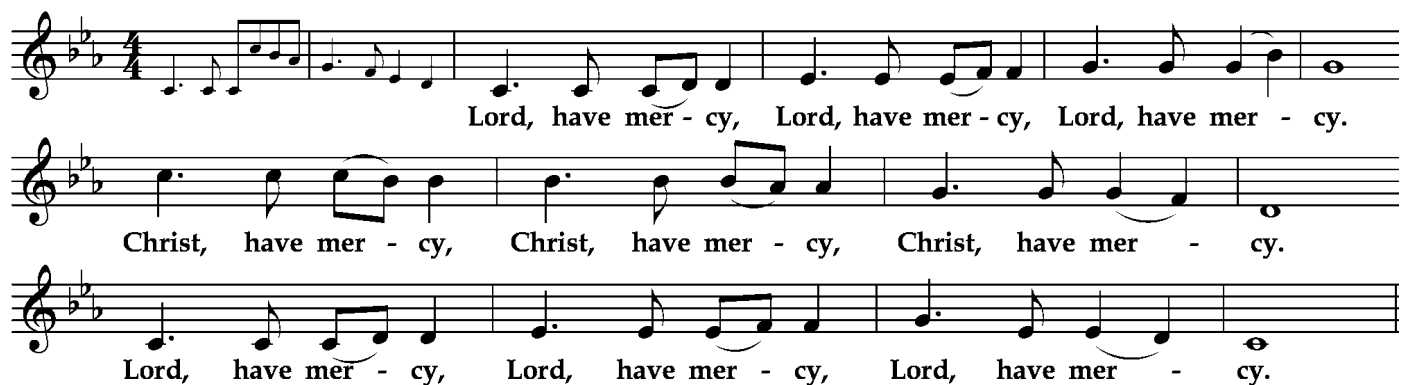
In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Words of welcome

Let us pray together

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Lord has mercy on those who fear him from generation to generation.
Let us humbly confess our sins, confident that God will raise us up.

Merciful God, our Maker and our Judge, we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we
have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our
neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness
of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in
faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all
goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord, Je-sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, — Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are sea - ted at the right hand of the
Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a-lone are the Lord, — you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the — glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Let us pray.

Loving God, who chose the blessed virgin Mary to be the mother of your incarnate Son: grant that we, who are redeemed by his blood, may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

61.10-11

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 45

Repeat the response after the cantor, and then as indicated



Response: The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:

forget your own people and your father's house.

Response

So will the king desire your beauty: he is your lord, pay homage to him.

Response

They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king

Response

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A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians

4.4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba!

Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

All stand. Repeat the response after the cantor, and then as indicated



Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Mary is taken up to heaven;
And the angels of God shout for joy.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

1.46-55

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

Sermon – Fr Ken Letts

HOLY BAPTISM

The candidate, sponsors and clergy gather in front of the altar

We welcome Magnus, who come to be baptised. I invite his sponsors to present him now.

We present Magnus to be baptised.

[to the parents and godparents]

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Magnus for baptism?

I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of Magnus?

I am.

By your prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage Magnus in the life and faith of the Christian community?

I will, with God's help.

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living,
and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Will you, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with all your heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

[to the congregation]

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

All: **We will.**

Grant, merciful God, that Magnus may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in him. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in him. **Amen.**

May he know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May he proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

The candidate, sponsors and clergy proceed to the font.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called Magnus to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that those who are baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord,

through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church

Do you believe in the God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**The third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith:

We believe in one God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Magnus, I baptise you

in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Magnus, I sign you with the sign of the cross
to show that you are marked as Christ's own forever.

Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight,
finish the race, keep the faith.

**Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

God has brought you out of darkness
into his marvellous light.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

God has called you into his Church.

**We therefore receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

The newly baptised is greeted by the congregation

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The altar is prepared and a collection is taken as all sing:



**Sing we of the blessèd Mother
who received the angel's word,
and obedient to the summons
bore in love the infant Lord.
Sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.**

**Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suff'ring knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning from the awful tree,
saw the price of our redemption
paid to set the sinner free.**

**Sing again the joys of Mary,
when she saw the risen Lord,
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heav'nly breath of God's own being
tokened in the wind and flame.**

**Sing the chiefest joy of Mary,
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heav'nly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessèd,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.**

*Music: TIS 153 Cyril Vincent Taylor 1907-1991
Words: George B. Timms (b. 1910)
New English Hymnal 185*

The response to the Offertory Prayers is:
Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues.... praising you and singing:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is
ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues.... never-ending praise:

Bles - sing and hon - our and glo - ry and power are yours for
e - ver and e - ver. A - - - - - men.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION

We who are many are one body:
For we all share in the one bread.



Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communicant members of any church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Communion is offered in both kinds. Please queue to receive the host (bread) first, and then the wine if you wish. All are welcome to receive the wine, but none must, as the sacrament is fully present in both species. PLEASE DO NOT INTINCT (DIP) THE HOST IN THE WINE as studies suggest this may be less hygienic than drinking from the common cup.

During communion, the cantor will sing "Magnificat"

After communion all stand

God our Saviour, your word proclaims our salvation which we taste in the bread of life. Grant us the humble obedience we see in Mary that we, too, may respond as willing servants and bear your Word to our world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE



**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**

*Words: Song of Mary (Magnificat) (Luke 1:46-56); Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith
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Announcements are made

**Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, gladden our hearts by his coming to dwell among us, and fill us with joy and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

All are welcome for Morning Tea in the Community Centre following the service.

NOTICES

AUGUST ROSTER

Date	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
16 th Aug	Geoffrey	John	Fr Craig	Elisabeth	Geoffrey
23 rd Aug	Fr Glenn	Lindy	Fr Ken	Fr Ken	Valerie
30 th Aug	Jenny	Mandy	Fr Craig	Valerie	Valerie

TRIVIA NIGHT THANKS

Lat night's Trivia Night fundraiser was a huge success. Massive thanks to Robyn, Valerie and their many helpers for their organisation of the event, to Geoffrey for being Quizmaster extraordinary, and to those who donated prizes. Details of the financial result will be announced when available.

SUNDAY STUDIES

The next Sunday Study groups will take place in September. Fr Craig will lead a series reflecting on the theology of Paul's letter to the Romans (which we have been reading as the epistle over past months.)

INTERCESSIONS

For the World:

For lasting peace, and a healing of political and religious divisions throughout the Middle East, praying especially for the people of Iran, the Gulf states, Palestine, Lebanon and Israel. For a just end to war between Ukraine and Russia. For those suffering from the effects of earthquake in Colombia.

For the Church:

We pray for The Church in Wales. In Australia we pray for the diocese of North Queensland (Bp Keith Joseph). In this diocese for parishes in the deanery of Whitehorse, and for bishops-designate Megan Curlis-Gibson, Ben Wong and Nigel Pope.

For the Community:

For the economically deprived and the homeless.
For the anxious, the isolated, and those overcome by fear.
For Christ Church Mission and the Community Centre staff and volunteers.

For the Sick: Ann, Les, Charles, Josie, Lee, Annette, Jonothan, Margaret, Sean, Fran, Fr David Connelly & for those we name in our hearts.

Also remembering those with long-terms needs for prayer: Gaye, Danny Allan, Patty Dowd, John, Joe, Byron, Aaron, Helen, Fr Andrew, Evan, Ruth, Peter, Greg and Sharyn and family, Francesco.

For the Departed:

those who have died recently – James Curtis, and those whose Year's Mind occurs this week.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord & let light perpetual shine upon them.

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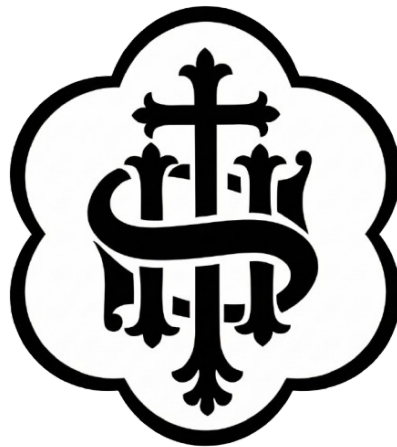
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