

Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA
YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



The descent of the Holy Spirit – Modern icon

Pentecost
9.30am Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism
24 May 2026
Setting: Christ Church Service – Philip Matthias



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.

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Yaluk-ut Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung with deep respect.
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and their continuing relationship to this land.*

THIS WEEK

Monday-Thursday 9.30am Morning Prayer

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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All stand when the entrance bell is rung



**Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Inflame our souls with love,
transforming every heart and home
with wisdom from above.
O let us not despise
the humble path Christ trod,
but choose, to shame the worldly-wise,
the foolishness of God.**

**Spirit of truth, arise;
inspire the prophet's voice:
expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,
and bid the poor rejoice.
O Spirit, clear our sight,
all prejudice remove,
and help us to discern the right,
and covet only love.**

**Give us the tongues to speak,
in every time and place,
to rich and poor, to strong and weak,
the word of love and grace.
Enable us to hear
the words that others bring,**

interpreting with open ear
the special song they sing.

**Come, Holy Spirit, dance
within our hearts today,
our earth-bound spirits to entrance,
our mortal fears allay;
and teach us to desire
all other things above,
that self-consuming holy fire,
the perfect gift of love.**

Michael Lindsay Forster 1946–
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In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The celebrant introduces the service

**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.**

Organ Lord, have _ mer - cy,
Lord, have _ mer - cy, Lord, have _ mer - cy.
Christ, have _ mer - cy, Christ, have _ mer - cy,
Christ, have _ mer - cy. *a cresc.* *mf* Lord, have _ mer - cy,
Lord, have _ mer - cy, *mp* Lord, have _ mer - cy.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

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.**

Organ **f** Glo - ry to God in the
 high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth, **mf** Lord God,
 heav'n - ly King, al - migh - y God and Fa - ther, we
cresc. wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
cresc. glo - ry. **mp** 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
 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: **p** 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.

The celebrant reads the prayer of the day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and

Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”’

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

Psalm 104



R. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, O Lord God, your glory is great. How manifold are your works. In wisdom you have made them all. **R.**

All creatures look to you to give them their food to eat. When you open your hand, they are filled with good, when you hide your face they pine away. **R.**

When you take away their breath, they die, and return to the earth, whence they came. When you send forth your Spirit, all things spring to life, and the face of the earth is renewed. **R.**

The glory of the Lord shall never cease, the Lord shall rejoice in his works. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live, I will praise my God while my breath remains. **R.**

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of power deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful;
 and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

20.19-23

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them

and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

All sit

Sermon – The Revd Prof Russell Goulbourne

HOLY BAPTISM

The candidate and clergy gather in front of the altar

I present Gene Flenady who comes to be baptised.

[to Gene]

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 this our brother respond to Christ. Will you support him in this calling?

All: **We will.**

Grant, merciful God, that Gene 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 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 Gene 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.

Gene, I baptise you

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

Gene, 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

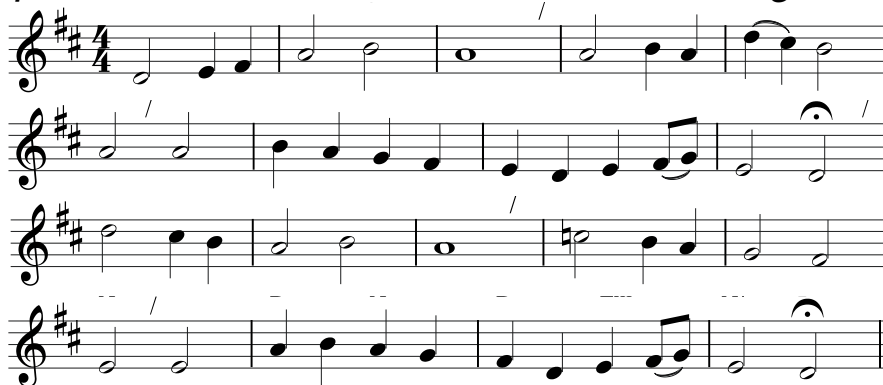
Christ is risen, alleluia!

He is risen indeed, alleluia!

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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



**Come down, O Love divine,
seek now this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.
There let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

Let holy charity
 my outer garment be,
 and lowliness become my inner clothing:
 true lowliness of heart,
 which takes the humbler part
 and for its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
 And so the yearning strong
 with which the soul will long
 shall far outpass the power of human telling;
 for none can guess its grace
 till we become the place
 in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

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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:

Organ

Ho - ly, Ho - ly,

Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

- san - na in the high - est.

mf Bless - ed is he who ___ comes in the name of the
 Lord. *f* Ho - san - na in ___ the high - est.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Organ mf Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,
f Christ will come ___ a - gain.

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

Organ f Bless - ing and hon - our and
 glo - ry and power are ___ yours for ev - er and ev-er. 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.

Organ *mp* Je - sus, Lamb of God, have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world,
grant us your peace, *p* grant us your peace.

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.

After communion all stand

Giver of life and love, we thank you that in this heavenly banquet you invigorate and renew us. Living in the unity of the Spirit, may we boldly use your gifts to continue your work in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE



**Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord.**

**O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.**

**Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire.**

**Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.**

**Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care all those of every race.**

**Like wind and fire with life among us move,
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.**

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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.**

God stir up within you the gift of the Spirit that you may confess Jesus Christ as Lord and proclaim the joy of the everlasting gospel wherever you may be; 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. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

NOTICES

MAY ROSTER

Date	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
25 th May	Bob	Fr Ken	Fr Craig	Geoffrey	Geoffrey
31 st May	Fr Glenn	Geoffrey	Fr Ken	Charles	Gary

WELCOME

... to the Revd Prof Russell Goulbourne. Fr Russell is the Warden of Trinity College, University of Melbourne, and a professor of French literature. It is a delight to have him as guest preacher this morning.

EASTERTIDE STUDIES

“Back to the beginning” – a fresh look at Genesis 1-3. The final session of this series has been postponed to Sunday 31 May. Discover more about these foundational “creation” texts, and the complexity of the early narratives in Genesis. All are welcome.

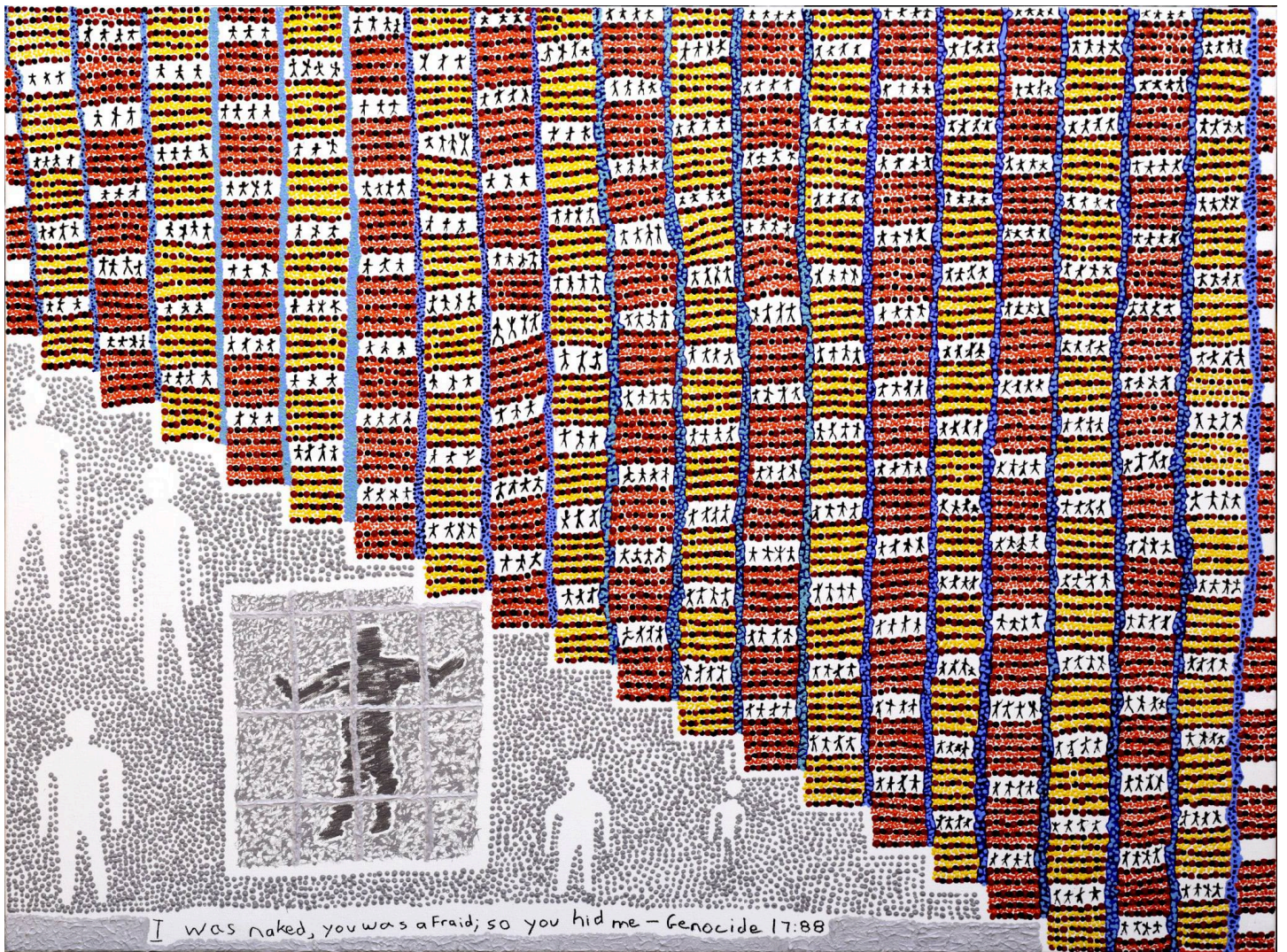
MID-WINTER FEAST

The very popular Mid-Winter Feast will take place on Friday 19 June. Tickets are \$95, with all funds raised supporting ministry and outreach at Christ Church. Bookings are now open! For full details, and how to book, go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/DLZZO>

LAY DEANERY LUNCH

The annual Port Phillip Deanery Luncheon is to be held on Sunday 7th June at 12.30hr. at Holy Trinity Balaclava. We thank Fr Tony Poole and the Parishioners for kindly hosting the lunch. It is a great opportunity to meet the Parishioners from the other six Deanery Churches, also to renew friendships made at previous lunches which are always happy occasions. Please support your representatives, Elisabeth and Robyn. Kindly let us know by Monday 1st June if you can attend. We look forward to welcoming many of you there.”

CONGRATULATIONS FR GLENN



Huge congratulations to Fr Glenn Loughrey, on winning the Mandorla Art Prize for his painting “*I was naked, you were afraid, so you hid me.*”

Genocide 17:88. The judges’ commented:

Glenn’s work hits with the impact of undeniable, brutal truth. Painted in languages of spirituality, it refuses ambiguity and demands acknowledgement. Depicting a revelation of Aboriginal history and truth, it helps the viewer to visually collide with the truth of immense human loss, awakening the sense and sensibility of Aboriginal memory and suffering to pronounce “Genocide 17:88”

The Mandorla Art Award is Australia’s most significant thematic Christian art prize, attracting some of the country’s finest artists since its inception in 1985. It is held every two years. This is a contemporary fine art award in conversation with a Biblical text. Mandorla invites artists to contribute to the cultural life of Australia.

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 the Church:

We pray for the Episcopal Church of the Philippines. In Australia we pray for the diocese of the Northern Territory (Bp Greg Anderson). In this diocese for the parishes of the deanery of the Corio, and for bishops-designate Megan Curlis-Gibson and Ben Wong.

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: Josie, Lee, Annette, Jonothan, Margaret, Sean, Fran & for those we name in our hearts.

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

For the Departed:

those who have died recently: Peter Hollingworth, bishop; and those whose Year's Mind occurs this week: Alan Koschade.

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

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