

CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

Acland St, St Kilda

Newsletter
Feast of All Saints (OT 31)
31 October 2021

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.*

Christ Church Parish Vision

A worshipping Christian community

- humbly loving God and each other;
- proclaiming the Gospel in word and deed; and
- creating an environment in which all people feel welcomed and accepted.

Christ Church Parish Mission

We take as our Christian Mission the practice of Pastoral Care for our community and the wider community; Worship that welcomes all; Nurturing all peoples; Social Justice; and Caring for God's Creation

Child Safety Policy

Our commitment to child safety

Christ Church St Kilda has adopted the policy on Child Safety as set down by the Archbishop in Council of the Diocese, the governing body of the Diocese. This Parish is committed to complying with the requirements of Diocesan and Victorian legislation. The Policy states:

The Anglican Church of Australia within the Diocese of Melbourne, including its Cathedral Church of St Paul and each parish or congregation or faith community within the diocese (the Church) is committed to child safe practice. The care, the safety and the welfare of children are embedded in policies and practices which are intended to reflect a commitment to zero tolerance of child abuse.

From the Vicar's Desk

Today is the last Sunday in October. Although the Feast of All Saints falls on 1 November the church allows parishes to celebrate this important feast on the Sunday nearest to the day that it falls. This year, 1 November is on Monday of this coming week so we are celebrating it today.

When we think of '*saints*' we are not only acknowledging the twelve apostles and all the other disciples of Christ who are mentioned in the New Testament. Nor are we celebrating the lives of those 'official' saints who are listed in the annals of the different denominations of the Church who are recognised with the title of 'Saint' We are, in fact, honouring all saints of the church, whether they are known or unknown. All Saints' Day is part of *AllHallowTide*, which begins at evening prayer on 31 October and concludes on the evening of All Souls' Day on 2 November.

All Souls' Day is when we pay respects to, and honour, all who have died whether recently or sometime in the past. On All Souls' Day there will be two services in our Parish: at 10am Fr Ken will preside and officiate at a Requiem Mass; at 7 pm Fr Turi will lead a Community Memorial Service (read about this later in the Parish Newsletter).

This year I am looking forward to celebrating *AllHallowTide* as I remember and honour my friend Andrew Taylor, whom some of you met and who died last year, and my granddaughter Luna Hollis who died in March this year shortly after her birth. Neither of them died from Coronavirus but, sadly, Dianne and I were not able to attend their funerals in Aotearoa/New Zealand due to COVID restrictions.

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 Turi on **0413 395 621** or email him at **vicar@christchurchstkilda.org.au**. 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 easing they will meet in the Memorial Garden when the weather is good otherwise they will meet in the St Michael Chapel. Everyone is welcome to join the Group whenever you are able. Geoffrey Court is the facilitator.

Morning Daily Services

Morning Prayer services are held Monday to Thursday mornings at 8am in the Zoom room **944 101 4887**. The Morning Daily Service liturgy is available on the Parish Website. You are welcome to join Fr Turi and Peter Wild.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

The Service Victoria QR code system is mandatory for anyone in church facilities. People without smartphones will need to be checked in by someone and only in exceptional circumstances can a non-electronic recording system be used for them. If you have a smartphone/mobile but you haven't done it yet, **please download the Service Victoria QR Code system onto your smartphone/mobile**.

As you may be aware, the State government is requiring people to provide evidence of whether or not they have been vaccinated. The Diocese has asked all Clergy and Lay Ministers to provide their regional bishop with this evidence and that all Parishes request this information from all officeholders, staff and volunteers.

From 22 October onward everyone attending services in the church and on church grounds are to be asked to provide evidence of their vaccination before they are permitted to participate. For those who have a smart phone/mobile, this evidence can be provided in this way. For those who do not have a phone/mobile, they will need to provide a paper copy of their vaccination certificate or present their COVID passport (when it is available). **For those who regularly attend worship at Christ Church Fr Turi and our COVID Safety Officer, Robyn Foy, would be helped if you were to provide them with a copy of your certificate that the Parish might hold in the Parish Office. However, this is completely voluntary.**

In addition, the Parish has to decide which services can be attended by those who are vaccinated ONLY; which services may be attended by those who unvaccinated ONLY; and which services may be attended by both. This will determine how many people may attend a particular service.

RESTORATION COLLECTION

Many thanks to parishioners who are finding a little extra each Sunday for the separate restoration plate. This is not a replacement for the giving bag held by Valerie but it has been generously supported. We have about \$9000 toward our target of \$10,000. A further \$10,000 has also been received in our National Trust Account from various sources, including from parishioners. The Parish Council records its thanks to our donors.

MAKING A BEQUEST IN YOUR WILL TO CHRIST CHURCH

Parishioners may like to consider leaving a bequest to the Church in their wills. If you are interested in this way of helping to keep our beautiful Church continuing into the future please consult the Church website in the “giving” area. Alternatively you are most welcome to speak to one of the wardens confidentially for advice on how to proceed. A proforma can be made available to guide you. If you are making a bequest, it is essential that the ABN number of the Church is stated in your instructions.

FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

We are very appreciative of the Christ Church parishioners who have been very kind and generous in helping the community in need. As the Covid-19 pandemic has been affecting our community for a long time, the essential needs too have increased as has the number of people needing assistance. Currently we are short of the following items:

- Canned vegetable and meat (e.g. spam)
- Mini milk cartons
- Assorted breakfast cereal (e.g. corn flakes)
- Eggs
- Men’s shavers and female deodorants
- Muesli bars (unable to get from foodbank at the moment)

- Instant coffee
- Chunky soup
- Or any essential food the parishioners’ thinks will help our community

Emergency Assistance

The number of people visiting for assistance and support continues to rise each month.

- 396 people in August 2021. 32% increase compared to August 2020.
- 450 people in September 2021. 42% % increase compared to September 2020.

THANK YOU

PARISH OFFERTORY

September 2021			Year to date		
Budget	Actual	Var ⁿ	Budget	Actual	Var ⁿ
4,461	3,969	-492	58,000	50,224	-7,776

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

CALENDAR OF SERVICES

Please note that on Tuesday 2 November the 10am Requiem Mass will be in our church and the 7pm Community Memorial Service will be in the Memorial Garden. From Sunday 7th November our 9am Sunday service will be in our church while the 11am Sunday service will be in the Community Centre.

2 November 2021: All Souls’ Day

Theme: For all souls

10am Requiem Mass – Fr Ken

7pm Community Memorial Service – Fr Turi

7 November 2021: 24th Sunday After Pentecost (OT 32)

Theme: Our neighbour

9am Eucharist – Fr Turi

11am Community Gathering – Fr Turi

14 November 2021: 25th Sunday After Pentecost (OT 33)

Theme: Our country

9am Eucharist - Fr Turi

11am Community Gathering - Fr Turi

21 November 2021: Feast of Christ the King: the Reign of Christ

Theme: Christ Church St Kilda Patronal Day

10:30am Parish Celebration Service followed by a Parish lunch

28 November 2021: First Sunday in Advent

Theme: The coming of the Lord

10:30am Parish Service followed by the Parish Annual Meeting

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Tuesday 2 November 2021 at 7pm there is to be a Community Memorial Service in the Christ Church Memorial Garden as part of our 2 November *All Souls' Day*. We will remember all those who have died over the last two years, that is during the pandemic. It is intended to especially include all those who died and people were not able to attend their funeral service and/or be with those grieving.

If you would like to have people mentioned in the service please provide their names and some details about them to Fr Turi. Please plan to attend. Please also invite family and friends of the deceased to attend and provide them with information on how to join the service.

SMALL PARISH FETE

Planning is underway to hold a small Parish Fete on **Saturday 20 November 2021 from 10am**. Please note this in your diary and let your family and friends know about it. Speak with Robyn Foy and Valerie Lion about it please.

PARISH CELEBRATION

Please note in your diaries **Sunday 21 November** when we will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King - The Reign of Christ. This is our Parish patronal feast. There will be only one service that day, at 10:30am, which will be followed by a Parish lunch. Please plan to attend.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

This year's Parish Annual Meeting will be on **Sunday 28 November, the First Sunday in Advent**. There will be only one service that day, at 10:30am, as the Parish Meeting will follow shortly after. Please plan to attend.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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