

CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

Acland St, St Kilda

Newsletter
10th Sunday After Pentecost (OT 18)
1 August 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.

More information on child safety is available at the rear of the Church. You are welcome to talk to the Vicar on this important topic.

From the Vicar's Desk

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said,

'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' Matthew 28: 18-20

Well, although Victoria is not out of lockdown completely, I think we can say that we have survived another one. This time we have done considerably better than previously. The Delta variant is pretty virulent as evident in New South Wales having gone into an extended lockdown and today Queensland locked down part of its south-east region. So, while we need to continue to pray for NSW, Queensland and all the other states and Territories, we can heave a sigh of relief that the situation in Victoria has been managed reasonably well despite the anti-vax protesting and people opposing restrictions on their freedom. I think the responsible ways in which the state government and the majority of Victorians have dealt with the challenges, especially the isolation, has been amazing. We need to celebrate and congratulate ourselves!!!

I want to congratulate you all for being such awesome survivors and care-givers during a time of great stress, anxiety and not giving in to the danger that COVID presents. It is not over yet but if what you have shown and done so far is to go by then we will get through this and come out with considerable strength individually and collectively. I give thanks and praise to God for all of you.

I am sure that God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit would agree with me. Those words quoted above from Matthew 28: 18-20 are words of encouragement that Jesus is reported to have said to his disciples knowing that their lives and the lives of all of his disciples to come would be fraught with challenges and dangers. His encouragement to them and to us in 2021 is to continue to be his disciples and to continue to reach out to others whatever the circumstances and location. It is given with a promise: *And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age!!* Jesus is with us – God is with us always!! Amen.

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. When the weather is good they meet in the Memorial Garden otherwise they 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.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

LATEST UPDATE FROM THE DIOCESE

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**.

A COVID check-in marshal must be present at each entry to ensure people check-in by QR code or on a kiosk. If there is no COVID check-in marshal, then the 4sqm rule applies.

From Wednesday 28 July, Church services can have 100 people indoors, subject to 4sqm rule. COVID check-in marshals are required to ensure everyone checks in using QR codes or a kiosk. For churches under 100sqm, up to 25 people can attend a service without the 4sqm rule applying. An outdoor service can have 300 people attending.

Refreshments before or after services can occur, served in COVID-safe ways, maintaining the 4sqm rule in the spaces for refreshments.

Weddings can have 50 people, subject to 4sqm rule, including the couple and witnesses, but the celebrant and photographer are in addition. COVID check-in marshals are required to ensure everyone checks in using QR codes or a kiosk.

Funerals can have 50 mourners, subject to 4sqm rule, plus those essential to conduct the service. COVID check-in marshals are required to ensure everyone checks in using QR codes or a kiosk.

Masks must be worn indoors and outdoors apart from the person leading/singing/preaching at one time.

No meetings or groups can meet in private homes. Meetings and groups in church facilities can occur, with a maximum of 100 people in the facilities, subject to 4sqm rule for each space. Groups and meetings can occur, including for children and youth and non-church groups, with more than 10 people, but social groups, family or friends' events are limited to 10 people in a group. COVID check-in marshals are required to ensure everyone checks in using QR codes or a kiosk.

Cleaning

There is no specific regulation for cleaning places of worship. We recommend regularly cleaning high-touch places where people place their hands, such as doors, handles, the backs of chairs, and toilets. Cleaning seats and pews is less critical unless they are being used frequently. Avoid sharing utensils and books, although if the church is used only weekly, shared prayerbooks and hymnbooks are less of a risk.

From the Community Centre

Dear Parishioners,

In my last call out, I asked for pet food and I was thrilled to see some people had thought of the fur babies and had donated pet food. I have several clients who are really doing it hard who have pets and have appreciated picking up some food for them.

With winter now upon us I would like to request some hearty canned meals, tins of coffee and black tea bags, small boxes of cereal such as nutri-grain or corn flakes, tuna fish cans, small long life milk, toothpaste, deodorant and soap.

Thank you for your support, Parishioners of Christ Church St Kilda, for being regular supporters of the Community Centre. Not only do you donate items to support people who come to us when experiencing difficulties but many of you volunteer to assist the Centre in its work.

Marie, Emergency Support.

Calendar of Services

8 August 2021: 11th Sunday After Pentecost (OT 19)

Theme: Jesus the bread of life.

9am Eucharist – Fr Turi

11am Gathering for Fellowship – Fr Turi

15 August 2021: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Theme: Mary, Mother of Our Lord

9am Eucharist – Fr Ken

11am Gathering for Fellowship – Fr Turi

22 August 2021: 13th Sunday After Pentecost (OT 21)

Theme: The gift of faith – Peter affirms his loyalty

9am Eucharist – Fr Turi

11am Gathering for Fellowship – Fr Turi

29 August 2021: 14th Sunday After Pentecost (OT 22)

Theme: The gift of hope – Jesus rebukes some praises

9am Eucharist – Fr Turi

11am Gathering for Fellowship – Fr Turi

Restoration Collection

People will have noticed that there has been a second collection bag available to the left of the aisle at the back of the church. This was to collect an extra offertory that would be used for restoration work on the historic Parish buildings. The Parish has a great need to meet the costs for this work and a contribution is greatly needed. At present the Parish has \$8,000 in its restoration account but needs \$10,000 urgently.

Making a Bequest in your will to Christ Church

Parishioners may like to consider leaving a bequest to the Church in their wills, as at least two parishioners are preparing to do presently. 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 a warden confidentially for advice on how to proceed. A proforma can be made available to guide you."

Forthcoming Events

PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Subject to COVID restrictions,
the postponed Parish Trivia Night
is on

Saturday 21st August 2021
6:30 for 7pm

St Kilda RSL, Acland Street

Aidan's Farewell Concert

Sunday 8 August, 2pm - 4pm

The concert will be recorded in:
Christ Church, St Kilda
14 Acland St, St Kilda, 3182, VIC
and broadcast later that evening

Price: \$30 per ticket pre-purchased from:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BSNPT>
Donations welcome

Parish Offertory

June 2021			Year to date		
Budget	Actual	Var ⁿ	Budget	Actual	Var ⁿ
4,461	3,718	-743	43,500	37,189	-6,311

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

Parish Directory

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