

COMING EVENTS

CHRIST CHURCH SOCIAL CLUB

[formerly Saturday Club]

Saturday, 5th March at 7.30pm

in the School Room

Welcome to Refugees from North Geelong Secondary College. They have stories to tell and show us about their lives.

Everyone welcome!

There will be a special supper

UPDATE - WINTER WOOLIES & OTHER WONDERS MARKET

Saturday, 28th May

If you have items to offer, please check with:

Gai or Ruth - Craft; Sue - Cakes; Jan - Food;

Barbara - Preserves; Syama or Laurie - Plants

Urgent items needed are:

1. Small glass jars for jam & preserves -

Barbara 5221 4680; and

2. Pots required for planting up cuttings - preferably 125mm - cleaned would help, but not essential -

Laurie 0421 011 279

The major raffle prize is a Quilt generously donated by Anne Howarth.

New feature - pruning demonstrations!

If you have ideas please let us know.

Many jobs on offer as time gets closer!

Contact: Ruth - 0425 785 694



The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Geelong



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Mission Statement

Christ Church seeks to be a centre for the worship of Almighty God, providing strength and assistance for all who enter, and enabling God's love in Christ to reach out to the community and world in which we live.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT/TRANSFIGURATION

2nd February 2016

Liturgical Colour: Purple

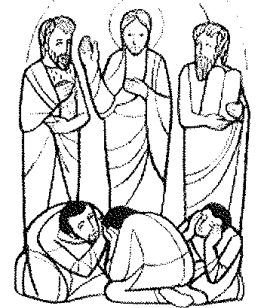
Holy Eucharist: 8.00am; 9.30am (Sung); 5.15pm

Sentence

Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!"

Prayer of the Day *

*O God,
in the transfiguration of your Son
you confirmed the mysteries of the faith
by the witness of Moses and Elijah,
and in the voice from the cloud
you foreshadowed our adoption
as your children:
make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory,
and bring us to enjoy its fullness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen*

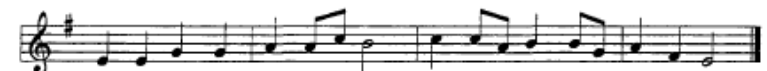


* You are invited to join in this Prayer immediately before today's readings

Service Setting: Christ Church Service

Hymns: 9.30am: 212; 234; 539; 201 5.15pm: 234; 201

Gospel Acclamation:



Hear my voice O Lord when I call, have mer-cy on me and an-swer me.

The Vicar Writes



The transfiguration of Jesus was revealed to the disciples of the Lord who accompanied him. The disciples had been with the Lord for some time, they were surrendered and willing to tolerate a lot of difficulties for the sake of the Lord. It wasn't easy for them though. They witnessed many miracles and incredible actions performed by Christ but they were also subjected to huge pressures. The disciples found themselves

in the midst of large crowds constantly, they were celebrities and had all kinds of people hanging on to get cured or to share in the limelight of being with Jesus whose fame was spreading everywhere before him.

The Transfiguration was another amazing incident to add to the whirlwind of surprises that came upon Peter, James and John as they accepted the responsibility of being a confidant of Jesus. Seeing Moses and Elijah with the effulgent Christ on the mountain was so bewildering that Peter and the others covered their faces and made feeble attempts to offer to build tents for the three of them to talk in.

A divine voice thundered amidst the heavenly cloud that was upon them saying, this is my Son with whom I am well pleased. The disciples were being allowed into some confidential knowledge, a privilege that they had to keep secretly in their hearts until it was the right time to proclaim it out aloud. Jesus wanted his disciples to know that there was more to him and indeed more to life than what meets the eye. They needed to know that what they were involved in was a part of a larger plan of God's for salvation that began with creation and will last until the last soul is returned to its eternal home with God. The disciples also had to be established in a higher consciousness to be able to deal with the trials they would share with the Lord as well as those they would face individually after the Lord returned to heaven.

Like the disciples we too have to face unexpected obstacles. We pass through joys and sorrows, ups and downs, dualities that sometimes seem unsurpassable and yet Jesus the Christ admonishes us saying don't think you are a mortal being! I am revealing a secret to you, we are all of God and by joining your hearts and lives to mine you can share in my Baptism and resurrection. We journey now through Lent and pass with the Lord as his disciples along the road to Calvary. It's a rough road but the good news is the road continues on to Easter Sunday, the eternal present that Jesus invites us to share in, the eternal life of endless love, bliss and divine wisdom that surpasses the mundane reason of this world. May this Easter bring us closer to the Lord and deeper into the eternal gifts he has in store for us.

The Lord be with you, Fr Russell

Darwin Defenders' Service: *More than 100 people attended the Darwin Defenders' Service last Sunday. It was a great success and thanks are due to everyone who supported the service in any way, by attending, providing the wreaths, or playing a role in the service itself. Sincere thanks to those who supplied the delicious Morning Tea that followed the service.*

Film Night: *Last Monday night was our first film outing for the year, with the screening of 'Woman in Gold'. Those who attended thoroughly enjoyed the evening, and we raised \$395 for the church funds. Our next film will be 'The Dressmaker' on Monday, 11th April.*

Breakfast in the School Room between the 8.00am & 9.30am services is on today, Sunday, 21st February – Juice, cereal, toast & spreads, tea & coffee – all welcome!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: Peace and harmony in troubled lands.

THE CHURCH: Anglican Church in Central America; Diocese of Bathurst; AIDS Ministry; Parish of Ormond; St Catharine's Caulfield South; Christ Church Ormond (Confirmation); Mernda Parish (Fifth Anniversary); Holy Trinity, Hampton Park (Confirmation).

THE COMMUNITY: Faithfulness on our Lenten journey.

THOSE IN SPECIAL NEED: Those on our prayer list and in our hearts.

THE DEPARTED: The recently departed and those whose yearly remembrance falls at this time (Royce Jones; Kath Minchington; Gavin Haywood). We remember with thanks: Matthias, Apostle & Martyr (Wednesday).

The Week Ahead

Monday, 22nd	2.00pm	Home Lenten Group
Tuesday, 23rd	8.30am	Morning Prayer in the Chapel
	1.30pm & 3.30m	Bible Explorers in the School Room
	7.00pm	Meditation in the Chapel
Wednesday, 24th	8.00am	Meditation in the Chapel
	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
	11.00am	Lenten Group in the Church
	7.30pm	Healing Service
	8.00pm	Home Lenten Group
Thursday, 25th	8.00am	Morning Prayer in the Chapel
	9.00am	Working Bee
	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Friday, 26th	8.00pm	Home Lenten Group

NEXT SUNDAY: 29TH FEBRUARY -THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36

REMINDER - THE MARCH CHRONICLE – the deadline for contributions for this edition is **today Sunday, 21st February**. Please send details of any items or upcoming events/news to: spswain@westnet.com.au. The March Chronicle will also be on the Parish web page from early March onwards.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be held on **Friday, 4th March at 11.00am** at Wesley Uniting Church, Geelong. The theme is: 'Jesus said to them "Receive children. Receive me"' Guest Speaker is Mrs Julie Whelan, a teacher from Clonard College who has recently been to Cuba. Everyone is welcome – a light lunch will be held after the service (for further information please ring 5248 4417 or 5221 7978)

ST MARY'S BASILICA presents *Bach's Mass in B Minor*. Performed by Australian Chamber Choir (Director – Douglas Lawrence) with an orchestra of period instruments at **8.00pm on Wednesday, 16th March**. Tickets \$35/\$30 at the door or online at www.trybooking.com/JOXX (For further information, please contact Jeanette at St Mary's on 5223 3554)