



# The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Geelong



*"A community of faith in service to others"*

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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.*

## MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD

14<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Liturgical Colour: White

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

### Sentence

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, so that we might receive adoption as God's children.

### Prayer of the Day \*

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, 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: 111; 246; 526; 547

5.15pm: 111; 526

Psalm Response:



My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord.

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## FUND RAISING -

### 'FLORAL FANTASY TEA DANCE'

*(Sponsored by Community Tango in Geelong)*

**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> August from 2.30pm**

**\$20 per person or \$18 concession**

**Sign-up sheet on the crossing table; phone**

**Pam Jarvis on 0417 531619; or speak to Jan or Ruth**

**TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!!!**

## REMINDER - FOOTY PARKING

The final AFL home match for the Cats is on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> August with the match starting at 1.45pm -parking will be available for the two hours beforehand.



There are a couple of our regulars who will be away on holidays for this day, so any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Let's finish the AFL home and away season on a good note! ... and GO CATS!!

## Meals Program Thanksgiving Service 2016

If you missed the Meals Program Service on 11<sup>th</sup> July, or would like to listen again to Bishop Huggins' address or hear some of the music from the service, these and some photos are available on the Parish web page... just follow the link from 'Recent Celebrations'

*We acknowledge the Wathaurong people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the lands on which Christ Church and its buildings now stand.*

## The Vicar Writes



Mary the Mother of God is a festival that helps us consider the relational nature of God, the Supreme Absolute Truth. God is the source of everything, including all relationships. These relationships include friendship, servanthood, neutrality, that of a parent and that of a beloved.

In the case of Mary, she saw herself as the mother of the Lord. God has no other source, God is the source of everyone and everything else, but the Lord enjoys reciprocating with his devotees in any relationship the devotee desires according to their spontaneous love. In this way the Lord was pleased to reciprocate with Mary who had the great fortune, by the supreme grace of God, to be the mother of Christ.

The love of a mother is supreme in the world, it is the purest, most selfless form of love we can experience in this world, and it is the closest thing we have to the unalloyed love of God. Mary was the mother of Christ and so her love for Christ is extremely pure and powerful. Mary's love is intense and is her single privilege to actually see the Lord as her son. That is why the church has always held Mary in high esteem, because her love for Christ is so spontaneous and pure. The purity that is only possible for a mother. Christ is the object of that pure love.

At the cross of Christ Mary was present with the Apostle John. The Lord spoke to her and said... "Mother, behold your son", and to John he said, "son, behold your mother". Thus, he declared Mary to be the mother of all Christians. After the Lord ascended to heaven Mary stayed with the Apostles. She was present at Pentecost. When she passed away her body disappeared and lilies appeared at the place where her body was laid.

Today we celebrate Mary the Mother of God, we remember the miracle of her love; a miracle that is reflected in the love of all mothers. We give thanks for God's love that comes to us through our mother and through the mother of our Lord, Mary.

The Lord be with you, Fr Russell

**REMINDER - PARISH COUNCIL:** The end of this Church year is fast approaching and two members must retire for at least 12 months in accordance with the Parish Governance Act. Expressions of Interest are sought for prospective members for the new Church year. This may be your chance to present new opportunities and enthusiasm, and to gain a better understanding of what it takes to manage the smooth running of our parish – please contact Fr Russell.

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** have been donated by the Freijah family in loving memory of Harry Dunn, their father, father-in-law and grandfather, whose anniversary falls on 14<sup>th</sup> August.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**THE WORLD:** Peace and harmony amongst all nations; those suffering the aftermath of natural disasters.

**THE CHURCH:** Anglican Church of Southern Africa; Diocese of the NT; Bush Church Aid Society; St Philip's, Mt Waverley; St Stephen's & St Mary's, Mt Waverley; St Mary's, Nth Melbourne; St Luke's Sydenham.

**THE PARISH/COMMUNITY:** All who support us day by day, especially those who maintain our emergency services.

**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 (Bob Cooper; John Zula; Ruth Dyson).

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in the Chapel
	2.30pm	Bible Explorers
	7.00pm	Meditation in the Chapel
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Meditation in the Chapel
	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in the Chapel
	7.30pm	Choir Practice

**NEXT SUNDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Readings: Jeremiah 1.4-10; Psalm 71.1-6; Hebrews 12.18-29; Luke 13.10-17**

**BIBLE EXPLORERS** will run one group only for this term. Dates: **16<sup>th</sup> August and 11<sup>th</sup> September**. The group meets in the School Room at new time this term – **2.30pm**

**5C APPEAL:** At present the appeal stands at **\$275**, and the plan is to send it off to ABM at the end of August - so if you have any 5c pieces lurking please bring them in and they will be included in this count. If you forget don't fret as they can then make the start for the next collection, as we are making two donations a year to ABM. Coins and notes of any denomination are also accepted gratefully. Thank you - the coin counting Elf!

**EMERGENCY CUPBOARD:** For the Sundays of August, we are asking parishioners to bring tins of creamed rice or packets or cups of 2 minute noodles for the cupboard. Some items are not available from the most recent supplier, and they are greatly appreciated. Please place them in the basket near the sides-persons' area.

**REMINDER - THE CHRONICLE** The next edition is due in the first week of September... so to allow time for getting it all together, copying and collating, I need to have contributions, etc. by mid-August at the latest – many thanks - Phillip Swain Suggestions re future events/services/happenings at Christ Church, or other items that parishioners might like to know, are very welcome & I'll fit them in if I can! Please send to: [spswain@westnet.com.au](mailto:spswain@westnet.com.au)

**ST LUKE'S UNITING CHURCH, HIGHTON** presents 'The Gospels are made on Earth'. Speaker: progressive Christian theologian, Rev Dr Lorraine Parkinson, today at 3.00pm to 4.30pm. All welcome!!



SAMARITAN'S PURSE

## REMINDER - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Christmas Boxes are with us again and are due to be delivered by the end of October.

If you wish to take part in this appeal, please refer to the brochure previously included in the pew sheet

For more information and/or to borrow a short DVD detailing the work done by Samaritan's Purse, please see Jan.

We continue to offer the options of preparing an entire box yourself or choosing to contribute individual items from the list in the brochure that will then be packaged here at church.

The cost of delivering each box is \$9, so cash donations are most welcome to either cover this cost or to purchase further items.

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## FILM NIGHTS ARE BACK!!

Please mark these dates in your diary now, as we have organised three highly recommended films:

**Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> September**

***'Brooklyn'***

An Irish immigrant in Brooklyn in the 1950's  
– starring Saoirse Ronan

**Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October**

***'Hunt for the Wilder People'***

Manhunt for a rebellious kid and his foster uncle who go missing in the wild NZ bush – starring Sam Neill

**Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November**

***'Florence Foster Jenkins'* \***

– starring Meryl Streep

(\* Subject to release date)

***Cost: \$15 (includes supper)***

***Venue: St Mary's Theatrette***

***Time: 7.15pm for 7.30pm start***

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