



The Anglican Parish of
Christ Church Geelong



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O God, Thy Soldiers' Crown and Guard

O God, Thy soldiers' crown and guard,
And their exceeding great reward;
From all transgressions set us free,
Who sing Thy martyr's victory.

The pleasures of the world he spurned,
From sin's pernicious lures he turned;
He knew their joys imbued with gall,
And thus he reached Thy heavenly hall.

For Thee through many a woe he ran,
In many a fight he played the man;
For Thee his blood he dared to pour,
And thence hath joy forevermore.

We therefore pray Thee, full of love,
Regard us from Thy throne above;
On this Thy martyr's triumph day,
Wash every stain of sin away.

O Christ, most loving King, to Thee,
With God the Father, glory be;
Like glory, as is ever meet,
To God the holy Paraclete.

[Tr. J M Neale (1818-66): TNEH 218]

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.

MARTYRS OF NEW GUINA

30th August 2020

Liturgical Colour: Red

Sentence

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.

Prayer of the Day *

All powerful and ever-living God,
turn our weakness into strength:
as you gave the martyrs of Papua New
the courage to suffer death for Christ,
give us courage to live
in faithful witness to you.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



The Vicar Writes



Today we remember the New Guinea Martyrs, 333 Christian clergy, teachers and missionaries who lost their lives in Papua New Guinea during the Second World War. Among them were 12 Anglicans and 20 of them were family members of Joy Baxter, including her two brothers George and John Seymour.

The bravery of these martyrs is extraordinary as they chose to stay with their people in spite of the Japanese invasion and consequently lost their lives. Their sacrifice remains a continuous inspiration to the Anglican Church and particularly the Mission in New Guinea. It reminds us of the Martyrs of the early church who went to their deaths rather than renounce their beliefs.

A window in the North West corner of Christ Church depicts the white robed martyrs with their palm branches (Rev 7.13), acclaiming the risen and victorious Christ.

Sacrifice to God is at the heart of the Gospel. Through this sacrifice is a sacrifice of our soul to the Supreme Spirit; that sacrifice then flows on to every part of our being and is lived out in our life of faith; this is why Jesus commands us to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. Surrender to the Lord is an inner working that then plays out on every level of our being.

Christians have sacrificed their own personal considerations in the line of their call to discipleship to Christ. Some sacrifice through prayer and meditation, others more by social service or service to the church, and others through family or civil duties. There are as many ways to sacrifice to God as there are people. The Lord calls us each in our own way according to His divine will.

As we remember the New Guinea Martyrs today we may be inspired to rededicate ourselves in discipleship and be all the more keen to be awake to the Lord's call upon ourselves.

The Lord be with you,

Fr Russell

REMINDER – HALL KEYS



*If anyone has a Hall key that is no longer in use,
would you please return same to
either Jan McGowan or Fr Russell please!*

“Psalm 130”

Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord:
Lord, hear my voice.

O let your ears consider well:
the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:
who then, O Lord could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you:
so that you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:
and in his word is my hope.

My soul looks for the Lord:
more than watchmen for the morning,
more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, trust in the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy:
and with him is ample redemption.

He will redeem Israel:
from the multitude of their sins.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: All those suffering the aftermath of natural disasters.

THE CHURCH: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea as they look to fill episcopal vacancies and elect an archbishop; the United Church of South India; Diocese of Melbourne; Trinity Grammar School; St Paul's Frankston; St James and St Peter's Church Kilsyth.

THE PARISH/COMMUNITY: Would we be able to make the ultimate sacrifice for God if called to do so? Pray that we too might remain strong for God (AGM)

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

THE DEPARTED: Our own departed and those whose yearly remembrance falls at this time: (Les Grayling; Nancy Fleet). We remember with thanks: John Bunyan, preacher and spiritual writer, d.1688 (Monday).

NEXT SUNDAY -6TH SEPTEMBER 2020

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings: Exodus 12.1-14; Psalm 149;

Romans 13.1-10 Gospel: Matthew 18.10-20

