



Fifteenth Ordinary Sunday
11th July 2021



8 am Presiding and Preaching: The Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra
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*Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.
Thank you for joining us in worship.
Please join in saying the text marked in **bold**
and singing the musical responses and hymns.*

INTRODUCTION

John the Baptist lost his life because he told Herod an unpalatable truth about Herod's marriage. Herod learnt that killing the teller of truth does not change the reality of that truth. No matter how hard we try we cannot in the end manipulate truth to suit ourselves. We must accept it on its own terms.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN TIS 616



1. O day of God, draw near
in beauty and in power,
come with your timeless judgment now
to match our present hour.
2. Bring to our troubled minds,
uncertain and afraid,
the quiet of a steadfast faith,
calm of a call obeyed.
3. Bring justice to our land
that all may dwell secure,
and firmly build for days to come
foundations that endure.

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4. Bring to our world of strife
your sovereign word of peace,
that war may haunt the earth no more
and desolation cease.
 5. O day of God, draw near
as at creation's birth;
let there be light again, and set
your justice in the earth.

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

In the name of the Father the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you:
And also with you.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord have mercy; **Lord have mercy**
Christ have mercy; **Christ have mercy**
Lord have mercy; **Lord have mercy**

The deacon introduces the confession:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Let us therefore bring our sins before the one true God, in penitence and faith.

Merciful God, our Maker and our Judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The celebrant pronounces the absolution:

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Eternal God, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendour of creation and in the beauty of human life. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the readings

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Book of the prophet Samuel:

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. It was told King David, 'The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.' So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord ; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the Lord , and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and

offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt-offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

2 Samuel 6.1-5, 6.12b-19

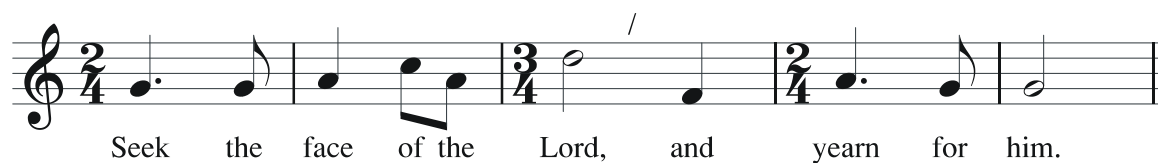
Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24

TIS 13

Response:



1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. *Response*
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
Those with clean hands and pure heart,
who desire not worthless things. *Response*
3. They shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves them.
These are the ones who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Response*

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians:

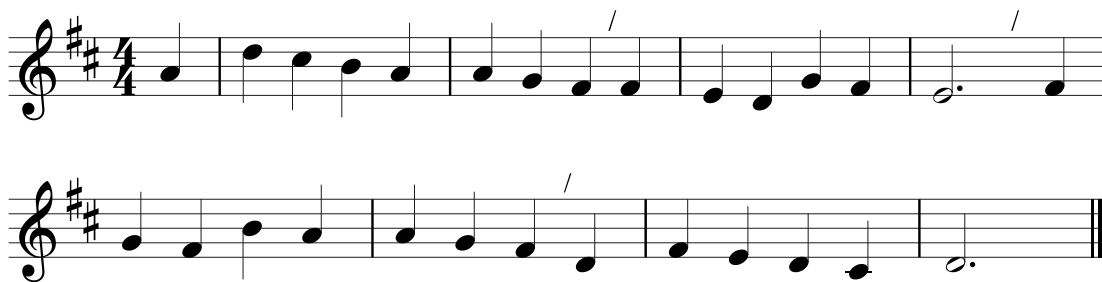
Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1.1-14

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL TIS 485



1. My God, accept my heart this day,
and make it still your own,
that I from you no more may stray,
but follow you alone.
2. Before the cross of him who died
in penitence I fall;
let every sin be crucified,
and Christ be Lord of all.
3. Anoint me with your heavenly grace,
and seal me for your own,
that I may see your glorious face,
and worship near your throne.
4. Let every thought and work and word
to you be ever given;
then life shall be your service, Lord,
and death the gate of heaven.

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THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark:

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.'

Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, ‘I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.’ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Mark 6.14-29

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

THE BAPTISM

Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God.’ And he took them in his arms and blessed them. *Mark 10:13*

The Priest addresses the parents and godparents.

Children who are too young to profess the Christian faith are baptised on the understanding that they will be brought up as Christians within the family of the Church.

As they grow up, they need the help and encouragement of that family, so that they learn to be faithful in public worship and private prayer, to live by trust in God, and to come to confirmation.

Parents and godparents, this child whom you have brought for baptism depends chiefly on you for the help and encouragement

he needs. Are you willing to give your help by your prayers, by your example, and by your teaching?

Answer **I am willing**

Priest We thank God therefore for our baptism to life in Christ, and we pray for this child and say together:

All **Heavenly Father in your love you have called us to know you, and led us to trust you, and bound our life with yours. Surround this child with your love; protect him from all evil; fill him with your Holy Spirit; and receive him into the family of your Church that he may walk with us in the way of Christ and grow in the knowledge of your love. Amen**

The Priest addresses the parents and godparents.

Those who bring children to baptism must affirm their allegiance to Christ and their rejection of all that is evil.

It is your duty to bring up this child to fight against evil and to follow Christ.

Therefore I ask these questions which you must answer for yourselves and for this child.

Do you turn to Christ?

Answer **I turn to Christ**

Do you repent of your sins?

Answer **I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?

Answer **I renounce evil.**

Priest May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom.
Amen

BLESSING THE WATER

All Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promises forever.

Priest Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
Was baptised in the river Jordan: we thank you for the gift of
water to cleanse and revive us;
We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led
your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land;
We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought
your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.
Bless this water, that your servant who are to be washed in it
may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection,
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.
Send your Holy Spirit upon him to bring him new birth in the
family of your Church, and raise him with Christ to full and
eternal life.
For all might, majesty and honour are yours, now and forever.
Amen

The priest addresses the parents and godparents

You have brought this child to baptism. You must now declare
before God and his Church the Christian faith into which he is
to be baptised, and in which you will help him to grow. You
must answer for yourself and for this child.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father
who made heaven and earth?

Answer **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed humanity?

Answer **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,
Who gives life to the people of God?

Answer **I believe and trust in him.**

The priest turns to the congregation

All This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Priest Hamish, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Priest I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are to be
true to Christ crucified and that you are to be ashamed to confess
your faith in him.

The priest takes a lighted candle

Priest Receive this light to show you have passed from darkness to
light.

All **Shine as a light in the world**
To the glory of God the Father.

Priest God has received you by baptism into his Church.
All **We welcome you into the Lord's Family.**
 We are members together of the body of Christ;
 we are children of the same heavenly Father;
 we are inheritors together of the kingdom of God.
 We welcome you.

The Prayers

(For the child/children)

Priest Lord God our Father, maker of heaven and earth, we thank you that by your Holy Spirit this child has been born into new life, adopted for your own, and received into the fellowship of your Church: grant that he may grow in the faith into which he has been baptised, that he may profess it for himself when he comes to be confirmed, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in him. **Amen**

(For the parents)

Priest Heavenly Father, we pray for the parents of this child; give them the spirit of wisdom and love, that their home may reflect the joy of your eternal kingdom. **Amen**

(For the god-parents)

Priest God of truth and love, we pray for the godparents of him whom we have baptised in your name, that they may desire to share with their godchild what you have revealed to us in your holy gospel.

Priest Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptised in your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Priest The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.
Amen

THE PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

His spirit is with us.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



THE OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 258



*Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

1. You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
you are the Word who leads us into light;
you are the Word who brings us through the desert:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
2. You are the one whom prophets hoped and longed for;
you are the one who speaks to us today;
you are the one who leads us to our future:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
3. You are the Word who calls us to be servants;
you are the Word whose only law is love;
you are the Word made flesh who lives among us:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
4. You are the Word who binds us and unites us;
you are the Word who calls us to be one;
you are the Word who teaches us forgiveness:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Bernadette Farrell 1957–
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THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessèd be God for ever.

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessèd be God for ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise, glory and honour,
be yours at all times and in all places,
holy and loving Father, true and living God.

We praise you that through your eternal word
you brought the universe into being and made us in your own image.
You have given us this earth to care for and delight in,
and with its bounty you preserve our life.

We thank you that you bound yourself to the human race
with the promises of a gracious covenant
and called us to serve you in love and peace.

Above all, we give you thanks for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ: born as one of us,
he lived our common life and offered his life to you
in perfect obedience and trust.

By his death he delivered us from sin,
brought us new life,
and reconciled us to you and to one another.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God,
we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them may be partakers of
Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
‘Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.
Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world,

Give us your peace.

THE INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE ANTHEM

‘Beati mundo corde’

Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

Matthew 5: 8-10.

*‘Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake:
For theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.’*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



THE RECESSIONAL HYMN TIS 192



1. Christ is the world's redeemer,
the lover of the pure,
the fount of heavenly wisdom,
our trust and hope secure,
the armour of his soldiers,
the lord of earth and sky,
our health while we are living,
our life when we shall die.

2. Christ has our host surrounded
with clouds of martyrs bright
who wave their palms in triumph
and fire us for the fight.
For Christ the cross ascended
to save a world undone,
and suffering for the sinful
our full redemption won.

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3. Down in the realm of darkness
he lay a captive bound,
but at the hour appointed
he rose a victor crowned,
and now, to heaven ascended,
he sits upon the throne
in glorious dominion,
his Father's and his own.

*St Columba 521–97 tr. Duncan Macgregor 1854–1923 alt.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.

Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of the Spirit.

THE BLESSING

May God give you his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE:

Sortie (Fughetta)

Theodore Dubois

Prayers

Please pray for those in need, including Jocelyn, Jackie, Roderick, Mandy, Jenny, Sasha, Martin, Jane, Pamela, Paul, Rhondda and Father Walter.

Please pray for the recently departed: Judith Hood, Rasta Christian George.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Ken (Kenneth) Horn.

If there is a name that should be included, please advise the Parish Office by email office@stmarys.org.au


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THE ROSTER

Please keep an eye on the roster to see if you have a duty today or next week.

Thanks for your participation!

|  | Sunday 11th July | Sunday 18th July |
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| 8.00am Reader | Jenny Langmead | Audrey Statham |
| 10.00am Readers | John Blanch <i>2 Sam 6:1-5, 12b-19</i> Susan Gribben <i>Eph 1:3-14</i> | Rosie Moloney <i>2 Sam 7:1-14a</i> Michael Noble <i>Eph 2:11-22</i> |
| Serving Team | Peter O'D. Alice Christofi | Andrew Murray Anne S. |
| Welcome | Michael Golding Anne S. | Adam Wing Pete O'D. |
| Introduction & Intercessions | Audrey Statham | Geoff Jenkins |
| Video/AV | Paul Eikelboom | Samuel Miller |
| Kids Corner & Sunday School | School Holidays | Harriet Jenkins |
| Morning Tea | Rebe Taylor Audrey Statham | Margaret Noble Michael Noble |
| Collection Counting | Parish Council +1 | Parish Council +1 |
| Flowers | Christine Storey | Helen McCallum |
| Clergy | (P) Mtr Dorothy (Pr/D) Fr Mark | (P) Fr Jan (Pr/D) Fr Mark |

ST MARY'S PARISH NOTICES

PATRONAL FESTIVAL PARISH NEWSLETTER

Calling for contributions promised and being created for the Patronal Festival Parish Newsletter. Please submit to the Parish Office by August 7th.

ORDINATION

You are cordially invited to attend the ordination of

JACK LINDSAY

23RD July at 7:30pm
Christ Church South Yarra



DELTA STUDY

Here are the details for this week's Delta Study.

You can join the Zoom Meeting at:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89033583158?pwd=MzJnN0E2Y3VGTVpXS
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TFMSFdJNGVFUT09)

Meeting ID: 890 3358 3158 Passcode: 440426

Our plan for DELTA Studies was to focus on the New Testament on second Sundays of the month, but for various reasons we decided to discuss Jeremiah this week. In this second session, we will discuss what a prophet may have been in Jeremiah's day, and whether he was one himself! This will lead us naturally to the question how we should read his book for our own place and time. And we will also try to get a sense of how good a poet he was, and why he wrote poetry at all. Meanwhile, if you missed the first session on Jeremiah, pls find a recording at:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y9heCgBThXwHGj62rAgK5CKgPvi7v
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IN-CHURCH SERVICES THIS SUNDAY

Please sign in when you arrive at the church. Please consider Internet banking for your offering.

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ST MARY'S CHOIR

We welcome new members, understanding that everything is being conducted according to strict protocols. We also welcome participation from those who may not be able to contribute every week. If you are interested, please contact the Director of Music. Choir will resume again on Tuesday following the regulations now in place.

SHARING SUNDAY

On the first two Sundays each month we will bring non-perishable groceries and toiletries to share with Mission House Fitzroy. You can also

donate directly to Anglicare. Please leave your donations in the Baptistry in the basket provided.

CHURCH GARDEN GROUP

If you are available to help in the Church Garden, please contact Margaret Noble on 0458 753 654.

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE AND FURTHER BEYOND

THE MELBOURNE ANGLICAN

The July edition of The Melbourne Anglican is available for you to collect in the porch.



A PRAYER FOR ST MARY'S, NORTH MELBOURNE

Loving and gracious God, we give you thanks for calling us as your church to worship and to serve. We pray for your blessing on our parish of St Mary's, asking that you will direct us in our hopes and plans for the future.

Bless, we pray, all those who lead: for our Vicar, Fr Jan, and other clergy, Mthr Dorothy and Fr Mark; for our Wardens, Sam, Anne and Michael; for Harriet in her educational work with the children; for our organist, Beverley, and choristers; for the members of the parish Council, the Hospitality committee and all who serve in many other ways. We thank you for their willing service. And we pray for all who enter our doors: to pray, to worship, to find acceptance and healing, to serve, to encounter you.

We pray also for the wider community of North Melbourne. Help us to discern how we may work for your kingdom in our mission. We pray for Indigenous people, refugees, and those who are poor, that they may discover your inclusive and welcoming love through our witness.

We pray for ourselves and for anyone we know who needs our prayers at this time ...

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Crucified and Risen Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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The Anglican Diocese in conjunction with St Mary's Anglican Church North Melbourne does not tolerate abuse, harassment or other misconduct within our communities. If any person has concerns about behavior of a church worker, past or present. The Diocese of Melbourne is committed to doing all that is possible to ensure that abuse does not occur. All complaints of abuse are taken very seriously, and we do all we can to lessen harm. We offer respect, pastoral care and ongoing long-term support to anyone who makes a complaint. St Mary's Statement of Commitment to Child Safety is on our noticeboard and can be downloaded from our website www.stmarys.org.au.

PLEASE REPORT ABUSE CALL 1800 135 246

MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne is an inner-city Christian community that strives to be faithful, inclusive and sacramental. God inspires us to worship in daily celebration; to be caring, thoughtful and inviting.

In response to God's call, in the next three to five years we aim:

- To grow substantially in faith and numbers*
- To create an inter-generational culture that values all age groups - children and adults - equally*
- To express our faith in active engagement within and beyond our own community*
- To deploy our property and financial assets in strategic support of the ministry needs of the parish for the long term*
- To become more open to change as we learn to grow*

