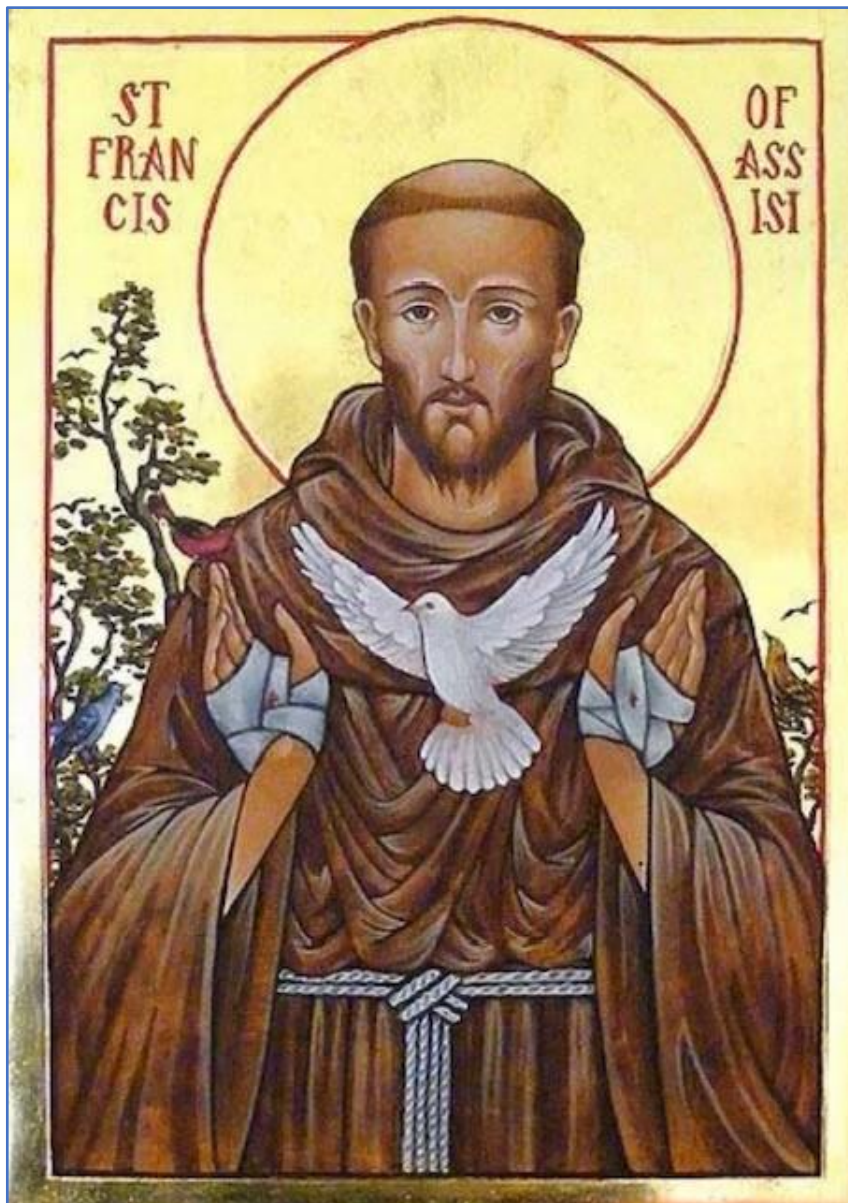


St Mary's



Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Sunday

3rd October 2021



*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

Today we celebrate the feast of St Francis as the culmination of our Season of Creation. St Francis above all others reminds the faithful to care for creation and to live in harmony with the will of our Creator God.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN TIS 100

D Bm A / D Bm A / D
G D / E A / D G D A / D
D G D A / G A D / G A Bm /
E A / D G B7 / Em A A7 D

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam,
and silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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2. Swift-rushing winds that are so strong,
and clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Fresh-rising morn, in praise rejoice,
and lights of evening, find a voice:
O praise him ...
 3. O flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
O fire, so masterful and bright,
providing us with warmth and light,
O praise him ...
 4. Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfold rich blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show;
O praise him ...

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of 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**

God's whole creation groans.
The land produces thorns and thistles
and longs to be set free.
Our sin affects all around us.
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Creator God,
we confess that we have not honoured and obeyed you.
We have broken our relationships with one another,
abused your fragile creation, wounded your love
and marred your holy image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.
Father, forgive us. Lead us from apathy to love.
Strengthen us as stewards of your precious people
and of your glorious creation,
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us. Amen.

The celebrant pronounces the absolution:

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ
has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed:
forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth,
strengthen you to do God's will
and give you the joy of his kingdom
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER

God of holy dreaming, Great Creator Spirit, from the dawn of creation you have given your children the good things of mother earth. You spoke and the gum tree grew. In the vast desert and dense forest and in cities at the water's edge, creation sings your praise. Your presence endures as the rock at the heart of our Land. When Jesus hung on the tree you heard the cries of all your people and became one with your wounded ones: the convicts, the hunted, and the dispossessed. The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew, and bathed it in glorious hope. In Jesus we have been reconciled to you, to each other and to your whole creation. Lead us on, Great Spirit, as we gather from the four corners of the earth; enable us to walk together in trust from the hurts and shame of the past into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rev'd (Aunty) Lenore Taylor, from APBA page 218

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the reading

A reading from the book of the Prophet Micah:

With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow down before the exalted God?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has told you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6 6-8

Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 100

Response:

*Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with joy*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
Response

Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Response

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
Response

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.
Response

SECOND READING:

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Galatians:

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; but a new creation is everything. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, to the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Galatians 6: 14-18

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Father of all, you are blessed, Creator of earth and heaven,
For the mysteries of the kingdom shown to children.

Alleluia

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12: 22-34

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

SERMON

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation:

The heavens tell of your glory;

For our land, its beauty and its resources,

For the rich heritage we enjoy.

We pray:

For those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,

that we may use your gifts responsibly;

For those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,

that all may enjoy the fruits of their labours and marvel at your creation;

For artists, scientists and visionaries,

That through their work we may see creation afresh.

Silence

We thank you for giving us life;

for all who enrich our experience.

We pray for all through their own or others' actions are deprived of fullness of life,

For prisoners, refugees, the handicapped, and all who are sick;

For those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your Church,

for all who seek to bring life to others.

For those in our community who are in special need...

And for those whose year's mind occurs at this time....

Silence

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.
Give us reverence for life in your world.

We thank you for your redeeming love;
may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.

Silence

God, Creator, bring us new life.
Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.
Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.

God of peace,
let us your people know,
that at the heart of turbulence
there is an inner calm that comes
from faith in you.
Keep us from being content with things as they are,
that from this central peace
there may come a creative compassion,
a thirst for justice,
and a willingness to give of ourselves
in the spirit of Christ. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

You shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 607

D Dmaj7 D6 D /

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
 3 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ It

D Dmaj7 Em7 A7 /

1 there is ha-tred let me bring your love; _____ where
 2 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope; _____ where
 3 is in par-don - ing that we are par - doned, _____ in

Em Em7 Em A7 /

1 there is in - ju - ry, your par-don, Lord; _____ and
 2 there is dark - ness, let me bring your light; _____ and
 3 giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, _____ and in

Refrain after verses 1 and 2 only
 Em7 A7 D Fine D7 / Refrain

1 where there's doubt, true faith _____ in _____ you. _____
 2 where there's sad - ness, ev - er _____ joy. _____ O
 3 dy - ing that we're born to e-ter - nal life. _____

G D /

Mas-ter, grant that I may nev - er seek _____ so

A7 D D7 /

much to be con - soled as to con - sole, _____ to be

G D /

un - der-stood as to un - der - stand, _____ to be

E7 A D.C.

loved, as to love with all my soul. _____

Refrain:

*O Master, grant that I may never seek so
much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Refrain

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, let me bring your light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Refrain

3. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*Based on an anonymous prayer (?French) c.1900
This version by Johann Sebastian Templehoff ('Sebastian Temple') 1928–
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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.

O God, eternal Wisdom,

all you have made is beautiful and good.

We thank you for darkness and light,

for this earth and for our bodies, for growth and change

and all that lies beyond our knowledge and imagination.

In every generation you befriend your people.

You gave us your holy Law, sent the prophets,

and called us back to the truth whenever we turned away.

You were vindicated in your Son Jesus

who came with forgiveness, feasting, and stories of your grace.

Though we rejected him,

death on a cross could not quench the fire of his love.

You raised him up for us, the firstborn from the dead,

to build a new community of hope
where all are honoured as Christ's equal friends.
And so we praise you with Mary, mother of the living Word,
and with all your faithful friends, as we join the angels' song:

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

God of the feast, your household is hungry
for the bread of heaven and the cup of life.
Send your Spirit on us and on our celebration,
so that we may eat at this table and be satisfied
with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

On the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with the people he loved.
He took the bread, gave you thanks,
broke it to share with them, and said:
"Take and eat this: this is my body broken for you."
Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took a cup of wine.
Again he thanked you and told them:
"Drink this, all of you: it is my blood,
shed for you and for many
so that sins may be forgiven.
Whenever you do this, do it in remembrance of me."

So we delight to remember Jesus:
the faithfulness of his life, the victory of his cross,
the glory of his resurrection,
the joy of the Holy Spirit poured out for the Church.

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God, holy Wisdom, merciful and generous,
accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Make us good stewards of creation,
with justice in our hearts, courage in our actions
and power in our speech to bear witness to the truth.

Protect us with your glory,
unite your church in loyalty and love,
and bring us home with all your saints to feast with you for ever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
and in the Spirit's grace,
with heart and soul and mind and strength
we love and worship you alone, Father, 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.**

BREAKING OF BREAD

The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom. Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

**Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sin, 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.

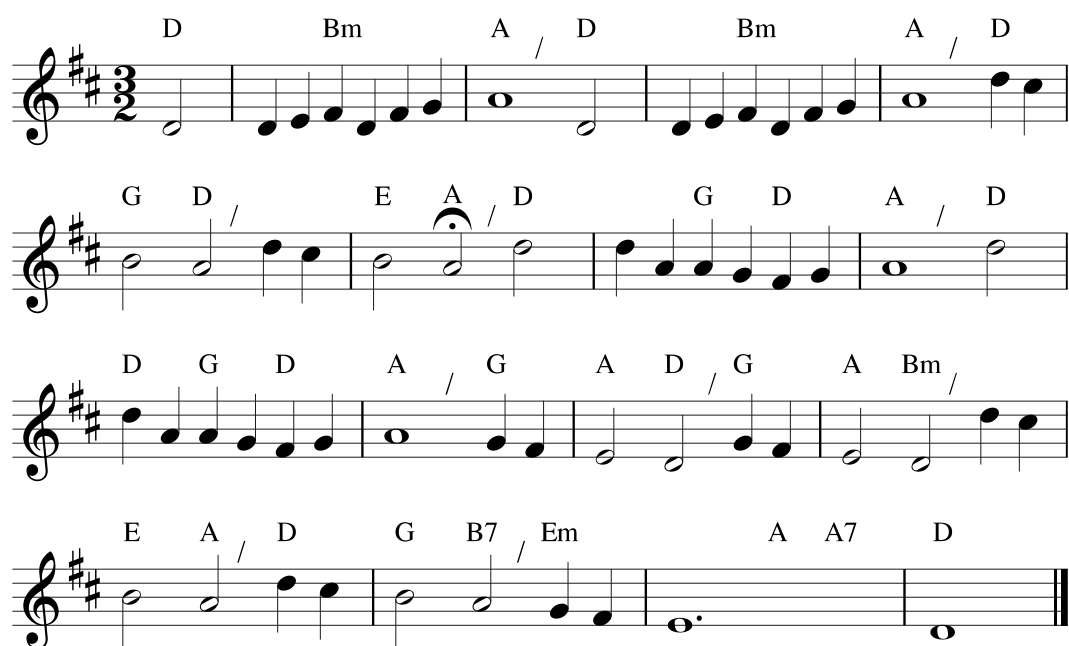
PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already here,
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints forever. **Amen**

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN TIS 100



1. And everyone of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O praise him, alleluia!
All who long pain and sorrow bear
praise God and on him cast your care;
O praise him ...
2. And you, most kind and gentle death,
waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise him, alleluia!
You lead to heaven the child of God,
and Christ our Lord the way has trod:
O praise him ...

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3. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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 the God of all grace who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, confirm you and make you strong and sure in your faith; 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

“Woodland Sketch” (1966).

Miriam Hyde.

Miriam wrote: ‘A memento of a day’s examining at St Scholastica’s College, Glebe (Sydney). It was a not summer day, with dust whirling up fallen leaves from the many trees in the ground.’

Chosen to ‘ground’ and reflect on creation in our land, this composition is both descriptive, but also touches the world so softly. It is not a liturgical piece, but it is for me at least, spiritual.

PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need, including Sharne, Grace, Ellie, Barbara, Pat, Jocelyn, Roderick, Mandy, Jenny, Sasha, Martin, Jane, Pamela, Paul, Rhondda + Andrew.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Stanley Keith Dean, Frances Hartshorn, Damon O’Keeffe, Vera Dettman, Jean Austin, Elisabeth Coldicutt.

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

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POET'S CORNER

Praying

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch

a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but a doorway

into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.

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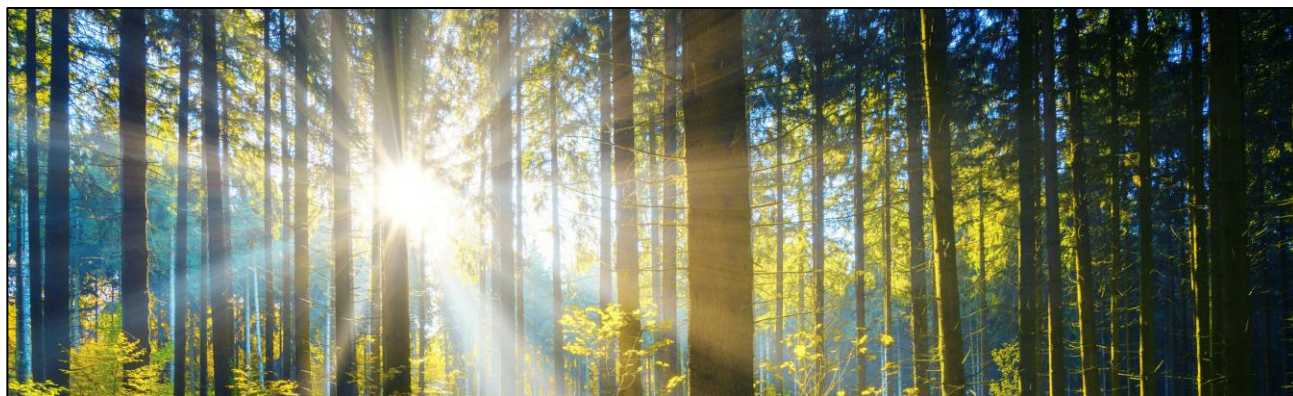
ST MARY'S NORTH MELBOURNE DELTA STUDIES FOR SEASON OF CREATION

Delta Studies Sundays at 11:45 AM

<https://bit.ly/stmary-delta>

Meeting ID: 890 3358 3158 (Passcode: 440426)

SUNDAY	TOPIC	CHAIR
Week 1 (Sun 23 rd Ordinary Time) 5/9/21	Virtual morning tea: response to service	Geoff
Week 2 (Sun 24 th Ord) 12/9/21	New Testament & creation	Mthr Dorothy
Week 3 (Sun 25 th Ord) 19/9/21	Genesis creation narratives in Old Testament	Geoff
Week 4 (Sun 26 th Ord) 26/9/21	Creation & ecology: current situation	Audrey
Week 5 (Sun 27 th Ord) 3/10/21	Virtual morning tea: introduction to pets	Fr Jan



CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION ONLINE



We're also coordinating an ONLINE celebration of creation and creatures on [St Mary's Facebook page](#)! Throughout September, we'll publish posts of parishioners' short reflections on nature with pics of the natural world, and in the week starting Mon 27 Sep in the leadup to Sun 3 Oct, we'll show our appreciation and care for our community's creatures by posting pics and stories of the pets of St Mary's!

It's easy for parishioners and friends (including the four-legged, furry variety) of St Mary's to get involved, all you need to do is:

- send a SHORT REFLECTION on nature of roughly 100-150 words or a Bible verse celebrating creation together with A PHOTO of a place in nature that you find inspiring or a source of comfort (can be a photo of your garden or one taken on your daily walk)
- send a PIC OF YOUR PET with their name, breed and a BRIEF DESCRIPTION of their personality and what you celebrate about God's creatures in general and/or your pet specifically (it can also be a tribute to a beloved pet who has passed away).

Please take part in this fun, online action and email your pics and text today to: office@stmarys.org.au

GET YOUR FAVOURITE TEACUP READY!



As soon as permitted by Covid regulations I plan to hold a morning or afternoon tea on the church lawns.

Notice will be given on Thursday by email to let you know that it is on. I will provide the scones etc, you bring along your own fancy teacup/mug and we will have some fun getting together. Fr Jan

Be ready!



CHRISTMAS STALL



We are planning, all going well, to hold a Christmas stall on Advent Sunday, November 28. In the absence of the Fair this will be our main big money raising project for the year. We need the help of everyone to help stock this stall with gifts and useful things for people to buy at Christmas time.

Are you a cook or a craftsperson? Can you make jams or marmalades, pickles or chutneys, sauces or other preserves? Suggestions for favourite preserves include:

- preserved lemons
- citrus marmalades (orange, kumquat, grapefruit)
- raspberry jam
- onion marmalade
- tomato relish
- tomato kasoundi
- mint jelly

I have good recipes for all these if required. Jars available at the Church. If you can sew, maybe you could make items such as potholders, serviettes, hand towels, cushion covers, lavender bags, or anything else you can think of. Lockdown times are a good chance to make things, so do get cooking or sewing!

Ring me if you want to talk (0417364431)

Marion Poynter for the Hospitality Committee

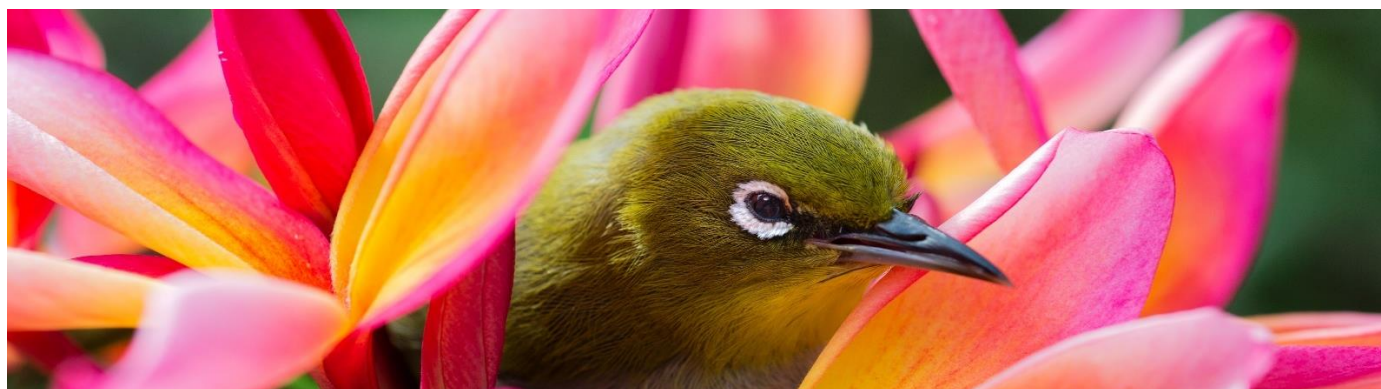


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PLEASE REPORT ABUSE CALL 1800 135 246

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*

