

Thirty-Third Ordinary Sunday

19<sup>th</sup> November 2023



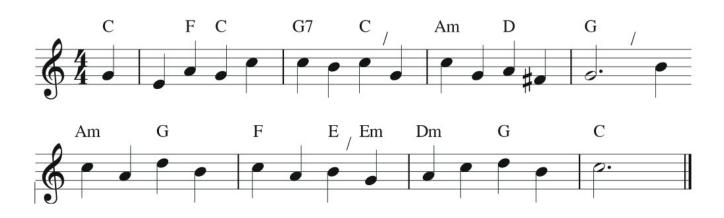
8am and 10am Presiding and Preaching: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra

#### INTRODUCTION

Growth in God's Kingdom, which Jesus established, is achieved only by risk and effort. We have been given a treasure, our talents, to be used, not hidden away. Today's Gospel challenges each of us to evaluate how well we have used that treasure in the service of our community and for the good of all.



**TIS 47** 



- 1. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
- 2. under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure: sufficient is your arm alone, and our defence is sure.

- 3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting you are God to endless years the same.
- 4. A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone: short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
- 5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all of us away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
- 6. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, remain our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts 1674–1748 alt.

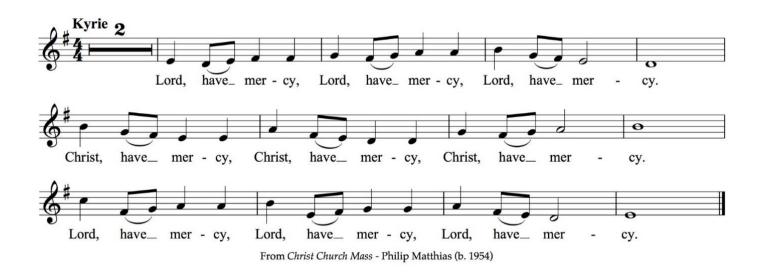
#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, the Son and 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.



Introduction to 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 in faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

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.

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



## THE COLLECT

Everliving God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen** 

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book Judges:

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand." ' Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' And she said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

Judges 4.1-10

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

### PSALM 123

THE PSALTER #127

**Response: Lord, I call to you; O hear my cry.** 



To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! *Response* 

As the eyes of servants look to the hands of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, *Response* 

so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until God has mercy upon us. *Response*  Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. *Response* 

Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease,

of the contempt of the proud. Response

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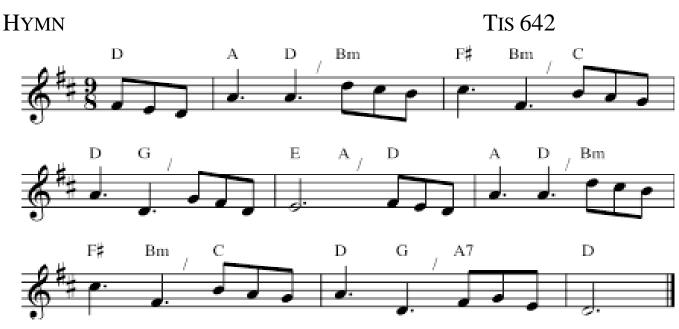
## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians:

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 



- 1. This day God gives me strength of high heaven, sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth, flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness, deeps of the ocean, firmness of earth.
- 2. This day God sends me strength to sustain me, might to uphold me, wisdom as guide. Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening, your lips are speaking, friend at my side.
- 3. God's way is my way, God's shield is round me, God's host defends me, saving from ill. Angels of heaven, drive from me always all that would harm me, stand by me still.

4. Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One, king of creation, giver of rest, firmly confessing threeness of persons, oneness of Godhead, trinity blest.

> James Quinn 1919– alt. adapted from 'St Patrick's Breastplate' Words by permission Cassell plc, London

## THE GOSPEL Gospel Acclamation Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Alleluia, **Alleluia** Live in me and let me live in you says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit **Alleluia** 

The Lord be with you **And also with you.** 

A reading from the Gospel of St Matthew.

## Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 25.14-30

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each section: Lord in your mercy

## Hear our prayer

And at the end:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## THE PEACE

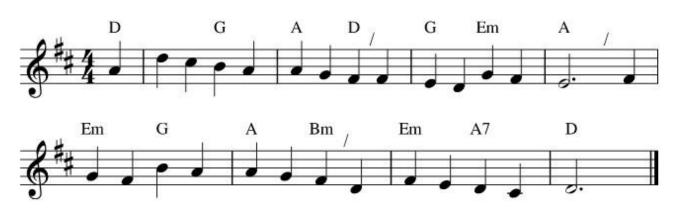
Please stand.

We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.** The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** 

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

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.

Matthew Bridges 1800–94 alt.

#### THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

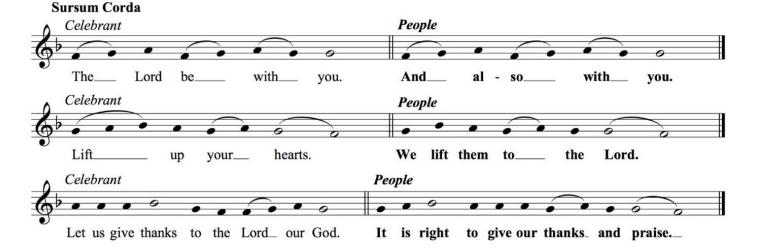
Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

#### Blessèd be God for ever.

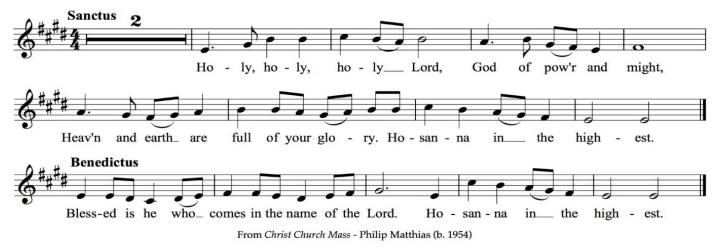
Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become for us the cup of salvation.

## Blessèd be God for ever.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



It is right to praise you, faithful God, always and everywhere, for with your only begotten Son and life-giving Spirit, you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting. At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing a universe of beauty and splendour, bringing light from darkness and order from chaos. You formed us, male and female, in your image, and endowed us with creative power. We turned away from you but you did not abandon us. You called us by name and searched us out, making a covenant of mercy, giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets. And so we praise you, joining with your faithful people of every time and place, singing the eternal song:



When the fullness of time was come, you sent your Son, to be born of Mary. Bright image of your glory, he learnt obedience to you in all things, even to death on a cross, breaking the power of evil, freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight. You raised him from death, exalting him to glory, and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends, his companions on the way. While at table he took bread, blessed, and broke it, and giving it to them, said: 'Take, eat; this is my body.'

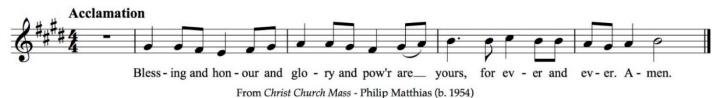
He took a cup of wine, and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Therefore, living God, as we obey his command, we remember his life of obedience to you, his suffering and death, his resurrection and exaltation, and his promise to be with us for ever. With this bread and this cup we celebrate his saving death until he comes. Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration that all who eat and drink at this table may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people, may we proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever:



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:

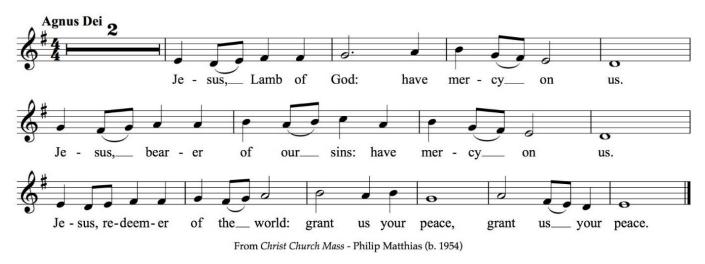
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

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



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.

ANTHEM

Lord I trust thee

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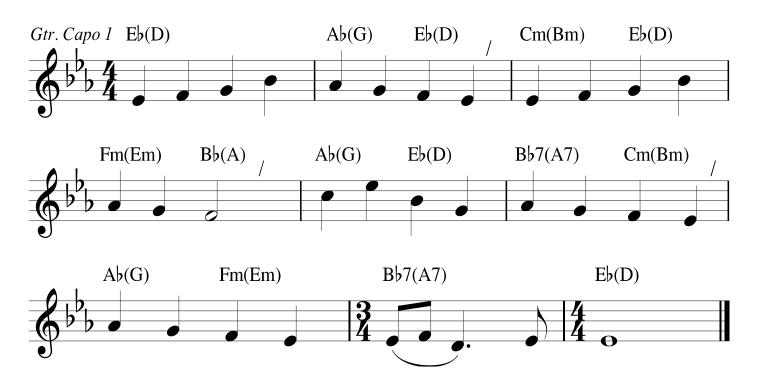
#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

### Hymn

TIS 650



- 1. Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
- 2. We are pilgrims on a journey and companions on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

- 5. When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
- 6. Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

Words: Richard A. M. Gillard, 1977

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

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; 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

## PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need: Jenny Langmead, Mavis and Martin, Brandi and family.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week, including: Peter Nankervis.

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

| The Roster                      |  |   |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
|                                 | 19 <sup>th</sup> November                          | 26 <sup>th</sup> November   |  |  |  |
| 8:00am Reader                   | Jenny Langmead                                     | Judie Bainbridge  |  |  |  |
| 10:00am Readers                 | Helen McCallum<br>John Blanch                      | Marion Poynter<br>Michael Golding                                     |  |  |  |
| Serving<br>Team                 | Peter O'Donoghue<br>Andrew Murray<br>Josie Snowdon | Alice Christofi<br>Andrew Murray<br>Peter O'Donoghue<br>Josie Snowdon |  |  |  |
| Subdeacon                       | Andrew Murray                                      |   |  |  |  |
| Welcome                         | Michael Golding                                    | Anne Sunderland   |  |  |  |
| Introduction &<br>Intercessions | Audrey Statham                                     | Robert Gribben  |  |  |  |
| Video/AV                        | Paul Eikelboom                                     | Adam Wing   |  |  |  |
| Kids Corner &<br>Sunday School  | Rosie Moloney                                      | Rosie Moloney   |  |  |  |
| Morning Tea                     | Margaret Noble<br>Michael Noble                    | Andrew Gador-Whyte<br>Susan Gribben                                   |  |  |  |

# **Mary's Parish Notices**

## **Annual Meeting**

**Please note:** Due to Diocesan regulations, the meeting must occur in person, although a livebroadcast will be made available for people who wish to observe. However, enrolled parishioners must attend in person to be able to participate and vote should they wish.

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the parish will be held in the church at: 11.30 am on Sunday 19 November 2023.

After prayers, the order of business in accordance with the Parish Governance Act 2013 (the Act) shall include:

- 1. The reading of this notice;
- 2. The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting;
- 3. Reception of the electoral roll of the church of the Parish;
- 4. An annual report by the Vicar that includes the entries in the registers of the Parish for the financial year, including numbers of baptisms, persons received into communicant membership, confirmations, marriages, funerals, Sunday services, acts of communion and such other statistics from the registers as Archbishop in Council determines;
- 5. An annual report on the proceedings of the Parish Council by the Parish Council together with a report by the parish council on the pastoral care, evangelism, social and ecumenical programmes of the parish and on future plans for the parish;
- 6. A report by the churchwardens of the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church of the Parish and vicarage and other buildings of the Parish;
- 7. The audited or independently examined accounts and financial statements of the parish and any accompanying papers required by the Act;
- 8. The budget approved by the Parish Council for the year in which the meeting is held;
- 9. Reports by other parish groups (such as the Climate Action Group and the Social Committee);
- 10. The election and appointment of churchwardens and members of the Parish Council;
- 11. The election of auditors;
- 12. The election of lay representatives to the parish Incumbency Committee;
- 13. Any other matters of parochial or general church interest.

By order of the Parish Council

Andrew Murray (Parish Secretary)

### The Choir

New members are always welcome. If you are interested please contact the Director of Music, or talk to one of the Choristers following the liturgy.

#### An Evening of Fellowship

President of Victorian Anglicans Together, Stuart Soley, invites you to attend an evening of fellowship hosted by the parish of St Bartholomew's Burnley. **Event**: Eucharist and facilitated discussion **Date**: Wednesday 22 November, 7:00 PM **Venue**: St Bartholomew's Burnley, 300 Burnley Street, Richmond Please join VAT members and other Melbourne Anglicans from 7pm on Wed 22 Nov for Eucharist followed by a facilitated discussion on the 'Attributes of a Future

Archbishop.' To assist preparation of hospitality, please register to let VAT know you will attend at: <u>https://bit.ly/VAT22nov</u>

#### **Thursday Midday Eucharist**

For the next two months, there will be a midday Eucharist on Thursday. All are Welcome!

#### Sharing with the Hungry

There are three ways we can contribute food to those who cannot afford it.

- A financial donation to the Anglican Benevolent Society via the church office feeds the funds we use for a weekly purchase of meat for the kitchens at St Marks Fitzroy.
- A financial donation to either St Marks or Mission House via the church office gives them the money to buy what is needed for their food parcels.
- Food donations but no glass items can be left in the baptistery at St Mary's for either St Marks or Mission House.

#### **Advent Stall**

On Advent Sunday (3rd December) we will be having a Christmas Stall following the 10 AM service. This is a call to everyone to help produce items for the stall. Can you make jams and preserves? Or Christmas decorations? Or craft items, such as aprons, lavender bags, or coat hangers? Closer to the time you may be able to make Christmas food items such as shortbreads, cakes, pate, or anything else.

#### Giving to Support St Mary's

We value your financial support. This helps us keep our doors open and fulfil our mission. *You can donate by following this link or scanning the QR code:* 

http://st-marys-anglican-north-melbourne.square.site/

Or make a direct transfer to:



Account Name: St Marys Anglican Church North Melbourne Bank: Westpac BSB: 033 132 Account Number: 264412

#### Nativity Sets Display

This Advent, we will be displaying all sorts of nativity sets around the church (inside). Traditional sets, international sets, wooden, knitted, ceramic, modern, minimalist, crafted, rough around the edges from years of love (and children) ...... YOUR Nativity sets, which we hope you will kindly loan to St Mary's for the season!

Advent begins on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our plans are to gather sets during November, so that they are all ready to go for the beginning of Advent.

If you have a set, or sets, you are happy to loan us, please let Mother Robyn know – <u>revrobyncb@gmail.com</u> 0418 648 331.

If you would like to be involved in the organisation of this, please let her know as well.



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The Anglican Diocese is 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 behaviour 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

