



FESTIVE SUNG EUCHARIST

THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

16 AUGUST 2026

Order of the Liturgy and Parish News

TODAY'S CELEBRATION

*Welcome to Saint Mary's! The Order of Service begins on page 5
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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

RUBRICS

These are instructions or descriptions of what is happening, and they are printed in *italics*.

There are also prompts and guides for posture and gesture.

OUR PART SINGING

The congregation's (people's) parts are printed in **bold**.

Saint Augustine is reputed to have said 'those who sing pray twice'. We include the music, so it is easier for you to join in as you are able

THE LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT

The liturgical colour is white. Our Patronal Festival falls on the day when the church marks Mary's entry into eternal life and which is variously called her Assumption, the Dormition, and her Falling Asleep. From the earliest centuries Mary's death has been revered as has her life. The Council of Ephesus named her "Mother of God" in 431. Her responsiveness to God's call and her singing of the justice of God strengthens our faith. She is our patron and our companion on the road as followers of Christ.

Personal prayers can be made on either side of the sanctuary after receiving communion. Light a candle and pray. The light burns long after we leave as our prayers rest in the heart of God.

CELEBRATING THE LITURGIES TODAY

16 AUGUST 2026 – THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Year A in the Three-Year Lectionary Cycle

8 AM

Presider / Homilist
Reader

THE EUCHARIST

Fr Stuart Soley SMMS
Rhondda Fahey

10 AM

Principal Celebrant
Homilist
Assisting Clergy
Director of Music
Mass Setting
1st and 2nd Readers
Servers
Welcomer

SUNG EUCHARIST

Archbishop Jeremy Greaves
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Fr Stuart Soley, Fr Russell Goulbourne, Fr Luke Hopkins
Beverley Phillips
Missa Sanctae Maria
Robert Gribben
Christopher Willcock SJ
Katie Holmes
Chris P, Alice C, Peter O'Do, Anne S
Michael Golding

Introduction/Intercession Jen Langmead

Live Stream / AV Adam Wing

Kids Cnr / Sunday School Harriet Jenkins

Morning tea Michael & Margaret Noble

Rosie Moloney

Sam Miller / Hospitality Comm

FROM FR STUART:

WELCOME ARCHBISHOP JEREMY!

It is wonderful to welcome Archbishop Jeremy Greaves to preside and preach at our 10 am Sung Eucharist today. He is accompanied by his wife Josie. I have known Archbishop Jeremy, by my reckoning, since the General Synod of 2010, also in Melbourne. He has been in Melbourne for another General Synod and kindly accepted my invitation to stay on to help us celebrate our Patronal Festival.



Archbishop Jeremy was installed as Archbishop of Brisbane in December 2023 after having served as Assistant Bishop of the Northern Region since 2017. Archbishop Jeremy was ordained in Adelaide and has served in places as diverse as Darwin where he was Dean of the Cathedral and Ceduna. Josie and Jeremy have three adult children and bring strong faith, liveliness and generosity to every occasion. Welcome to them both.

CELEBRATING MARY, OUR PATRON

By my counting we have five artworks of our Patron, Mary; three icons, a banner and a statue. Each of these tells us something different about her. The icons and the banner depict her holding the Christ child as she is the Mother of Our Lord as the Australian Prayer Book calls this feast.

It was only when I took the photo of the icon on the front of today's book that I realised how rich a depiction of Mary it is. This icon is to the right of the sanctuary and where many of you light candles as you pray for loved ones or the various needs of the world. Notice her skin is dark, as it most certainly would have been. She holds Jesus tenderly and without grasping. His cheek rests against her cheek as a loved son of a beloved mother.

Because, through our baptism, we are in Christ, she is our mother too. She holds us close in her prayers as any companion or parent would.



The statue we have of Mary is in the baptistry near the font where we first became followers of Christ through baptism. This statue has a peculiar history, as I have been told it, having been found in the garden of the vicarage. My predecessor renovated and painted her. Although a small statue she stands near the entrance of the church with open arms.

So, Our Lady, who first said yes to God to bear Jesus, and thus became the first disciple, welcomes us to that journey of faithful discipleship. We do that as we gather, hear God's word and taste the sacrament.

Do you remember the words I shared with you at my induction from the opening of the renovated Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris in December 2024? Archbishop Laurent Ulrich said at those doors "Notre Dame, open wide these doors to the scattered children of God."

This encapsulates the mission and purpose of God's church. Whatever nature of scatteredness you or I find ourselves in, we are welcomed into God's church. None may keep us out or send us away.

The other rich gift of Mary to us is the Magnificat. This song is deeply subversive to the powers that desire our ultimate loyalty day by day. Mary is free of these powers, a gift surely of the God who overshadowed her in visitation, and one which her son and Saviour showed us how to live in that freedom.

As I wrote last week, "Our house of prayer in which we gather is dedicated to Mary, the mother of the Lord, named Mother of God, *Theotokos* by the Council of Ephesus. We have all found this place to be our spiritual home and the life and witness of our Patron, Mary, assists us in many ways walk the spiritual path."

God bless you as we celebrate with joy our Patron, Mary. *Stuart*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The bell is rung and we stand for the entrance procession which is sung during the following hymn. The altar which represents Christ is revered and censed.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN



- 1 Mary, mother of our Lord, Alleluia!
bore the true and living Word. Alleluia!
May we, too, consent today
and, with her, our God obey.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

RESPONSORY AND PRAYER AT THE ICON OF MARY

Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord;

Let it be to me according to your word."

Blessed is she who believed that there would be

A fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

Mary treasured all these words

and pondered them in her heart.

Archbishop Jeremy prays and we respond Amen.

He then censes the icon and the entrance processional hymn continues.

- 2 When she did not understand, Alleluia!
what would come of God's command, Alleluia!
still she served the Holy One;
may we, too, in faith go on.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3 Mary, listening, took her part, Alleluia!
treasured all things in her heart; Alleluia!
so, with Mary, may we find
Jesus' wisdom, strong and kind.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4 Mary, weeping, at the cross, Alleluia!
loved her son and knew the cost; Alleluia!
may our love, as hers, be strong
though the way of pain be long.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 5 Mary knew the Spirit's power, Alleluia!
in the church as wind and fire; Alleluia!
may our church be open still
to the Spirit's gracious will.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

WORDS: Elizabeth J Smith b.1956, *Songs for a Hopeful Church*, 29

MUSIC: CHISLEHURST Sydney Hugo Nicholson 1875-1947 (TIS 369)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

- ✚ In the Name of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
Peace be with you.
And also with you.**

THE CONFESSION

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.

ABSOLUTION

The rite concludes with the absolution.

THE KYRIE

Kyrie

1. Choir; 2. ALL *mf*



Lord, have mer-cy, Lord _____ have mer-cy.

1. Choir; 2. ALL *f*



Christ, _____ have mer - cy, _____ have mer - cy.

1. Choir; 2. ALL *mf*



Lord, have mer-cy, Lord _____ have mer-cy.

THE GLORIA

1. Choir; 2. ALL

Gloria *f*

Glo-ry, glo-ry to God in the high-est, — and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Choir

Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,

ALL **Choir** **ALL**

we give you thanks, we praise you — for your great glo-ry, Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly

Choir

Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

ALL *mp* **Choir** **ALL** *mp*

have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sin of the world: re - ceive our prayer.

Choir **ALL** **Choir**

For you a-lone — are the Ho-ly One, — you a-lone — are the Lord, — you a-

ALL *f*

lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit,

Choir **ALL** *f* **Choir**

Ho - ly — Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God — the Fa - ther, in the glo - ry of

ALL *meno mosso*

God — the Fa - ther. A - men, A - men, A - men.

THE OPENING PRAYER

The response to the prayer:

Amen.

We sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis:

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land
Then God's temple in heaven was opened.

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun,
with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve
stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony
of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red
dragon, with seven heads and ten horns and seven diadems on his
heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw
them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was
about to deliver a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it
was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule^[a] all
the nations with a scepter of iron. But her child was snatched away and
taken to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the
wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she
can be nourished for one thousand two hundred sixty days.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven proclaiming,

“Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah.

(Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10)

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

PSALM 113



Praise, O servants of the Lord,
Praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
Both now and for evermore.

May the name of the Lord be blessed for evermore.

From the sun's rising to its setting,
praised be the name of the Lord!
high above nations is the Lord,
high above heaven is God's glory.

May the name of the Lord be blessed for evermore.

Who is like the Lord our God,
who has risen on high to the throne,
yet stoops down from the heights above
to look upon the heavens and earth?

May the name of the Lord be blessed for evermore.

From the dust God lifts up the poor,
from the dirt the lowly are raised up,
to be set in the midst of princes,
yes, with princes of the peoples.

May the name of the Lord be blessed for evermore.

CJ Willcock SJ

SECOND READING

A reading from the Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians:

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

(1 Corinthians 15:20-26)

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Please stand to welcome the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ACCLAMATION: 1. Choir; 2. ALL, then after the Verse.



Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Mary is taken up to heaven; the hosts of angels shout for joy.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Luke:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favour on the lowly state of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name;
indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his child Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

And Mary remained with her about three months
and then returned to her home.

(Luke 1:39-56)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit

THE HOMILY

THE 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,] *all may bow to honor*
and became truly human.] *the incarnation*

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:

or:

or:

Lord in your mercy

Lord hear us

Let us pray to the Lord

Hear our prayer

Lord hear our prayer

Lord hear our prayer

After the prayers for the departed:

✚ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine on them.

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 GREETING OF PEACE

The priest introduces the Greeting of Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS AND THE CENSING OFFERTORY HYMN



- 1** Shall we not love thee, Mother dear,
whom Jesus loves so well,
and to his glory year by year
thy praise and honour tell?
- 2** Thee did he choose from whom to take
true flesh, his flesh to be;
in it to suffer for our sake,
and by it make us free.
- 3** O wondrous depth of love divine,
that he should bend so low;
and, Mary, O what joy was thine
the Saviour's love to know.

- 4 Joy to be Mother of the Lord,
yet thine the truer bliss,
in every thought and deed and word
to be for ever his.
- 5 Now in the realm of life above
close to thy Son thou art,
while on thy soul glad streams of love
flow from his sacred heart.
- 6 Jesu, the Virgin's holy Son,
praise we thy Mother blest;
grant when our earthly course is run,
life with the saints at rest.

WORDS: Henry Williams Baker 1821-1877 and Editors (NEH 184)

MUSIC: BILLING Richard Runciman Terry 1865-1938 (TIS 169)

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

Our response to the prayers is: **Blessed be God for ever.**

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Our response to the prayer is: **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We stand throughout the prayer.

Celebrant *All*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *All*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant *All*
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The Prayer continues to the Sanctus and Benedictus
which are sung by all to the setting below.*

Sanctus *f*
Ho - ly, — ho - ly, ho - ly — Lord,
God of — power and might. Hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est. —

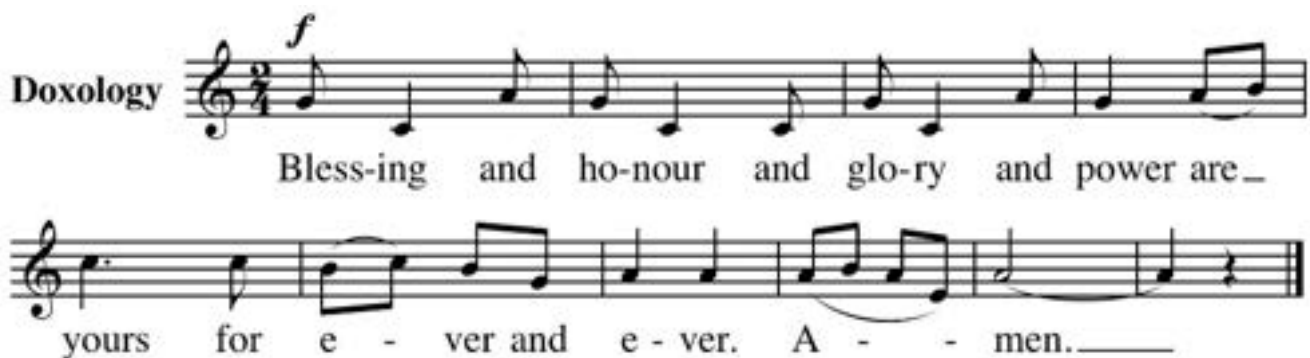
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, comes in the
easing . . . f a tempo
name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high -
est, Ho - san-na in the high - est. —

The Prayer continues

After the elevation of the Host and the elevation of the Chalice, all may bow with the priest in adoration of the real presence of Christ ... and all join in singing the acclamation:



*The Prayer continues, ending with the celebrant singing:
... in songs of never ending praise:*



*After the Host and Chalice are placed back on the altar,
all may bow with the priest in adoration.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

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.

The Agnus Dei is sung by all to the setting below.

Choir (SA)
mf warmly

Agnus Dei

Lamb — of God, you take a-way the sin — of the

ALL

Choir (TB)

world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

mf warmly

Lamb — of God, you take a-way the sin — of the world, have

ALL

mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Choir *mf warmly*

Lamb — of God, you take a-way the sin — of the world,

mp **ALL** *p poco rall.*

grant us your — peace, grant us your — peace.

- ✚ Behold the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the banquet of the Lamb.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Fr Stuart administers communion to the servers and Eucharistic Assistants.

Feel free to sit until the following invitation to communion

Come! Draw near with faith

and receive the gifts of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God.

*Christ is the host at the altar here at Saint Mary's and welcomes all,
especially those who are communicant members of other denominations.*

*If today, you prefer to receive a blessing—please ask the priest or by crossing your
arms across your chest.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ave Maris Stella

Edward Grieg 1843-1907

Text Vespers Hymn 9th Century:

Hail, bright star of heaven, Praise to thee be given;
Blest above all other, glorious maid and mother.
Loose the bonds that bind us, purge the sins that blinds;
from all evil guard us, pray God's gifts reward us.
Make us, pure and lowly, follow thee, all holy.
Crown our souls endeavour, joy with Christ for ever.
Praise to God, and blessing, Christ our Lord confessing,
with the Holy Spirit One with thee in merit.
Amen.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand. Our response to the prayer is: **Amen.**

Most loving God,

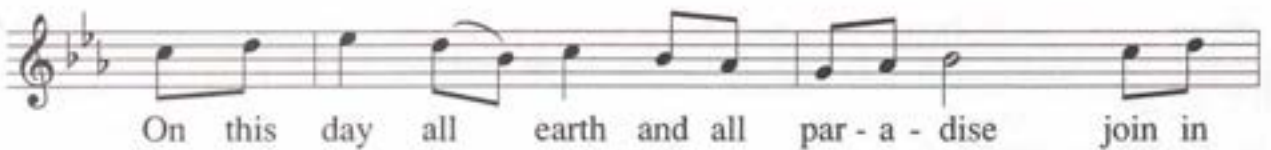
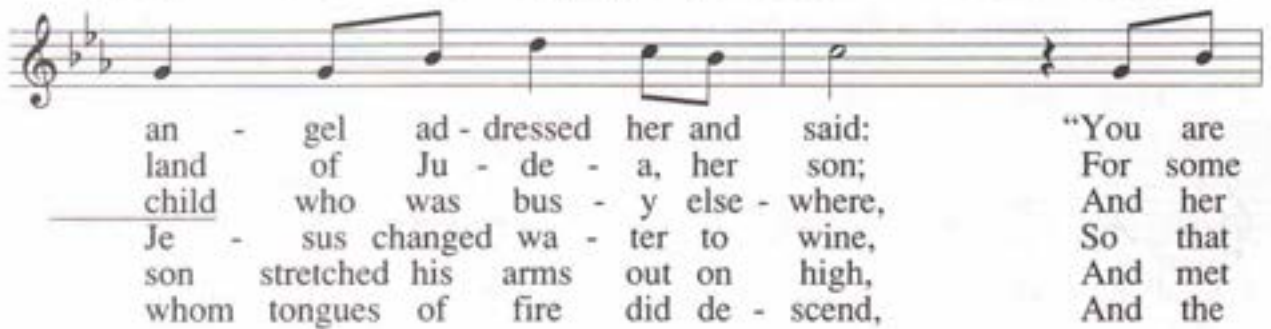
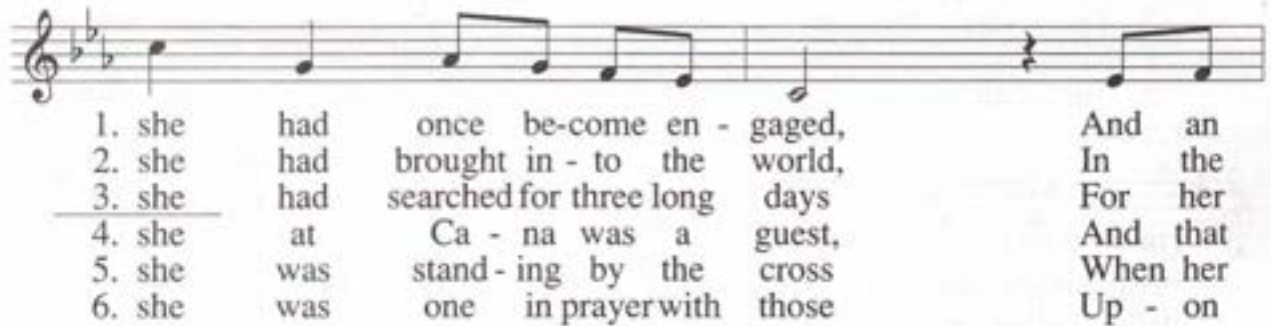
you send us into the world you love.

Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage

in the power of your Spirit

Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN



Text: Didier Rimaud, b.1922, trans. by Christopher Willcock, b.1947
Tune: BENEDICTA ES, 10 9 9 9 with refrain; Christopher Willcock
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NOTICES

The priest may give some notices

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Priest prays for God's blessing and reply **Amen.** *The dismissal is given.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

THE MAGNIFICAT



- 1 Now sing my soul,
‘How great the Lord!’
Rejoice, my spirit, in your God
my Saviour who has looked on me,
a humbler servant in his sight.
For ever after I’ll be known
as happiest of the human race;
the mighty one has dealt with me
and holy, holy is his name.

- 2 Throughout all ages,
those who fear
his majesty shall know his grace;
his powerful works disclose his might,
he routs the arrogant in heart.
From thrones great rulers have been torn
yet human men are raised on high;
the hungry have been satisfied
while rich men lack and creep away.**
- 3 To Israel, servant of the Lord,
comes yet again the promised hope:
in Abraham and all his sons,
God's mercy ever shall endure.
Give glory then to God above,
give praise to Christ, his only Son;
give thanks for all the Spirit's power,
both now and through eternity.**

WORDS: Based on Luke 1:46-55 Michael Saward (CWB 754)

TUNE: JERUSALEM Charles Hubert Hastings Parry 1848-1918 *arr.* Gordon Jacob 1895-1984 (TIS 416)

POSTLUDE

PARISH NEWS IN BRIEF

AVE – PATRONAL FESTIVAL EDITION

Ave is being distributed today! Thanks to all our contributors.

OUR ORGAN MENDED



Over the past week, our organ builder, Campbell Hargraves, has been working hard on repairing the swimmer which helps us hear the wonderful sounds Beverley creates week by week on the organ. The leather is pictured here on the right had perished.



On the back of it there are spots of black from the dustiness that afflicts our atmosphere. There is a second swimmer in our organ which will need replacing sooner or later and we are discussing scheduling when this could be done rather than wait till it fails.

COULD YOU JOIN THOSE WHO SHOW SAINT MARY'S HOSPITALITY IN A TEAM OF VERGERS / HOSPITALLERS?

There has been increasing interest from various groups to hire the church for public musical performances, mostly on Saturday or Sunday afternoons. We welcome the interest.

However, to make it work, we are looking to establish a small team of people who may be willing, from time to time, to open up the church, be on hand should something unexpected occur and close up at the end.

In return, the person or persons will receive an orientation to the task and a modest honorarium. If you have potential interest, or know someone who may be interested - please let Father Stuart know.

ST MARY'S KIDS UPDATE

St Mary's Kids has changed in semester 2. There are two engaging opportunities for all our preschool and primary school-aged children to grow in faith, build friendships, and have fun together.

First Sunday of each month – Sunday School

Focused on our primary school aged children, participants will enjoy Bible stories, discussions, games, and activities that help them explore and deepen their faith.

Third Sunday of each month – Messy St Mary's

Focused on our preschoolers and inspired by the Messy Church philosophy, Messy St Mary's is a creative, hands-on experience where children and their families can explore faith through crafts, activities, celebration, and community.

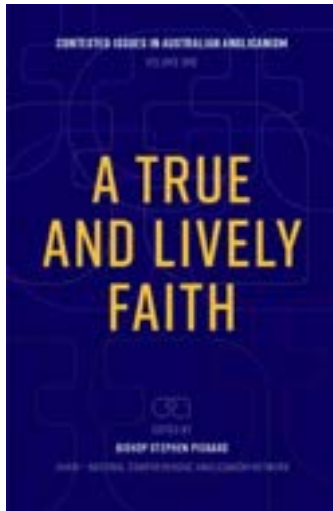
Please note: Everyone is welcome at both sessions! The suggested ages are a guide to help us plan activities that are engaging and appropriate and to ensure there is something for everyone. We look forward to welcoming all children as we learn, create, and grow together!

Harriet Jenkins.

COMPREHENSIVE ANGLICANISM BOOK LAUNCH

At General Synod in Melbourne, this week, Archbishop Jeremy Greaves launched a new book on behalf of NCAN (National Comprehensive Anglicanism Network). NCAN was formed, its website says, “out of concern for the church’s unity and witness to the gospel. This has come at a time when hardline conservative forces within the church have for several years been increasingly fomenting controversy, fracture and division. Anglicans advocating for comprehensiveness have done so, not out of reactionary fears, but out of a deep love for the church and a desire to see faith, hope and love flourish amongst Anglicans of all traditions.”

The book, *A True and Lively Faith*, is a contribution to providing resources to facilitate discussion and foster the well-being and unity of Anglicans around Australia.



We are very happy to announce the publication of "A True and Lively Faith: Contested Issues in Australian Anglicanism - Volume #1".

This collection of essays presents a life-giving alternative to narrow, hardline interpretations of Anglicanism. It offers a faithful Scriptural approach to inclusive, orthodox Christianity in today's context, reflecting Anglicanism's broad and generous tradition.

"A True and Lively Faith" offers essays from within the Australian Anglican Church, presenting arguments for comprehensive Anglicanism in the face of the current challenge from less inclusive modes of the Church in this country. The contributors – leading clergy and laity from across Australia – demonstrate comprehensive Anglicanism's faithfulness to Scripture and the Creeds, provide thoughtful reflections on the Church's generous mission, and confront some of the harder issues threatening to divide the Church.

We hope that this book will be a great resource for students, teachers, small groups and individuals. We encourage parishes throughout Australia to consider gathering a group of people together to read and discuss.

We are very grateful to all who have made this publication possible.

The book contains 10 essays from a variety of voices from around Australia, with foreword and afterword written by two of Australia's archbishops.

1. Foreword by Archbishop Jeremy Greaves

2. "Introduction: Anglican Fundamentals" by Bishop Stephen Pickard
3. "Cancel culture and the mission of God: A vocation for comprehensive Anglicanism" by Bishop Philip Aspinall
4. "Interpreting the Bible as gospel for the world" by Dorothy Lee
5. "The Trinity and the ministry of women: Equality and participation" by Bishop Peter Carnley
6. "The atonement in Scripture: Three stones make a meko" by Fergus King
7. "Mission in the New Testament and for today's church" by John Deane
8. "Mission: A personal journey" by Peter Sandeman
9. "Power, ideology and church politics" by Muriel Porter
10. "Gafcon from Jerusalem to Abuja and beyond: The spiritual politics of exclusion" by Bishop Keith Joseph
11. "Under the southern cross: What is and is not a diocese of the Anglican Church" by Carolyn Tan
12. Afterword by Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy

Our very own Fr Luke Hopkins and our guest homilist and presider, Archbishop Jeremy Greaves are both on the committee of NCAN and can talk to you further about it and its work if you are interested.

MERRI AND THE BISHOP OF MERRI

Merri is a Woi-wurrung word meaning “rocky”. It is preserved in the name of Merri Creek, which flows from Heathcote, north of Melbourne diocese, to join the Yarra at Abbotsford.

The image of rock speaks of stability, endurance and faithfulness. It recalls the biblical language of God as our rock and Jesus’ call to build on firm foundations. Let the name remind us of being founded on and secure in Christ.

The Venerable Megan Curlis-Gibson will be the Bishop of Merri.

ARCHBISHOP RIC'S CONVERSATION

Over recent months, I have had the great privilege of visiting parishes, listening to clergy and lay leaders, and hearing stories of what God is doing across our Diocese. Those conversations have encouraged me deeply.

I invite people from across the Diocese to join me for an informal afternoon of questions, conversation and shared hope at St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday 16 August, from 2.30–3.30 pm. Refreshments will follow before Cathedral Evensong at 4.00 pm.



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TICKETS



PARISH GOVERNANCE & GROUP MEETINGS

CLIMATE ACTION

To be advised

HOSPITALITY

1 September

PARISH COUNCIL

Meets after Sunday Eucharist – Sunday 23 August

WARDENS

Tuesday 18 August

TWO MORE THINGS:



AND BECAUSE

THEY SAY LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE:



A FEW POINTERS FOR YOUR PRAYERS

FOR THE CREATED ORDER

For a right use of the resources of the bountiful earth

For a proper distribution of the wealth of the earth

FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

For an end to war in every land, the work of aid workers, and all who pursue peace, for all peoples.

For those who seek asylum and for compassionate responses worldwide

For those caught up in major social and technological changes

FOR THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

For our parish and its ministry in North Melbourne.

For Pope Leo, Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury

For Ric, Archbishop of Melbourne and his assistant bishops

For Jeremy and the clergy and people of Brisbane and S East Queensland

For Megan Curlis Gibson as she prepares for ordination to the episcopate

FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

Judie, Max, Audrey, Graham and Denise, Michael, Cecilia, Isaiah, , Deepa, Vasu, Les, John, Ross, Suzanne

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Margie Dahl (minister), Wes Campbell (minister)

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK

Ethel Lloyd, Dorothy Mary Soley, Julia Boville, Edna Rankin, Mary Causon, Henry Wallace Judd, Gweneth Marjorie Ford, Colin Coish (priest), Albert McPherson (priest), Gary Bouma (priest), Robert Barlow (priest)

IF YOU HAVE PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you'd like a name to be included, please email Fr Stuart on:

contactfrstuart@gmail.com (Names will be listed for 1 month unless otherwise specified).

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THINKING OF THE FUTURE: BEQUESTS

A bequest also helps the parish into the future. You can speak with the Treasurer in confidence about how to incorporate St Mary's into your estate planning.

THINKING OF THOSE IN GREAT NEED:

We donate foodstuffs to Anglicare Victoria / St Mark's Community Care.

You can make tax deductible donations also so please visit:

<https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/> - 'Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society' - 'St Mary's North Melbourne—Relief Program'

CHILD SAFETY COMMITMENTS



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 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

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CELEBRATING THE LITURGY NEXT SUNDAY WHO'S DOING THINGS!

23 AUGUST 2026 – THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A in the Three-Year Lectionary Cycle

Readings of the Day	First Reading	Exodus 1:8-2:10
	Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 124
	Second Reading	Romans 12:1-8
	Gospel	Matthew 16:13-20

8 AM

THE EUCHARIST

Reader

Jen Langmead

10 AM

SUNG EUCHARIST

1st and 2nd Readers

Helen McCallum

Libby Brookes

Servers

Sam Miller, Anne Sunderland

Welcomer

Peter O'Donoghue

Introduction/Intercession

Alice Christofi

Live Stream / AV

Geoff Jenkins

Kids Cnr / Sunday School

Harriet Jenkins

Rosie Moloney

Morning tea

Steph Chapple

TBC

Flowers

Helen McCallum

FORTHCOMING PREACHMEMNTS

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST	Fr Stuart Soley
SUNDAY 30 AUGUST	Fr Stuart Soley
SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER	Fr Luke Hopkins

PATRONAL FESTIVAL DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 14 August – Evensong – 7 pm

Refreshments in the church afterwards

Sunday 16 August – Eucharists – Visit of Archbishop Jeremy Greaves

Spit Roast Lunch to follow

\$10 per head | Children free

LITURGIES & ACTIVITIES AT SAINT MARY'S

EVERY SUNDAY

8.00 am The Eucharist

10.00 am Sung Eucharist

EUCCHARISTS DURING THE WEEK

12.00 pm Thursday

MORNING PRAYER – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.30 am

Click the link: <https://bit.ly/499lON4>

Meeting ID: 826 4665 0345, Passcode: 464706.

CHOIR

Our choir sings at the Sung Eucharist each Sunday. They practice on Tuesdays. Speak to Beverley Phillips if you would like to join our parish choir. Her contact details are on the back of this booklet.

DELTA STUDIES

Occasional series on various theological and topics concerning social justice or current affairs. These are held after the Sunday Eucharist.

GARDENING GROUP

A group of parishioners care for the gardens surrounding our church. If you would like to assist, please contact Margaret Noble or Helen McCallum.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

This group meets regularly to plan social and fundraising events in the parish.

SERVERS

This group of faithful parishioners assist at the altar. Talk to Fr Stuart, or Alice or Anne.

Want to keep in touch?

You can fill this form in and tear it off or this page and give to a person on the door, Fr Stuart or one of the servers. You may wish to tick an option below.

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PARISH OF NORTH MELBOURNE

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worship, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nations. We pay our respects to their
Elders, past and present, who have cared for Country for generations. We are
grateful for their ongoing custodianship and for their generous invitation to join
them in caring for Country.*

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Parish Council:	Wardens and Alice Christofi (Secretary), Andrew Barnard (Treasurer), Andrew Gador-Whyte, Harriet Jenkins, John Blanch
Parish Administrator:	Vacant office@stmarys.org.au
Office Hours:	None at present during the vacancy

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