



Prayers for Healing: Please pray for the healing of body, mind and spirit of: Eril, May, Cassie and family, Heather, Peter Lowthian, Joyce Rowe, Tom & Denny, Alan Loney, Pam, Ivy, Meryl, Lois Ferguson, Barbara Wilkinson, Joy, Gwen Philipson. If you have any more names, please let Alf know but only after getting permission from the person involved.

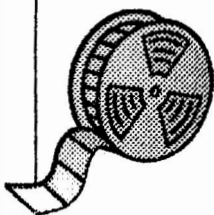
Wanted: Blankets, quilts, coats and warm clothes (for all ages); A request has been received from the GASON Refugee Ministry for these items to assist our newest arrivals, who are finding our Victorian winter very difficult. Please leave them at any of the centres or contact Wilma.

**Wanted for
40 Hour Famine**

As has been announced in previous Pew Sheets, the parish will participate again this year. The paper work has arrived. We now need a co-ordinator. We are also asking parishioners to consider being participants and sponsors. If you think you may be able to help in the co-ordinators role, please speak to Elizabeth.

St Mark's Vicarage: There are now private tenants in the vicarage. Please respect their privacy.

Wanted: People to make a table for a **Trivia Competition Night**. This is a fun night and for a worthy cause. Saturday August 22nd, 7 pm, Masonic Hall Belmont, 7 pm; BYO drinks, nibbles & glasses; supper provided; Tickets @ \$16 from Hilary 0427 419944 Proceeds Access Ministries; sponsored by Geelong Quota Club



Film Night: St Mark's WEF is holding a film night at St Mary's Hall on Wednesday 26; 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start. The film: 'Magic in the Moonlight' starring Colin Firth and Emma Stone. Supper provided.

Tickets @ \$12.50 available from:
Phyll 5250 1461, Gloria 5250 1647 or Clare 5250 2380

Dear God,
Here are some things I like. Butterflies, flowers, sparkles, wishes, ponies, stars, pom-poms, dressing up things, hairbands.

Bella

PS I like it when the sky is pink too!

(From Dear God by Carmel Reilly : Children's Letters to God)

Pew Sheet: Material for inclusion in Pew Sheets should be given to Wayne by Wednesday evening for the next few weeks



ST BARNABAS MELBOURNE ST PAUL'S WHITTINGTON ST MARK'S LEOPOLD

Welcome to Worship in Our Parish

August 2nd 2015

Eighteenth

Ordinary Sunday

Service Times

Sundays

8:00 am St Mark's Leopold and St Paul's Whittington
10:00 am St Mark's Leopold and St Barnabas' Newcomb

Mid Week Wednesdays at 10:00 am

1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays at St Barnabas'
2nd and 4th Wednesdays at St Mark's

Our Mission Statement

Our mission is to enable individuals to recognize and carry out their ministries as Christians. Through this, we strive to become a model company of faithful people who both honour their varied traditions and actively share in building the family of Christ.

MINISTRY TEAM

Vicar: Rev'd Elizabeth Breakey 5250 1401 / 0404 165 096
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Parish web-site: www.bellarinegateway.org.au

This Week's Readings

2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a

Psalm 51.1-12

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6.24-35

Next Week's Readings

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 14, 31-33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25 – 5.2

John 6:35, 41-51

Welcome to our services this morning. We hope you enjoy your time of worshipping God enjoyable and enriching. Please stay after the service for a cup of tea/coffee, morning tea and fellowship.



A Continuing Prayer For The Parish

'Lord you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Guide us in our worship and life together: transform us into whatever you would have us do. Help us to be deeply connected with the world around us and strengthen us to proclaim the good news in word and deed in this community, for the glory and for the growth of your kingdom.. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

Sacristan: Eril Holmes regularly prepared the altar for Holy Communion at St Mark's. Eril is on leave for a few weeks. We are calling for a volunteer(s) who would be able to take on this ministry while Eril is on leave. If there is more than one person able to do it, a roster could be drawn up. Speak to Elizabeth if you are able to help.



Known Happy Birthdays: Doreen Malone 7th

Known Happy Anniversaries: None

Are you wearing your name badge?

Who am I?



Notices



Diary of a Church Mouse

Here where the Vicar never looks
I nibble through old service books.
The cleaner never bothers me,
So here I eat my frugal tea.
My bread is sawdust mixed with straw;
My jam is polish for the floor.
For me the only feast at all
Is Autumn's Harvest Festival.
I climb the eagle's brazen head
To burrow through a loaf of bread.
I scramble up the pulpit stair
And gnaw the marrows hanging there.
But how annoying when one finds
That other mice with pagan minds
Come into church my food to share
Who have no proper business there.
A large and most unfriendly rat
Comes in to see what we are at.
And prosperous mice from fields away
Come in to hear the organ play,
And under cover of its notes
Ate through the altar's sheaf of oats.
While I, who starve the whole year through,
Must share my food with rodents who
Except at this time of the year
Not once inside the church appear.

-- John Betjeman.



I read this poem by Poet Laureate John Betjeman when I was in primary school and the thoughts it provoked have stayed with me ever since. The Gospel this morning shows Jesus being followed by crowds begging for more bread, to be healed and to hear more of his teaching.
There are so many reasons why we venture inside church, and the big question for us all to ponder is what makes us stay. What makes us come back week after week? I would love to hear your thoughts on this.
God bless,
Elizabeth