

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 .

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

The parish is again participating in the 40 Hour Famine. We are looking for a co-ordinator, if you think you may be able to help in the co-ordinators role, please speak to Elizabeth.



Of course, we also need parishioners to consider being participants and sponsors.

Spring: A time of renewal and rebirth

For our next combined service (30/8) the theme will be **Spring: A time of renewal and rebirth**, the service will be at St Barnabas on the 30th of August at 9:30, as usual this will be the only service in the parish on that day.

Please bring a plate (of food) to share!

This fits in nicely with both the new season about to start Spring and a time of rebirth and new growth in our parish.

Coming up & Before it's too late!

- **Trivia Night:** We need people to make a table. This will be a fun night and for a worthy cause — Access Ministries. Saturday August 22nd, 7 pm, Masonic Hall Belmont. BYO drinks, nibbles & glasses; supper provided. Tickets are \$16 from Hilary 042 7 419 944.
- **Film Night:** St Mark's WEF is holding a film night: **Magic in the Moonlight** starring Colin Firth and Emma Stone. Wednesday 26; 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start, at St Mary's Hall Supper provided. Tickets are \$12.50 from: Phyll 5250 1461, Gloria 5250 1647, or Clare 5250 2380



Trivia Quiz: What was Saul looking for when Samuel first met him?
Who was taller King Saul or King David?
First Prize: **64!**



Welcome to Worship in our Parish

9th of August

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

10:00 AM	St Barnabas'	1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays
	St Mark's	2nd & 4th Wednesdays

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to enable individuals to recognise 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.

<http://www.bellarinegateway.org.au>

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Please pray for the healing of body, mind and spirit of:

Eiril, May, Cassie & family,
Heather, Peter Lowthian, Joyce
Rowe, Tom & Denny, Alan
Loney, Pam, Ivy, Meryl, Lois
Ferguson, Barbara Wilkinson,
Joy and
Gwen Philipson.

If you have any more names, please let the pew sheet editor know **but only after** getting permission from the person involved.

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Readings

Today

2 Samuel 18:5–9, 14, 31–33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25–5:2
John 6:35, 41–51

Next Sunday

1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5.11-21
John 6.51-58

PARISH PRAYER

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.**

Anniversaries: Nuffin this week!
Birthdays: Nobody here either!

Today in History: Nagasaki is devastated when an atomic bomb, Fat Man, is dropped by the US. An estimated 35,000-40,000 people are killed outright. This bombing followed the previous atomic bomb, Little Boy, dropped on Hiroshima three days earlier, which killed 70,000 people instantly. The final death toll is unknown but could be as high 129,000–246,000 resulting from subsequent deaths caused by blast and burn injuries, radiation illnesses and long-term health effects such as cancer.

A prayer for peace from A Prayer Book for Australia (page 202):

God of the nations, whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace, have mercy on our broken and divided world. Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all and banish from them the spirit that makes for war, that all races and peoples may learn to live as members of one family and in obedience to your law, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Welcome to our services this morning. It is hoped you find your time worshipping God enjoyable and enriching. Please stay for a cuppa and fellowship.

From the Vicar:

The gospel this Sunday is from John 6:35, 41-51 in which Jesus continues to teach the crowd, who hungrily searched him out last week for more bread. Jesus taught them that he was the true bread of life and that whoever came to him would never be hungry, and whoever believed in him would never be thirsty. There is an expectation, that having reached out our hands to take this bread, that our lives will be changed for ever, and so will the lives of those around us.

Today, we have the honour of witnessing a young man, Nikita, joining us in stretching out his hands to Christ, saying “me too!” He has come to join us in accepting that bread which offers eternal life, and gives us, right now, a life in which the weight of sins and guilt is lifted from our shoulders. Nikita will be baptised at St Mark’s, and if you come across our newest member of the Body of Christ in the coming weeks, before he returns to his home in France, please greet him and say G’Day!

I found a short passage from the Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, which gives us a challenge to consider this week:



The World is Hungry for Love

The world today is hungry not only for bread, but hungry for love; hungry to be wanted, to be loved. They’re hungry to feel that presence of Christ. In many countries, people have everything except that presence, that understanding. That’s why the life of prayer and sacrifice comes to give that love. Through your dedication, you are to be that presence, that bread of God to break. People are hungry for the Word of God that will give peace, that will give unity, that will give joy. But you cannot give what you don’t have. That’s why it is necessary to deepen your life of prayer. Allow Jesus to take you, pray with you and through you... We are called to love the world. And God loved the world so much that he gave Jesus. Today he loves the world so much that he gives you and he gives me to be his love, his compassion, and that presence, that life of prayer, of sacrifice, of surrender to God...

From “Jesus, The Word to be Spoken”

http://www.piercedhearts.org/theology_heart/teaching_saints/hunger_of_world_bl_mother_teresa.htm

Sacristan: Eiril Holmes regularly prepared the altar for Holy Communion at St Mark’s. Eiril is on leave for a few weeks. We are calling for a volunteer(s) who would be able to take on this ministry while Eiril 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.

