

relive a part of that trip.

In 1999 I became a volunteer with Do-Care, this in time lead me into helping in Nursing homes through the Parish, and now into Lay Pastoral Ministry. I never dreamed I would ever be doing this work, "What next?"

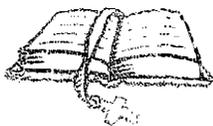
As has been the custom in past years, there will be no midweek services after Christmas and throughout January. Similarly there will be no Nursing Home services during January. The Wednesday evening Prayer Group will neither meet on the 28th nor during January. All Sunday service times will be maintained

The service times and information concerning the Combined 5th Sunday of the month service (Jan 29) has being widely distributed for some weeks now. Please find someone to give it to so that others know what's happening over January. Better still, intentionally invite someone to a service and come along with them. We'll be having a sausage sizzle after the January Combined Service and "Sparkles" the mascot will also be attending church that day. The Worship Committee has structured an remarkably good service which everybody will be able to relate to. The service is intentionally designed to have an appeal to young families so if you have children/grandchildren/nieces/nephews, friends or neighbours please invite them along! So, just to say it again, not only will they get a seriously good service but the also get a sausage and "Sparkles".



The baptism of Ascha Mae Ryder will take place next Saturday at Mark's during a family service. Please remember Ascha together with her parents Tamra and Steve and her sponsors Narelle and Adam in your prayers over the coming week

On Saturday January 28th the induction of Ikani Vaitohi will take place at East Geelong Uniting Church as Ikani takes up his ministry position with that parish. The parish will be represented at this induction.



This year's Lenten Bible Study is currently being prepared. (The first Sunday in Lent is February 26th.) The study will look at "Jesus' Final Week". It will run for four weeks and be held following Mid-week services (conducted in the church where Mid week service takes place) and on a Sunday evening (conducted in the Moller Room commencing at 7.00pm).



HELP IS DESPERATELY NEEDED! A Working Bee to clear dense vegetation from the back of St Barnabas will be held next Saturday (22nd) morning beginning at 9.00am. (It's so bad that if someone gets lost in there they may never be seen again.) Please bring your clippers, spades and gloves.



ST BARNABAS' Leopold ST PAUL'S Whittington ST MARK'S Leopold

Welcome to Worship in Our Parish

Today is January 15th 2012

Second Sunday After Epiphany

SERVICE TIMES

This Sunday January 15th 2012

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

Sunday January 22nd 2012

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

Mid Week Wednesdays at 10.00am

During January will be no midweek services.
They will recommence on February 1st 2012

Wednesday Prayer Meetings

During January will be no prayer services
They will recommence on February 1st 2012

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

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Today's Readings

First Lesson: 1Sam 3:1-10

Psalm :139:1-5,12-18

New Testament: 1Cor 6:12-20

Gospel: John 1:43-51

Next Weeks Readings

Old Testament: Jonah 3:1-5;10

Psalm : 62:5-12

New Testament: 1Cor 7:29-31

Gospel Mark 1:14-20

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

Like Nathaniel and those who encountered Jesus, we are called to answer the question 'how do you know me?' The Psalmist replied, 'O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.' This means that God knows us, our strengths and weaknesses, and yet he still loves us. He will not reject us, but embraces us. Yet, perhaps the more important question is not Jesus 'how do you know me,' but 'how do you know Jesus?'

BIRTHDAYS

Marina Scott (16th) and Ted Freeman (17th)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bill and Gloria Lang (Today)



Notices



One of the changes that came from the parish's MAPPING exercise was the development of a pastoral Care team to assist with the pastoral care throughout the parish. This particular form of ministry has been exceptionally well received by all. Wilma Farrell was asked to guide the process of development and implementation. She has done this brilliantly. But who is Wilma Farrell? Well, here's a brief glimpse, in her own words. *"I was born in Belmont Geelong, the fifth in a family of six children, I had two older sisters and two older and one younger brother.*

My Father went to war when I was very young; he died and is buried overseas. (I don't remember my Father)

We were bought up by our Mother, when Dad went to war we all moved into my Grandmother's (two bedrooms and a 'sleep out') home in South Geelong and lived with her. We were packed to the rafters.

Raised as a member of the Catholic church, God and Church have always been an important part of my life On Sundays and Holy days we went to mass with our Mother, then the rest of the day was family day, roast Lamb for midday meal then cold lamb and salad, cake and sweets for evening meal followed by a sing along around the piano which mum would play.

I attended school at St Bernard's Belmont, followed by Sacred Heart Convent Newtown, after that The Gordon Institute of Technology for a two and a half year diploma in dress-making. In 1951 I began a 4 year apprenticeship as a Tailor with Norman. S. Ince. in Lt. Malop. ST. Finished the apprenticeship a few months before I married Brian in 1955 at St Matthews East Geelong. We bought our house in December 1955 and still live in that house. We have four children, Philip lives in Canberra, Rodney lives in Queensland, Fiona in Geelong and Elizabeth in Melbourne. We also have 13 grandchildren and 2 great granddaughters

When our children were little I took in sewing to help with the finances, later I worked at Target in Fabrics and Curtains for 6 years, followed by 11 years at Dollar Curtains where I managed the store for nine years. I retired from work in 1991.

I remember that from a very young age we prayed together as a family after the evening meal, before anyone went out for the evening.

There were several people who had a significant influence on my life.

My Mother taught us by example that no matter how little you have there is always enough to share with others.

Even though there were eight of us in this "small" house' there was always room for more. For several years Mum would get a young girl from the orphanage out to stay with us for two weeks over Christmas, and often we had young people from the country who had come to Geelong to work would stay with us until they found somewhere to live.

A Vicar, who was in the Newcomb/Whittington parish for less than a year in 1998 during a vacancy, had a huge influence on my spiritual life. A real turning point! A trip to the Holy Land in 2000 has left a lasting effect on me, there is not a day goes by that I don't