

## Reflection for Pentecost 2:

I have been reading recently about how people and organisations need to discover and remain true to their guiding principles. What might yours be? This week's gospel reveals Jesus in the temple where a man's crippled hand is made whole. What makes this scene particularly noteworthy is that it occurs on the Sabbath, a day hallowed by God for everyone to rest. This rest day had been written into the Ten Commandments, and the law was clear that no work be done on it. The law had been created to give good order to life and to provide conditions for encountering God's blessings and holiness.

I think revealing God's blessings to us was one of Jesus' guiding principles. In his interactions with the law keeping group of Pharisees, Jesus reminded them that the Sabbath was created for our good and was never intended to become an extra burden. This made them grumble, even more so when the man's hand was made whole. There was no suspicion that Jesus had somehow worked to heal the hand, it was all God's "work", but Jesus challenged the Pharisees to consider whether doing good of any kind on the Sabbath was lawful. Was it lawful to reveal God's blessings to make the man whole, to return his dignity and ability to support his family again? Of course it was! But all the same, the generous act of healing led to hostility and the beginning of the end for Jesus.

One of our guiding principles in this parish is hospitality. All that we do can be measured by this. Perhaps sometimes the hospitality is expressed differently in the circles of distance from the 'altar'. For example, hosting the Pentecost Red Breakfast at St Mark's is an act of hospitality to those close to us. Is renovating the hall at St Barnabas' an act of hospitality? Yes – it will be appreciated by many people for years to come. Our welcome to volunteers and shoppers in the Op Shops is also part of that Ministry of Hospitality, as is our hosting of the AA meetings. What else comes to mind? Every kindness that you do to others in Jesus' name could be part of that generous Ministry of Hospitality. One of our silent but significant ministries of hospitality is providing a safe place for parents to wait before school comes out at St Mark's, and that is truly an opportunity waiting for us to make the most of it. The parish council is investigating how we can share costs with the school to maintain that car park by applying for community grants and other funding. Watch this space!

God bless you and all for whom you pray this week.

*Elizabeth*



**Prayers for Healing:** Please pray for the healing of body, mind and spirit of the following people who are on our hearts: Adrian, Sue & family, Alan, Brian, Graeme, Des M, Peter, Ann, Barb, Barbara S, Pam, Arthur, Cassie & family,

**Pew Sheet:** Material for inclusion in Pew Sheets should be given to Alf. by Wednesday evening..



## *Shining Christ's Light on the Peninsula*

*Welcome  
to  
Worship in Our Parish*

**June 3rd 2018**

## **Second Sunday after Pentecost**

### **Normal Service Times**

#### **Sundays**

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

#### **Wednesday - 10:00 am**

1st & 3rd Wednesdays @ St Barnabas'  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ St Mark's  
5th Wednesday @ St Paul's

### **Parish Identity**

*BGAP : A community who loves God and everyone else.*

### **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

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### Today's Readings

1 Samuel 3:1-10  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
Mark 2:23 - 3:6

### Next Week's Readings

1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15  
Psalm 138  
2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5.1  
Mark 3:20-35

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### 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.*

### Volunteering Opportunities at Anam Cara Geelong:

Anam Cara Geelong is reliant on a team of volunteers from all walks of life. The volunteers at Anam Cara Geelong are our GOLD. Volunteers fulfil many roles, including assistance with guest care, general housekeeping such as laundry and cleaning, and administrative support.

Full volunteer training is provided. Our next training session will commence on Monday June 18th 2018. Please join us for an information session on Wednesday June 6th 2018 at either 2.00 pm or 5.30 pm (142 Myers St Geelong).

We provide all volunteers with a 10 module training course provided over several weeks. It is a Palliative Care Victoria endorsed training package to equip volunteers with the necessary skills and information required for their volunteer role at Anam Cara Geelong. A Certificate of Completion is awarded to each participant.

If you have skills you would be willing to share to help the Guests and Carers of Anam Cara Geelong, we would love to hear from you. Please call us Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm on 5222 5831 or email to register your interest: [info@achg.org.au](mailto:info@achg.org.au).

I look forward to hearing from you - Anne Dance, Volunteer Coordinator

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### National Redress Scheme:

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of abuse have chosen not to engage in our present institutional redress schemes. We hope that our participation in the independent National Redress Scheme will offer a further step to healing."

For more information, contact Barney Zwartz, [bzwartz@melbourneanglican.org.au](mailto:bzwartz@melbourneanglican.org.au), or 0422 373 891.



**Welcome** to our services today. We hope you find your time worshipping God enjoyable and enriching. Please stay after the services for a cup of tea/coffee, biscuit and fellowship.

**Vale:** It is with much sadness we announce the death of Olive Tyler. Olive died in the early hours of last Tuesday morning in her 97th year. She was a regular worshipper at St Barnabas'. Her funeral will be in Doncaster. Please remember Ralph, Charmaine and family in your prayers.

### St Barnabas' Upgrade & Dunny Drive:

The costs of renovating St Barnabas have been met within the budget for this year, and we are inviting parishioners to contribute towards updating the bathroom fittings, aka the Dunnies, in St Barnabas' that were not part of the original project costings. It is quite clear that the current toilet fittings will look very old fashioned and worn out once the toilet walls, partitions and ceilings have been updated. So, we are inviting parishioners to contribute, as they feel able, to bringing the toilets up to date. Parish Council anticipate that close to \$2000 will be needed to purchase and fit 3 toilets, 2 basins and a new urinal.

Some parishioners may wish to pay their donation directly into BGAP's bank account.: BSB 033 009 A/c #537753.

Identify the payment as St B's (and your initials if you wish )

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### National Redress Scheme:

The Anglican Church of Australia has reached in-principle agreement to join the National Redress Scheme, joining other churches in the announcement today by the Prime Minister, Mr Malcolm Turnbull and Minister for Social Services, Mr Dan Tehan.

The Church's General Synod Standing Committee has called on its dioceses, schools and agencies to join the scheme as soon as possible.

An independent, incorporated entity is being established to provide a single point of engagement with the Scheme and enable Anglican entities to join as part of a national group.

The dioceses of Melbourne, Brisbane and Tasmania have already resolved to join and others are expected soon as each diocese works through the necessary steps. Anglican schools and agencies are being provided with the detailed information to facilitate their decision to opt in.

The legislation to establish the scheme is still to be passed in the Commonwealth Parliament and the Church's Standing Committee called for the scheme as legislated to be truly survivor-focused and consistent with the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

The Anglican Primate, Archbishop Philip Freier, said: "We know that some survivors  
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