



From the Vicar's desk:

Hello! I am back from my holidays!

Unfortunately, I brought back an unwanted souvenir of a rather nasty virus, so I have been keeping away from places and people who are least equipped to deal with infections.

Still, by Sunday, I should be much improved and I am looking forward to worshipping God with some, no all of you, in the coming weeks.

This is the last week of Epiphany, the last week of seeing our extraordinary God in the ordinary. What have you seen? Where has God appeared and surprised you?

It wasn't part of my recovery plan, but the teenagers in my house asked me to accompany them to the Geelong NightJar market on Friday. We all went into together, getting our hands stamped and me agreeing that those under 18s were, indeed, with me. We split up quickly, and I eventually found the coffee and chai stall in the no alcohol kid zone. They had spread around carpets, low tables and cushions for folk to enjoy the balmy evening. I sat down at a table with my warm mug of spicy chai tea, and proceeded to continue my latest knitting project. It was relaxed, it was ordinary, I was coughing a little, but I was at peace.

A series of people over the evening came and sat down at the same table, including me in their conversations. Dear reader, I truly saw God.

There was a family delighting in the staggering blundering steps of their new toddler; there was an older couple, clearly in the awkward early stages of their courting; there was a mum of boys out for an evening with her mum. The older mum remembered that it was her wedding anniversary, even though her husband was long dead, and I was part of that warm quiet moment of longing and remembering for past partners.

Instead of sitting at home, coughing (and writing my pew reflection – sorry Alf) I remembered that God is with us, ever present in all our ordinary lives.

Now that's an epiphany!

God bless you and all for whom you pray.

Elizabeth

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***

February 11th 2018

Last Sunday after Epiphany

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

Morning Prayer @ St Barnabas'

Re-commences Monday February 26th

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

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-12
Mark 9:2-9

Next Week's Readings

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

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.

Known Happy Birthdays: Val Rawlings 15th

(Please contact me if I miss any important dates so that I can up-date my records. Alf)

Prayers for Healing: Please pray for the healing of body, mind and spirit of the following people who are on our hearts: Audrey Miles, John Lee, Barb, Barbara S, Pam, Heather R, Arthur, Enid Hughes, Cassie & family,

Bible Reflection: 'You brought me back, O Lord, from the land of silence: you saved my life from among those that go down to the Pit.' The Psalmist tells of being rescued by God. How do we show God's concern for those whose lives are spiralling out of control? Do we offer help, or do we turn a blind eye?
* Pray that your help in God's name might assist someone when they need it the most.



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Music at the Basilica: Free lunchtime reflections for the season of Lent; Easter Concert presented by Windfire Chamber Choir and Strings (Tickets \$35/30) See notice board for full details.

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.



For your diary:

Wednesday 14th
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Sunday 18th
Wednesday 21st

Ash Wednesday service, St Mark's @ 10 am
Ash Wednesday service, St Paul's @ 7 pm
Lenten studies begin at St Barnabas' @ 2 pm (see below)
Parish Council meets at St Barnabas' @ 11.45 am

Ash Wednesday: There are two services – 10 am at St Mark's and 7 pm at St Paul's. Please bring back your palm crosses during the week or with you to the Ash Wednesday services.

Lenten afternoon tea series: These begin on 18th February, 2 to 4pm at St Barnabas'. This will be a shared experience with St Albans and St Andrews Uniting Church.
(Refer to insert in February 4th Pew Sheet for more details.)

Last Chance: *Just like days of old, this is the last call to return information sheets for the **Parish Directory**.*

Dead panthas: The flowers on the blue agapanthus at St Mark's have died. It would be appreciated if some parishioners could find some time to begin dead-heading the plants before they set seed and spread. Please cut the stalks close to the base. Stalks left long dry out and become dangerous spikes. Please leave the spent flowers in heaps. Hopefully somebody with a trailer will be able to pick them up.

We've astronauts who proudly race
And rendezvous in outer space;
We've hovercraft and screaming jets;
The T.A.B. to take our bets;
We've got computers, great and small;
(We have no need to think at all);
We've shining gadgets by the score
To help with every daily chore;
We've got the freedom now to choose
Words drunken sailors used to use;
And in our books and plays, the proudest
Are those who shout them out the loudest.
Brave World! . . . But does God's King-
dom stand
In our free and wide brown land?



Author Unknown
From
Gary Ord's Friendship Book