

Reflection for Second Sunday of Easter:

Happy Easter! I don't know whether you missed the news last week, but Christ is risen, Alleluia!

I have heard many positive comments about Easter and Holy Week last weekend, and I want to thank everyone who joined in, helped or contributed in some way for making it such a meaningful few days.

The reading from Acts this morning seems to answer the "Now What?" that must have struck the disciples after Christ's death and resurrection. It particularly highlights how they pooled resources to ensure that everyone was cared for and describes the actions of an apostle dear to this parish – Barnabas.

His birth name was Joseph and he hailed from Cyprus, and the book of Acts remembers how he sold some land and shared the proceeds with the new Christ followers in Jerusalem. I particularly like that the Apostles renamed him Barnabas "Son of Encouragement".



Our parish needs us all to be encouragers. We need to support those who serve on our Parish Council or take part in our visiting ministries, we need to let the Op Shop volunteers know how much we appreciate them, we need to encourage folk to consider taking a short course in the Parish to train as new readers and communion assistants, and we all need encouragement to face the challenges that our faith in God presents to each of us.

Can you imagine? A whole parish of Barnabases? What a blessing we could be to each other! Let's give it a go!

Prophet, Disciple, Apostle to Antioch and Cyprus, Missionary, and Martyr

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***

April 8th 2018

Second Sunday of Easter

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'

Monday - Saturday 9:15 am

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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Parish web-site: www.bgap.church

Today's Readings

Acts 4:32-37
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1 – 2.2
John 20:19-31

Next Week's Readings

Acts 3:12-20
Psalm 4
1 John 2:15-17; 3:1-6
Luke 24:36b-48

Parish Prayer

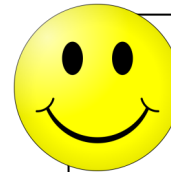
'Lord you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Guide us in our worship and life together: transform us into whatever you would have us do. Help us to be deeply connected with the world around us and strengthen us to proclaim the good news in word and deed in this community, for the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

Known Happy Birthdays: None

(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: Ann, Jo, Audrey Miles, Barb, Barbara S, Pam, Heather R, Arthur, Enid Hughes, Cassie & family,



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:

Saturday April 14th	St Paul's La Trobe Tce Garden Party (details below)
Sunday April 22nd	Readers & Communion assistants meeting (details below)
Wednesday April 25th	ANZAC Day Memorial Service (details below)

Thank you: A sincere **Thank you** to all the parishioners who helped in many ways to prepare for the Holy Week and Easter services. It is appreciated. Many hands make light work!!

Garden Party: St Paul's (La Trobe Terrace) Annual Garden Party; Saturday 14th April 2.00 - 5.00 pm in the church grounds; Entry by donation of \$5.00 (children free) includes a delicious afternoon tea; Plant and Book stalls; wandering minstrels whilst enjoying your lovely afternoon tea; Children's activities will be available. Please join us for this afternoon of fellowship. For more information please call Ruth on 0423 023 263.

ANZAC Day Memorial Service: This will be held at the Leopold War Memorial, commencing at 8.00 am. The Memorial is in Melaluka Road, just past the sports grounds.

Parish Directory: An up-to-date Parish Directory was made available to parishioners on Easter Sunday. If you did not receive one, please speak to Rev'd Elizabeth.

Readers and Communion assistants: Rev'd Elizabeth would like to hold a brief meeting to encourage folk to consider signing up as Sunday Readers or as Communion Assistants on any of the three church rosters. If you wish to know more about the current procedures, the meeting will be at 12noon at St Barnabas church on Sunday 22nd April.

Thomas is invited to touch, the disciples to look. In his epistle John writes 'we declare what we have heard, seen and touched.' Where do we see, hear and touch the resurrection today?
Pray for those who struggle with doubts, those who struggle to see, touch and hear.

