

Pew Reflection for Pentecost 10

Next week will be the first Sunday of the month, and you are invited to join parishioners for breakfast at MacDonalds on the corner of Coppards Rd and the Bellarine Hwy. The time is flexible, but it is in the window between 9am and 10am. It is a chance for 8am'ers and 10am'ers from all three churches to catch up briefly. If you feel a bit doubtful about our choice of fast food restaurant, I thought you might like to read this account from a British hospital chaplain. I wonder what golden conversation you might have next week?

The Golden Arches

I often find it a contradiction that McDonald's exists in many hospitals. While a Big Mac and fries is great comfort food, it isn't the healthiest option. However, in the hospitals where I've served as a chaplain, I have sometimes found those Golden Arches to be a gateway to holy ground.



* I've shared a communion of chicken nuggets and Sprite with a family outside the ICU.

* I've taken a McFlurry to a teenage boy who was having a horrible day – after finding out he'd be in hospital for another 4 weeks.

* I've taken a large 'real Coke' to a grieving mother who, when I'd asked what she needed in that moment, had responded: 'I need a real Coke and a funeral service – but I need the Coke first.'

* I've shared biscuits and coffee with the children of an 88-year-old woman while we sang 'Morning has broken', as their mother died just as the sun was coming up.

* I've taken Fruit and Yogurt Parfaits to ER nurses after a long trauma in the small hours of the morning.

* I've met family members of patients standing in line at McDonald's, and they've shared all kinds of emotions and thoughts they couldn't share in front of their loved one.

McDonald's isn't that healthy for our arteries but I believe it's sometimes good for our souls. So, the next time you do something outside of your comfort zone, or offer care to a friend, or have had a hard conversation, or take a family member to a doctor's appointment, drive on through the Golden Arches and get a little soul food in the form of chicken nuggets, a 'real Coke' or a McFlurry. Being all grown up takes an awful lot of bravery some days, and you're never too old for a Happy Meal.

Ashley-Anne Masters

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

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*

July 29th 2018

Tenth 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

Morning Prayer @ St Barnabas' - 9 am

Monday - Wednesday, Friday

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

Vicar: Rev'd Elizabeth Breakey On leave

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Today's Readings

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6.1-21

Next Week's Readings

2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

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.

Prayers for Healing: Please pray for the healing of body, mind and spirit of the following people who are on our hearts: Matthew R, Trudy, Joel, Colin, Brian W, Ray & Harrison family; Barrie & Pat, Val & John, Adrian, Sue & family, Alan, Graeme, Des M, Peter, Ann, Barb, Barbara S, Pam, Arthur, Cassie & family.

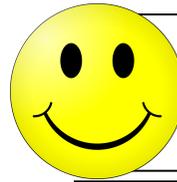
Parish Council Report:

St Mark's sound system: The new sound system and hearing loop has been installed. The effectiveness of the hearing loop relies on all audio being transmitted by microphone, and this may take a little adjustment for singing and music. The microphones were donated by W. Stewart and E. Breakey.

St Barnabas' maintenance:

- * Thanks giving to the AA group who have shown their care for the newly decorated hall in many ways.
- * Rev'd Elizabeth confirmed that the second heater will be installed on Friday 2nd August.
- * New door closers have been fitted to the hall toilets and hall entry door. Thus reducing the risk of damage and injury caused by the sudden slamming of the front door, and the noise and draught generated by the toilet doors on windy days. Thank you to John Campbell for installing the closers and Ken from AA for sourcing them.
- * The work scope for the fence work has been reduced after further conversation with neighbours and some repair work by parishioners. Thank you to the Wardens for this.

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

For your diary:

Saturday August 4th
Friday August 31st
October date tba

Men's Breakfast, Leopold U.C. @ 7.30 am
BGAP photo competition closes
Spring Fair



Study Leave: Rev'd Elizabeth will be away from Wednesday 25th July to Sunday 19th August. Remember Elizabeth and family in your prayers.

During Rev'd Elizabeth's absence, please contact Fr Jim for any pastoral matters. For non-pastoral matters contact one of the Wardens: Marlene, Wayne or Wilma

Thank you: Thank you to the anonymous donor for your recent most generous donation to BGAP. It was sincerely appreciated.

Hearing loop: A hearing loop is now available at St Mark's for parishioners who have hearing aids. You may need to consult your hearing aid provider to determine if your aids have a telecoil and how to use it.

Parish Council Report:

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St Paul's urgent maintenance: A new down pipe will be installed outside the sanctuary area, and the Parish Council thanks Marlene for her determination to install a replacement barge board on the lower section of St Paul's. Any assistance with this would be appreciated.

Mission – Parish Renewal Project: The next team day will be in Drysdale on 28th July. This will be led by Ken Morgan, Acting Head of Parish Mission and Resourcing, who has been a great resource to clergy and parish teams alike.

Compliance: A full update was provided to Council and the updated listing of parishioners requiring or already holding Working with Children Checks, and Police Checks was accepted. Letters have been sent out to parishioners to assist in filling in their missing information.

Dunny Drive: Our current balance is \$951.30 Thank you to all who have donated so far.

Photographic Competition: There haven't been many entries yet, so the competition is wide open!

Public Worship service times: Following a conversation with the Wednesday 10am service congregation these will continue as posted.

Book keeping: There is a need to support our future Treasurers with book keeping services. The conversations continue on this.

Lay minister licence approval: Wilma Farrell was granted her new Lay Pastoral Minister licence last week, and work is in hand to apply for a renewal for Wayne Stewart.

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