

Notices

Today we welcome Zech Foo who will be employed on a part-time basis for one day a week to help us transition to a more diverse parish. Zech is completing a M.Div at the Melbourne School of Theology (which is at Wantirna).

The World Day of Prayer: 10:30 am at St Luke's Catholic Church, 2nd March. See Joy Mitchelmore for more details.

Resumption of Bible studies The Thursday morning study will resume this Thursday 22nd following the 10 am church service.

Lenten studies on Sundays commence this Sunday evening at 6 pm. This year's theme: "The art of contemplation in a noisy world. Seeking Christ through silence."

There is a form on which suggestions for the type of trees which will be planted in the carpark along the east boundary can be made and then passed onto Freddie Dixon. (Ph: 0487 088 676; or at freddixon75@gmail.com)

Prayer requests –Please let Beth Gibbs or Liz Helmond know.

Prayers of the people

- Max MaCann as he recovers from a broken arm and moves onto occupational therapy at Springvale Rehab in Glen Waverly.
- For Liz Helmond who is having a knee replacement this Wednesday 21st.
- Des Melder who is recovering from deep vein thrombosis and is now at home.
- For Peter, the brother of Liz, who is undergoing treatment for stomach cancer.
- For Peta Foote's daughter Lorna who has developed lung cancer.
- For Des Andrews whose ulcer on his leg is slowly healing.

Please pray for the work of Michael, Melanie & Aaron Viljoen – Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Sermon notes continued

from sin. Repentance is not the narrow sense of turning to Christ to gain 'forgiveness of sins', but the wider meaning that Jesus as THE Lord, THE Son of God, has commanded us turn from self-centred living with its preoccupations (which cause us to sin), and to surrender to his rule as king. This results in a deep, distinctive lifestyle change and is the antidote to the superficiality of much which passes as 'Christianity' today.

Welcome to St Edward's

Sometimes our words become emptied of any meaning due to their overuse and familiarity. 'Awesome' is one such word, as is 'honestly' (as in the song, 'I honestly love you'). In the church, the word 'repent' is another. This word has become reduced to meaning a person must turn from their sins and seek forgiveness in the salvation which Christ provides. Here is why I don't like this definition of 'repent'. Christ is presented as a solution to a problem (sin), and by turning to him (repenting), and confessing our sins, our problem of sin is removed.

The relevance of Jesus as a 'problem solver' leaves me with the impression that Jesus merely offers a type of spiritual therapy. We are now free to move on with life (the problem of sin has been resolved), and there is no further requirement to consider what demands he might make of us. But consider the alternative view. When Jesus exploded onto the political and religious scene, he announced, "The time has come. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news." (Mark 1 vs 15). We assume he is speaking of the repentance of sin. But is there something more here? In contrast to the superficiality resulting from our empty use of 'repent', the rich meaning of this word is determined by the words which precede it - the 'kingdom of God'. Jesus is issuing a call to redefine your life and its meaning, what we consider true and good, even our values and aspirations, and to orientate every aspect of our lives to his rule, his values and the salvation he is bringing. We are called to 'believe the good news' of the liberation he provides, such as the forgiveness of our sins by his death, but there is much more than the mere cleansing

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Verse of the Day

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;
repent and believe in the good news.”

(Mark 1:15)

Prayer of the Day

**God of the new and eternal covenant,
as the forty days of the great flood
swept away the world’s corruption
and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life:
grant to us, who are washed clean and born again
in the saving water of baptism, the wellspring of your grace,
that your gift of new life may flourish once again within us;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

New Testament	1 Peter 3:18-22	(p. 1219)
Psalm	25:1-10	(APBA, 244)
Gospel	Mark 1:9-15	(p. 1002)

Hymns

626 “Lord of creation, to you be all praise”
342 “When I survey the wondrous cross”
Mission Praise – OHP “In Christ alone”

Praise and Thanksgiving to God

Welcome, Verse of the Day and verses of scripture (Sitting)

Thanksgiving prayer (OHP) (APBA, 36)

Song: 626 “Lord of creation, to you be all praise”

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Confession of sin

Confession and Absolution (OHP)	(APBA p. 38)
Declaration of God’s forgiveness	(APBA p. 39)
Assurance of God’s forgiveness	(APBA, p. 39)

Ministry of prayer + Lord’s Prayer (APBA p. 40)

Notices

Sending out of God’s people (OHP) (APBA p. 40)

Song: “In Christ alone” (OHP)

Benediction (APBA, p. 40)