

Notices

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

Please introduce yourself to Zec (Zac) Foo who will be employed on a part-time basis for one day a week to help us transition to a more diverse parish. Zec is completing a M.Div at the Melbourne School of Theology (which is at Wantirna). **Don't forget to wear your name tags.** This will make it easier for Zec to learn who you are as well as for those visiting St Edward's.

Lenten studies on Sunday evenings have commenced at 6 pm. This year's theme: "The art of contemplation in a noisy world. Seeking Christ through silence." No, contemplation is not for hermits but for everyday people too.

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

- For Liz Helmond who is recovering from an operation to replace her knee on Wednesday 21st.
- Max MacCann recovering from a broken right arm and for his future care as he is unlikely to move onto occupational therapy at Springvale Rehab in Glen Waverly.
- 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.

Welcome to St Edward's

Peter, the well-known disciple of Jesus, grasped what the other eleven had missed. When Jesus asked his disciples who they thought he was, they speculated, reporting what the crowds thought about Jesus. But Peter had the right answer. "The Christ," he said (Mark 8:29). At this point, with Peter's confession fresh in their minds, Jesus began to teach them that he had to be rejected, killed and three days later would rise again. The Messiah, Jesus wanted them to understand, would not be the a military ruler and priest of popular expectations who would create a new and purified Israel.

Peter, on hearing Jesus' redefinition of what a Messiah looked like - a suffering and rejected one, began to correct Jesus and objected to his explanation. Jesus corrected him. What Peter lacked was the insight to see Jesus and the purpose of his mission. Peter wanted to join a movement that provided fame and success (Mark 10:28). The reward he craved for the cost of following Christ would be validated when Jesus sat on his throne with the other eleven seated next to him. Jesus corrects this misplaced expectation (Mark 8:34-38). To follow Jesus would mean to pick up one's own cross, like Jesus carried his own. The cross was a symbol of shame, the naked display of Roman power, a punishment that put fear into onlookers. Peter lacked the insight to see that Jesus suffered and died under the power of Rome, to display the power of God in his weakness. Paul however, understood this (2 Cor 12: 9-10 & 1 Cor 4:9-13). Are you prepared to follow Jesus and pick up your cross? Or do you serve him to gain validation or to gain what he potentially offers in the popular imagination?

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2nd Sunday Lent

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Verse of the Day

“Then Jesus called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever want to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

(Mark 8:34)

Prayer of the Day

**God of the nations,
in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross,
you opened for us the path to eternal life:
grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit,
may joyfully serve you in newness of life
and faithfully walk in your holy ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

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| Old Testament | Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 | (p. 16) |
| Psalm | 22:24-32 | (APBA, 241) |
| New Testament | Romans 4:13-25 | (p. 1131) |
| Gospel | Mark 8:31-38 | (p. 1012) |

Hymns

116 “Begin, my tongue, some heavenly theme”
583 “Take up your cross”
125 “The God of Abraham praise”

10 AM (Holy Communion, 2nd Order, APBA, p.119)

Gathering in God’s name

Verse of the Day

Hymn: 477 “Jesus calls us here to meet him”

Prayer of Preparation

(APBA, p. 119)

Prayer of the Day

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| Sermon | | |
| The Nicene Creed | | (APBA, p. 123) |

Hymn: 583 “Take up your cross”

Notices

Prayers of the people & the Lord’s Prayer (p. 124)

Confession and Absolution (pp. 125-127)

Hymn: 499 (Tune 601) “Lord Jesus joy of loving hearts”

Holy Communion – Thanksgiving 1 (p 128) + Lent Preface page 151.

Prayer after communion:

“Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (BCP, Collect for 2nd Sunday of Lent; p. 296.)

Hymn: 125 “The God of Abraham praise”

Sending out of God’s people