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# ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

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29<sup>th</sup> August 2021

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

EAST BURWOOD

*“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”*

## Welcome

### Sentence for Today

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. James 1.17.



For those who have children with them, there is a children's corner in the church for the little ones. During school term, children who are pre-school age and above can attend 'Godzone' - Special Children's Activities - shortly after we begin the 9.30am service.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*Before each service we enter a time of silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.*

**Entrance hymn:** *TiS: 282* “The voice of God goes out to all the world”

The voice of God goes out to all the world;  
his glory speaks across the universe.  
The great King’s herald cries from star to star:  
‘With power, with justice, he will walk his way’

The Lord has said, ‘Receive my messenger,  
my promise to the world, my pledge made fresh,  
a lamp to every nation, light from light’:  
with power, with justice, he will walk his way!

The broken reed he will not trample down,  
nor set his heel upon the dying flame.  
He binds the wounds, and health is in his hand:  
with power, with justice, he will walk his way!

Anointed with the Spirit and with power,  
he comes to crown with comfort all the weak,  
to show the face of justice to the poor:  
with power, with justice, he will walk his way!

His touch will bless the eyes that darkness held,  
the lame shall run, the halting tongue shall sing,  
and prisoners laugh in light and liberty:  
with power, with justice, he will walk his way!

*Luke Connaughton.1917-79.*

### **Acclamation:**

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Welcome**

### **Prayer of Preparation:**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,**  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ***The Two Great Commandments:***

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

### ***Kyries:***

Lord have mercy,  
**Christ have mercy,**  
Lord have mercy.

### ***The Gloria:***

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### ***The Prayer of the Day:***

Cleanse our consciences, O Lord,  
and enlighten our hearts  
through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ,  
that when he comes in glory to be our judge  
we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his sight;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### ***Prayer in a time of pandemic disease:***

**Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and dis-ease.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us  
from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

***The ministry of the Word:***

***The first reading: Song of Songs 2.8-13***

The voice of my beloved!  
Look, he comes,  
leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.  
My beloved is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.  
Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.  
My beloved speaks and says to me:  
'Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;  
for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtle-dove  
is heard in our land.  
The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.  
For the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

***Psalms 45.1-2, 6-9***

**My heart is astir with fine phrases,  
I make my song for a king:  
my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.  
You are the fairest of men,  
grace flows from your lips:  
therefore has God blessed you for ever and ever.  
Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever:  
and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.  
You have loved righteousness and hated evil:  
therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.  
All your garments are fragrant  
with myrrh, aloes and cassia:  
music from ivory palaces makes you glad.  
Kings' daughters are among your noble women:  
the queen is at your right hand in gold of Ophir.**

***The second reading: James 1.17-27***

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Gradual hymn: TiS: 448***    *"Blest are the pure in heart"*

**Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.**

**The Lord who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell with us in lowliness,  
our pattern and our King:**

***The Gospel reading:***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Mark, chapter 7, beginning at verse 1.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him,  
they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands,  
that is, without washing them.

(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders;  
and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)

So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand:

there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable.

He said to them, 'Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?' (Thus he declared all foods clean.)

And he said, 'It is what comes out of a person that defiles.

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly.

All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.

For the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**still to the lowly soul  
he will himself impart,  
and for his cradle and his throne  
chooses the pure in heart.**

**Lord, we your presence seek;  
this blessing now renew:  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple fit for you.**

John Keble 1792-1866 (vv. 1,3) and others

## ***The Sermon***

### ***The Creed:***

Let us stand together and affirm the faith of the church:

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,**

of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation,  
he came down from heaven;  
*was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life for the world to come. Amen.

### ***The Prayers of the People:***

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

#### ***At the conclusion***

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers,

**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ***Preparation:***

Jesus said I am the bread of life. Who ever comes to me will never be hungry, and who ever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6.35

### ***Prayer of Approach:***

**We do not presume  
to come to your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord,  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,**



that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. Amen.

***Invitation to Confession:***

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners  
and inviting them to the Lord's table.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true  
heart.

***Confession:***

Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you  
in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Absolution:***

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***The Greeting of Peace:***

We are the body of Christ  
**His Spirit is with us.**  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

***Offertory hymn: TiS: 143 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"***

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor, wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;  
your justice like mountains high soaring above,  
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small,  
in all life now living, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,  
then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.



Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;  
of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart—  
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.

All praise we would render: reveal to our sight  
what hides you is only the splendour of light;  
and so let your glory, Almighty, impart,  
through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.

Walker Chalmers Smith 1824-908 alt.

***Prayer over the gifts:***

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***The Great Thanksgiving:***

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,

and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:*

**Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

***The breaking of the bread:***

**We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

***Agnus Dei:***

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

***Invitation to Communion:***

**The gifts of God, for the people of God.  
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ  
in remembrance that he died for us,  
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.**

***The Communion***

***Post communion hymn: TiS: 420 "Holy Spirit, go before us"***

**Holy Spirit, go before us,  
every mind and heart prepare  
for good news of life in Jesus  
for the joyful hope we share.  
Gently lead the lost to safety,  
gently teach them Wisdom's way,  
till they come to seek you gladly,  
till we find the words to say.**

**Holy Spirit, come and help us,  
give us words to speak of Christ.  
Teach us how to tell all people:  
deepest darkness can be light!  
Help us tell how faithful God is,  
and how Jesus sets us free;  
take our words, and make them gospel,  
so that many may believe.**

**Holy Spirit, stay to show us  
how to serve as Christ served us.  
May our words of love be grounded  
in love's actions, first and last.  
Your good news is news of justice,  
and the strong befriend the weak  
in your service, till compassion  
builds the peace the nations seek.**

***The sending out of God's people:***

Bountiful God,  
at this table you graciously feed us  
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.  
May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament  
be strengthened in your service;  
we who have sung your praises  
tell of your glory and truth in our lives;  
we who have seen the greatness of your love  
see you face to face in your kingdom  
and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

**Keep us in this hope that we have grasped:  
so we and all your people will be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

***Notices***

***Blessing:***

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

***Final Hymn      TiS: 611    "God of grace and God of glory"***

**God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy pow'r.  
Crown thine ancient church's story,  
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us,  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days.**

**Cure thy children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore.  
Let the search for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore.**

*John Newton 1725-1807 alt.*

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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## **NOTICES**

**Extended Covid shutdown:** God willing, our next Parish gatherings will be:

Coffee and Chat - 10am Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Sunday Eucharist - 8am and 9:30am Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Midweek Eucharist - 10am Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Midweek Meditation - 3pm Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September

**Storm Relief for Mt Dandenong:** Last week Fr Anthony took a HUGE carload of groceries (generously provided by our parishioners) to the Drop-In Centre at St Michael and All Angels in Kalorama. Fr Andrew Smith and the Parish of Mt Dandenong are extremely thankful for our support. We will resume our giving of groceries to Uniting East Burwood and St Mark's Fitzroy once we are back at church. Thank you everyone for your very generous support for the people of Mt Dandenong.

**Fathers Day raffle:** Despite the challenges due to Covid, the raffle drawn will take place when we are back in church again. In the meantime, Chellam is seeking donations for the Father's Day Raffle and seeking help to sell tickets. She will be so grateful for you to drop off anything men would enjoy, such as chocolates, drinks, nuts & nibbles, biscuits, gardening aids and anything else you can think of to either her house, or if you prefer, the vicarage doorstep. Thank you so much for your support.

**Footy Tipping 2021:** What a round, what a tipping year! A few upsets to end the season on. Three tipsters (Judithe Atkinson, Father Anthony and Ron McKenzie) finished the season strongly with 8 tips (everyone received a point for the draw).

However, **Aggie Canterbury picked truly enough to be the 2nd Half Season Champion** (63), just one point ahead of Christine Youings (62), and a group of six tippers (Jo Condie, Louise Godden, Norma Leseberg, Heather & Ron McKenzie, and Russell Mills) tied for third (61), with Father Anthony (60) excelling in his first AFL tipping contest.

**Joint Grand Champions for the year were Norma Leseberg (to go with her joint 1st Half Season Champion status) and Christine Youings. with a combined total of 132 for the whole year.**

We will distribute the prize money when we are able to.

The traditional Grand Final tipping competition will return and all are automatic entrants. More details to follow for Grand Final Week

**Thank you to all who participated. We also managed to raise \$240 for the church through the competition.**

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**In last week's TMA Newsstand:**

- Constant opportunities for prayer
- 'Pray, pray, pray for Afghanistan!'
- The mysterious benefactor who is changing lives for the homeless
- 'We have to wait and see what is going to happen,' says World Vision's Afghanistan director
- Archbishop of Canterbury's speech in House of Lords debate on Afghanistan
- Unnecessary red tape aimed at silencing charities
- The Church of England's historic parishes deserve better
- and more...

**SAINTS AND HOLY MEN AND WOMEN FOR THIS WEEK**

Tuesday	John Bunyan, preacher and spiritual writer (d. 1688)
Tuesday	Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop and missionary (d. 651)
Thursday	MARTYRS OF NEW GUINEA
Friday	Gregory of Rome, bishop and teacher (d. 604)
Friday	Eliza Darling, pioneer social reformer in NSW (d. 1868)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Wednesday:**

Colossians 1.1-8  
Psalm 52.8-9  
Luke 4.38-44

**Next Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125  
James 2.1-10, 14-17  
Mark 7.24-37

**WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS, LET US PRAY EACH DAY FOR THE CHURCH**

*Sun 29:* Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Willochra (Bp John Stead, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Stonnington (Howard Langmead); Church of the New Guinea Martyrs Croydon South (Bruce Bickerdike, James Raistrick); St Mary's Caulfield – 150 years of worship – Oaktree Anglican Church, Caulfield (Abp Philip Freier); St John's Highton – Confirmation Service – Reverend Chris Lynch (Abp Philip Freier); St Matthew's Prahran – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Alfred's Blackburn North – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Paul & St Barnabas in Newcombe – Pastoral Services (Bp Kate Prowd);

*Mon 30:* Anglicare Australia (Bp Chris Jones, Chair; Kasy Chambers, Exec Director); Shelford Girls' Grammar (Katrina Brennan, Principal); The Parish of Croydon Hills & Wonga Park Croydon Hills, Wonga Park (Leroy Coote);

*Tue 31:* Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens; Bush Church Aid Society (Adrian Lane, Regional Officer); St James' Dandenong (Graeme Peters, Oyem Amaylek, Mike Kicevski, George Ladu).

*SEPTEMBER Wed 1:* Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia; Archdeaconry of The Yarra (Dave Fuller); St Michael & St Luke Dandenong (Santa Packianathan);



*Thu 2:* Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia; St Michael's Grammar School (Terrie Jones, Principal, Kenyon McKie, Chaplain); St Philip's Deep Creek (Megan Curlis-Gibson);

*Fri 3:* Locums and all retired clergy; Melbourne Anglican Diocesan Corporation (Justin Lachal, General Manager); Parish of St John's, Diamond Creek w. St Katherine's, St Helena and St Michael's, Yarrambat (Tim Johnson, Kirk Mackenzie, Ros Rudd);

*Sat 4:* The Anglican Church of Australia (Primate Abp Geoffrey Smith, General Secretary Anne Hywood, the General Synod & the Standing Committee); Calling Melbourne2Prayer Group (Jill Firth, Rachel McDougall, Jamie Miller, Philip Trowse); Christ Church Dingley (Incumbency Vacant, Tanya Cummings); Provincial Visit – Gippsland (Abp Philip Freier).

## **AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND**

Families, healthcare workers, emergency workers in these continuing uncertain and unsettling times.

## **THE WORLD**

Containment of the coronavirus pandemic, those suffering and the medical staff.  
A compassionate outcome for Asylum Seekers on Manus & Christmas Islands, and Nauru.

## **THE ASCENSION COMMUNITY**

Each other and God's presence in the events of the week

Those in special need of prayer: *Helen Daniels, Peggy Horman, Estelle Carman (and daughter Sue), Jean (& Alan) Close, Carole, Pauline Le Riche (Kym's sister), Glenys and Brian Howell, Ethel Lloyd, Barbara Stark, Lyle Mansfield, Julie Munday, Stanley & Rose Joseph, Marie Cleaver (Judith's friend), Geoffrey (Josh's father), Gwen McMahon, David Wood, Fanny (Aggie's sister), Joy (Jan Wheeler's sister), Heather, Dave Ritchie (and Joy) and others known to us.*

*We give thanks that our prayers for Ben and Das and their families (friends and family of Chellam in Malaysia) and for Joshua (Kalo and Doug's grandson) have been mercifully answered.*

Those at the Peter James Centre and Burwood Lodge  
Those working in Health and Aged Care settings

**Ourselves - as we are strengthened through the power of the  
Holy Spirit in love and prayer for one another**

**It is in the union and fellowship of believers  
that the Spirit can manifest His full power.**

*"With Christ in the School of Prayer" by Andrew Murray*





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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation.  
We pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.*

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**Pew sheet:** Please send all items for inclusion in next week's pewsheets to Ron McKenzie by 5:00p.m. Thursday evening ([r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au](mailto:r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au).)

*Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement*

**Weekly Services (on hold while in lockdown)**

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am Eucharist
	9:30am Eucharist
	'Godzone' children's program during 9.30 am service (during school term)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Fr Anthony's day of rest!</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am Eucharist
	3:00 – 3:45pm. Midweek Meditation
<b>Friday</b>	10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for coffee and chat.

**Commitment to Child Safety:** At the Church of the Ascension we follow Christ in being a caring Church welcoming of all, extending his love and invitation of new life.

In ministry to children, young people, and vulnerable adults we are committed to providing an environment that is physically, emotionally and spiritually safe and supportive.

We have a zero tolerance approach to Child abuse or abuse of vulnerable people.

This includes a culture of child-safety and of inclusivity for people of cultural and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, people with disability or any other specific group.

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