STOP PRESS: I’m very pleased to announce the details of Mthr Heidin Kunoo’s new appointment: Holy Trinity Parish Bacchus March. This means that she is still in our Episcopal area of Oodthenong and, happily for Heidin, just a 40 minute drive from her family in Hoppers Crossing. Our prayers and good wishes go with her and we look forward to keeping in touch. Fr Peter

British soldiers talk with German soldiers during the famous World War I Christmas truce in 1914.

From Father Peter

Jesus’ radical ethical teaching in the ‘Sermon on the Mount’ (Matthew ch 5-7) and Luke’s rendition of much of the same teaching in his ‘Sermon on the Plain’ has been called by some ‘The Impossible Ideal’. It raises the question for each of us, ‘How can we embrace and live up to such a high moral and ethical standard and not be deluded, thinking that we do, or hypocritical, claiming that we do? There is no easy answer to this. In fact, the answer doesn’t lie in the realm of theory – it can only be worked out in the nitty gritty of our faith journey. If we don’t take these absolute requirements of our Lord to heart, if we simply dismiss them as nice sounding but, in the end, impossible ideals, then we’ve neutered our following of Christ and turned it into a non-demanding acquiescence to our own mediocrity and sinfulness. It is a gift of grace for us to

We acknowledge with gratitude that we worship on the traditional lands of the Wathaurong people of the Kulin nation and we acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders past and present
feel the gap between our current level of living and what Jesus teaching calls us to. It is a further grace to then embark on the life long journey to fruitfully live with the gap and, by God’s grace, strive to close it. In this way we obey our Lord’s injunction to, ‘be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect’ Matthew 5:48.

**Lenten Study 2019 ‘All I Have is Yours - Forty Days to Freedom’** by Michael McGirr. The forty days of Lent prepare us to celebrate again the death and resurrection of Jesus, the heart of our faith and the source of our freedom. Throughout that time we too pray for the kind of freedom that allows God to work in our lives and the world: freedom from fear, freedom to forgive and, above all, freedom to love.

**Beginning at the start of Lent:**
- Tuesdays 7.30pm Incorporating the existing Exploration and Journey to Easter group. (beg 5th March at St George’s Old School Hall, following pancakes – see below).
- Wednesdays 11.15am (beg Ash Wed 6th March)
  Both in the Parish Office Gathering Area on the bay side of St James Church.

**Hymns**

580  Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation  
600  Jesus' soul, make holy  
87  Ye watchers and ye holy ones

**Sentence**

Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. *Luke 6.35*

**Prayer of the Day**

God of compassion,  
keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies.  
In our words and deeds help us to be like him,  
through whom we pray,  
Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

**Readings**

- First reading GENESIS 45.3-11, 45.15  
- Psalm PSALM 37.1-11,40-41 (APBA p.258)  
- Second reading 1 CORINTHIANS 15.35-50  
- Gospel LUKE 6.27-38
Alleluia

\[ \text{Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,} \]

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord; Love one another, as I have loved you.

Next Sunday: EXODUS 34.29-35; PSALM 99 (APBA p.325); 2 CORINTHIANS 3.12 - 4.2; LUKE 9.28-36

Wednesday current week: SIRACH 4.11–19; PSALM 119.161–168 (APBA p.358); MARK 9.38–40

Wednesday next week: JOEL 2.1-2,12-17; PSALM 51.1-17 (APBA p.274); 2 CORINTHIANS 5.20B - 6.10MATTHEW 6.1-6,16-21

Friday current week: SIRACH 6.5–17; PSALM 119.17–24 (APBA p.350); MARK 10.1-12

Reading sheets for Sunday, Wednesday & Friday Holy Communion services are available one week ahead of time. Prayerful reflection on and study of the readings can be part of preparing ourselves for worship.

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Church

Global: Anglican Church in Central America (Bp Julio Murray Thompson)
National: The Diocese of Armidale (Bp Rick Lewers, Clergy & People)
Melbourne Diocese: Community of the Holy Name (Sr Carol Tanner); St Stephen’s and St Mary’s Mount Waverley (Dianne Sharrock); Rededication of St John the Evangelist East Malvern (Abp Philip Freier); St James’ & St Peters, Kilsyth – Pastoral Visit Bp Paul Barker

Oodthenong Episcopate: Mthr Heidin Kunoo in her new appointment at Holy trinity Parish Bacchus Marsh; Bsh Kate Prowd, Ocean Grove-Barwon Heads Parish – pastoral visit; Judi Pollard - Lancefield-Romsey; Charles Potter (Locum) - Broadmeadows-Dallas;

ABM Prayer for the Day: Give thanks for the Youth Engagement Project which has been set up in the Diocese of the Northern Territory to fund Church initiatives which engage young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Community leaders expressed a desire to try to break some of the destructive cycles they were observing, by engaging their young people more in the church. Culturally relevant resources have been produced for these communities to use in their existing programs and church services with good results. Pray that the project can be rolled out to more communities.

For your prayers this week please use the schedule of prayers found in current copy of TMA

Hospitality Hospitality Committee meeting Wednesday as they plan the year; Boxwood Concert using the Old School Hall. St Stephen’s Karen Congregation Parish Council Leadership Retreat at St James – Fri 1 March to Sun 3 March. All those who quietly enter our churches for prayer and refreshment.

Requests Diana McLaren; Barbara Carruthers; Barbara George and family; Revd Charles Potter; Joan Hooper; Greg; Parvin; Sisi; Pixie King; Wendy Watson; Angela; Dick Moore; Julie King; Jennifer Baker; Ben Wadham; Alex Reid; Terry Morrow; Eileen Downes; Kirsten Mowlen; Rosie Cowell; Joan Groube; Sandra; Trish, Diana Scott, Ros Myer.

Communion of Saints

The Saints: George Herbert, parish priest, poet (d. 1633); David, bishop of Menevia, wales (d. 601); Chad, bishop of Lichfield, missionary (d. 672)

Recently Died: Bill Moriarty–Priest d. 18.2.2019; Ian George–Bishop d. 28.1.2019
Year’s mind: Burnett Pleydell Rymer 25.02.2018; Alexander Lesley Hoddinott
01.03.2018

Hutton 28.02.1973; Edward Villers Butler 28.02.1996; Goldie Furzer-Elliot 28.02.2015; Alex Hamilton Crigan 1.03.1923; Gwendoline Amy Mousley 01.03.2010; Harriot Patching 2.03.1948; Noni Fairbairn 02.03.2005; Rita Evelyn Longuehay 02.03.2005; Shirley Oliphant 02.03.2006; Jack Horton 2.03.2011; Thelma Alison Cross 02.03.2014

An asterisk* signifies those whose ashes are interred in the St James’ Memorial Garden
A hash sign # signifies those whose ashes are interred in the St George’s Memorial Garden

LITURGY AND MEDITATION THIS WEEK
Sunday 24th February to Sunday 3rd March

Prayer of the week Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law; grant that we may love you with our whole heart, and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion
Sun 24th February 10.00AM Eucharist St James’ Point Lonsdale
5.00 PM Eucharist: St George’s Queenscliff
Wed (BCP) 10.00AM St James’ Point Lonsdale
5.30PM Healing Eucharist at St James
Friday 5.30PM Healing Eucharist at St James

Sun 2nd March 10.00AM Eucharist St George’s Queenscliff
5.00 PM Eucharist: St James’ Point Lonsdale

Meditation
Monday  8.30AM – 9.00AM Silence with brief introductory reflection @ St James
Tuesday 11.00AM World Community for Christian Meditation: WCCM @ St James
Tuesday 12.15PM – 1.00PM Icon meditation @ St George’s Church Queenscliff
Friday  5.00PM – 5.30PM Meditation @ St James

Morning & Evening Prayer
Monday  9.00AM and 5.00PM
Tuesday  9.00AM and 5.00PM
Wednesday 5.00PM
Friday   9.00AM
Saturday 9.00AM and 5.00PM

World Day of Prayer
Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Stevens St, Queenscliff
10.30 morning tea then the service

Roster Requirements for next month last chance today
TMA out next Sunday –last chance for current edition
New Roster out today

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