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SERVICE DETAILS

Sunday 8am: Holy Communion

Sunday 10am: Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 10am: Said Eucharist

Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Weddings and

Funerals by arrangement

1st Sunday of the month 8am: Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

1st Sunday of the month 10am: Family Service with Sunday School

2nd Sunday of the month: Healing Service

follows the 10am Mass

PARISH EVENTS

Morning Tea: After the 10am service every Sunday

Parish Luncheon: 1st Sunday of every 2nd month (Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec)

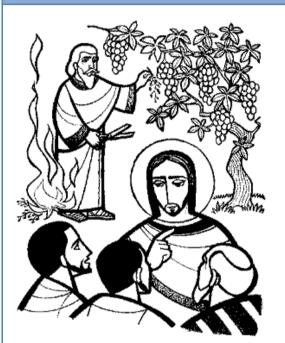
Parish Breakfast: 5th Sunday of the month (Apr, Jul, Sept)

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 29 April 2018

Welcome to our Services today

8am - Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ron White

10am - Sung Eucharist

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Organist: Mrs Marlene Davies

151 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

St Matthew's

Wednesday 2 May:

10am Mass: Philip & James – Fr Ron White

Friends of St Francis

Sunday 29 April:

9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

TODAY'S ROSTER - 29 APRIL

	8 AM	10 AM				
Sidespeople:		Sidespeople:	Mitch Porter			
Reader:	Vicki Hutton	Reader:	Deb Polites			
Chalice:		Chalice:	Reg Davies			
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	Harold Daly			
Intercessions:	Priscilla van Reesema	Intercessions:	Reg Davies			

NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER - 6 MAY

	8 AM	10 AM				
Sidespeople:	Julie Johnston	Sidespeople:	Sandra Cooper			
	Rob Johnston		Kath Daly			
Reader:	Fr Ron	Reader:	Kath Daly			
Chalice:		Chalice:	Harold Daly			
Server:		Server:	Mitch Porter			
Intercessions:	Fr Ron	Intercessions:	Fr Ron			

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts	Hymn	1 John	John
10.44-48	for the Psalm	5.1-12	16.16-24

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit Hymn: 408 NEH (10am only)

- Love Divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown.
- Jesu, thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love thou art; Visit us with thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.
- Come, almighty to deliver, Let us all thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, Never more thy temples leave.
- 4. Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above, Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.
- Finish then thy new creation;
 Pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see thy great salvation,
 Perfectly restored in thee,
- Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heaven we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88 The New English Hymnal

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The priest greets the people

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Sentence of Scripture

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4.10-11

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.'

'Lord, have mercy' (8am only)

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

'Lord, have mercy' (10am only)

Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

The Hymn of Praise, Gloria in excelsis.

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 Collect of the Day

O God, form the minds of your faithful people, that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that, amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now

the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptised?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptised him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Acts 8.26-40

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22.26-32 (said antiphonally)

- 26. From you springs my praise in the great congregation: I will pay my vows in the sight of all that revere you;
- 27. The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied: and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—may their hearts rejoice for ever!
- 28. Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord: and let all the families of the nations worship before him.
- 29. For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he shall be ruler over the nations.
- 30. How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage: or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?
- 31. But he has saved my life for himself: and my posterity shall serve him.
- 32. This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation: and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

A Reading from the First Letter of John

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

1 John 4.7-21

Hear the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 235 TIS (10am only)

A man there lived in Galilee
 Like no one else before,
 For he alone from first to last
 Our flesh unsullied wore;
 A perfect life of perfect deeds
 Once to the world was shown,
 That everyone might mark his steps
 And in them place their own.

- 2. A man there died on Calvary, Above all others brave; He gave to all, he saved and blessed, Himself he scorned to save; No thought can gauge the weight of woe On him, the sinless, laid; We only know that with his death Our ransom price was paid.
- 3. A man there stands at God's right hand, Divine, yet human still; That grand, heroic, peerless soul Death sought in vain to kill. All power is his: supreme he rules All realms of time and space; Yet still our human cares and needs Find in his heart a place.

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Remain standing for the Gospel Reading.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John chapter 15 beginning at verse 1
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

Silence may follow

The Nicene Creed

Let us together 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 of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The priest says

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

The prayers may conclude with

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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Silence may be kept

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

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.

The Absolution. The priest says

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

All stand. The Greeting of Peace is introduced.

We are the body of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia. His Spirit is with us. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The priest says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn: 153 TIS (10am only)

- God is love, let heav'n adore him; God is love, let earth rejoice; Let creation sing before him, And exalt him with one voice. God, who laid the earth's foundation, He who spread the heavens above, And who breathes through all creation, God is love, eternal Love.
- God is love, and gently enfolding
 All the world in one embrace,
 With unfailing grasp is holding
 Every child of every race.
 And when human hearts are breaking
 Under sorrow's iron rod,
 Then they find that selfsame aching
 Deep within the heart of God.

God is love, and, though with blindness Sin afflicts our human hearts, God's eternal loving kindness Holding, guiding, grace imparts. Sin and death and hell shall never O'er us final triumph gain; God is love, so love for ever O'er the universe must reign.

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The gifts of the people having been brought to the Altar: 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 now and always, 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.

He is the true Paschal Lamb
who was offered for us
and has taken away the sin of the world.
And now we give you thanks
that you raised him in triumph from the dead.

and by his rising to life again
has restored us to eternal life.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven

By his death, he has destroyed death

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 / singing:

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.'

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 forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We who are many are one body in Christ, for we all share in the one bread.

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.

The invitation to receive Holy Communion

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 thanksqiving.

The sacrament is given with the following words, after which the communicant responds **Amen**

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. Amen. The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Post Communion Hymn: 276 NEH (10am only) (please kneel if possible)

- For thy flesh is meat indeed; Ever may our souls be fed With this true and living bread, Day by day with strength supplied Through the life of him who died.
- Bread of heaven, on thee we feed, 2. Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies This blest cup of sacrifice; 'Tis thy wounds our healing give; To thy cross we look and live: Thou our life! O let us be Rooted, grafted, built in thee.

Words: Josiah Conder 1789-1859

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says

Most glorious Lord of life, we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries. Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith, that we may witness to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world.

Father,
we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.

Notices and invitations

Dismissal Hymn: 531 TIS (10am only)

- Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
 The people of God from his table take leave.
 The supper is ended: may now be extended
 The fruits of his service in all who believe.
 The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching,
 Shall blossom in action for all humankind.
 His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us
 To work for his kingdom, his purpose to find.
- 2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living The tasks of our everyday life we will face, Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, Embracing as neighbours all those of each race. One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us, Unite us as one in his life that we share. Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving, Give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

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The priest says

Almighty God, who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ, and has brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom, give you joy and peace in faith and bring you to your eternal inheritance; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The priest or deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia. In the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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We give thanks for the life, work and witness of
Adair Stagg
commend her to God and uphold her family in prayer.





You are welcome to stay and enjoy a cuppa and a chat in the Hall after the 10am service!

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday!

Kath Daly – 1 May Graham Whitehead – 3 May Allan Liebe – 5 May



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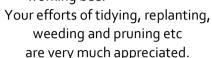


CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD					
Wed 2 May	10am	Mass: Philip & James, Apostles & Martyrs			
Thurs 3 May	10am	Day of Prayer & Reflection, CHN			
Fri 4 May	10am	Aged Care Ministry, Cheltenham Manor			
Sun 6 May	8am 10am	Sixth Sunday of Easter Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Family Service with Sunday School			

NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Working Bee thank you!

A big thank you to the dedicated few who helped yesterday at our working bee.



Don't forget...

Our monthly Family Service will be held next Sunday, 6 May, at 10am and includes fun activities for children in our Sunday School! Tell your family, friends and neighbours! All very welcome.





Call To Prayer

Anglicans coming together to pray for our church, its mission and ministry, and for our nation.

St James' Dandenong on Saturday 5 May at 3pm.

Tea and coffee available.

An initiative by Bishop Paul Barker. All laity and clergy are welcome.

The Next Roster

Please write on the list in the Narthex if you will be away on any Sunday during the June – August period for roster duties.

If you are currently not on the roster but would like to be, please write this on the list or contact Parish Office.

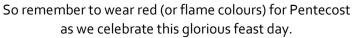
CHN Day of Prayer & Reflection

The Sisters of the Community of the Holy Name invite you to a Day of Prayer & Reflection this Thursday, 3 May, at the Community House, 40 Cavanagh Street, Cheltenham.

10am – 3pm, BYO lunch (tea and coffee provided)

Everyone wear RED!

The liturgical colour for Pentecost Sunday, 20 May, is red.
This signifies the fire of the Holy Spirit descending on us
as it did on the apostles that day.





The Vine and the Branches

"I am the vine: you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.," John 15:5 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 15:1-8

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