

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

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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 (Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec)

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

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Cheltenham, Victoria, 3192
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MOTHERING SUNDAY

Sunday
26 March
2017



Welcome to our Services today

8am – Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ron White

10am – Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ron White

Organist: Mrs Marlene Davies

149 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

St Matthew's

Wednesday 29 March:
10am Mass: John Keble – Fr Ron White
followed by Lenten Bible Study

Friends of St Francis

Sunday 26 March:
9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

TODAY'S ROSTER – 26 MARCH

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:		Sidespeople:	Val Fielder Mitch Porter
Reader:	John Thompson	Reader:	Kath Daly
Chalice:		Chalice:	Phil Whelan
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	Reg Davies
Intercessions:	Fr Ron	Intercessions:	Joan Leslie

NEXT SUNDAY'S ROSTER – 2 APRIL

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Julie Johnston Rob Johnston	Sidespeople:	Sandra Cooper Kath Daly
Reader:	Fr Ron	Reader:	Alan Fielder
Chalice:	John Thompson	Chalice:	Harold Daly
Server:		Server:	Phil Whelan
Intercessions:	Fr Ron	Intercessions:	Fr Ron

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – PASSION SUNDAY

Ezekiel 37.1-14	Psalms 130	Romans 8.6-11	John 11.1-45
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A special welcome to mothers and carers of children who join us today

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit Hymn: 186 NEH (10am only)

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith b 1926
based on St Luke 1.46-55 in the New English Bible
The New English Hymnal

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
Whose mercy endures for ever.

The illumination of the candle of Light

We light this candle to remember all who have been
our guiding lights, Jesus being the chief light of all.

Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have loved
and laughed and laboured as they cared for their children.

Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have wept
in sorrow and joy for their children.

Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for Jesus, born of a woman and nurtured in her love,
and for Mary, a reminder of your patient, waiting love.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Blessing of Simnel Cakes

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Sentence of Scripture

Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect
harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

Colossians 3.14-15

**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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others
and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

Silence for reflection

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception.

We fail to live as your children.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

You hear us when we cry for help. We ignore the cries of others.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Trisagion

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

The Collect of the Day

God our Mother,
you hold our life within you;
nourish us at your breast,
and teach us to walk alone.
Help us to receive your tenderness
and respond to your challenge
that others may draw life from us,
in your name. **Amen.**

The Collect for the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary

We beseech you, O Lord,
pour your grace into our hearts,
that, as we have known the incarnation
of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel,
so by his cross and passion we may be brought
to the glory of his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Exodus 2.1-10

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

Responsorial Psalm 128

R The Lord pours his blessing on all his children. R

1. Blessed is everyone who reveres the Lord:
and walks in the confine of his ways.
2. You will eat the fruit of your labours:
happy shall you be and all shall go well with you. **R**
3. Your wife within your house:
shall be as a fruitful vine;
4. Your children round your table:
like the fresh shoots of the olive.
5. Behold thus shall the man be blessed:
who lives to reverence the Lord. **R**
6. May the Lord so bless you from Zion:
that you see Jerusalem in prosperity all the days of your life.

7. May you see your children's children:
and in Israel let there be peace. **R**

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3.12-17

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

Gradual Hymn: 297 NEH (10am only)

1. Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
You are one with us,
Mary's Son;
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
Pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
Living Lord.
2. Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
Born as one with us,
Mary's Son;
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord.

3. Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
Live my life for you,
 Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life your power breaks through,
 Living Lord.

Words: Patrick Appleford b 1924
The New English Hymnal

Remain standing for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John
chapter 19 beginning at verse 25
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

For the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.
We believe in God the Father,
**from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**
We believe in God the Son,
**who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
**who strengthens us
with power from on high.**
This is our faith,
**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The priest says

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

The response to 'Father of all' is

Hear your children's prayer.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

All stand. The Greeting of Peace is introduced

Jesus said,
'Whoever does the will of God
is my brother, sister and mother'.
As we have opportunity, let us work for good to all,
especially to members of the household of faith.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn: 239 NEH (10am only)

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther 1901-53
The New English Hymnal

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.

Loving God,

we thank you for this world of wonder and delight.

You have given it to us to care for,

so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that when we turned away from you,
you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us,
and bring us back to you.

He showed us how to love you

and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that on the cross

Jesus took away our sin,

all that keeps us from each other and from you.

He frees us from hate and fear,

from all that destroys love and trust.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

And now we give you thanks

because in his earthly childhood

you entrusted him to the care of a human family.

In Mary and Joseph you give us an example

of love and devotion to him

and also a pattern of family life.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

And so with everyone who believes in you,

with all the saints and angels,

we rejoice and praise you 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.

And now we thank you

for these gifts of bread and wine;

may we who receive them,

as Jesus said,

share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread

and gave you thanks.

He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,

'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup

and gave you thanks.

He shared the cup with them and said,

'This is my blood poured out

so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

You have gathered us together
to feed on Christ
and to remember all he has done for us:
Fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be 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 thanksgiving.

*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: 285 NEH (10am only) (please kneel if possible)

1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

*Refrain:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

2. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

Refrain

3. For thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
This pure sacrifice of love:

Refrain

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says

Thank you God for the love of our mothers:

thank you God for their care and concern;

thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;

thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;

thank you God for all that they have given us in deed and memory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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: 413 NEH (10am only)

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| <p>1. Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.</p> | <p>3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns,
With them in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.</p> |
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2. O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

Words: German, Martin Rinkart 1586-1649
Tr. Catherine Winkworth 1837-78
The New English Hymnal

The priest says

When the Word became flesh

earth was joined to heaven in the womb of Mary:

may the love and obedience of Mary

be your example. **Amen.**

May the peace of Christ

rule in your hearts and homes. **Amen.**

May you be filled with the joys of the Spirit

and the gifts of your eternal home. **Amen.**

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:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

From a Prayer Book for Australia.
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You are welcome to stay and enjoy a cuppa and a chat in the Hall after the 10am service!

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES DURING THE WEEK

Happy Birthday!

Iris Hughes – 28 March

Happy Anniversary!

Tig & Marilyn Simmons – 28 March



+ Year's Mind

Alan Dickson – 27 March

Geoffrey Simonsen – 27 March

Dorothy Wilson – 29 March

Barry Robertson – 31 March



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....

Mon 27 Feb	1pm	Hoy Day, Kingston Green
Wed 29 Mar	10am	Mass: John Keble followed by Lenten Bible Study
Fri 31 Mar		There is no Aged Care Ministry this week
Sun 2 Apr		<u>Passion Sunday</u>
	8am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
	10am	Family Service with Sunday School
	12pm	Parish BBQ, Hall

NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS



Making of Palm Crosses

Please join us on Saturday 8 April at 9am in the Parish Office to make palm crosses for Palm Sunday. We will provide the palms, instructions and a lovely morning tea! Helpers most welcome!



Parish BBQ next Sunday!

Our next Parish BBQ will be held next Sunday, 2 April, in the Hall around 12 noon. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Gold coin donation. All welcome!



Lenten Discipline Canisters

Canister full? If so you may like to return it by placing it in the collection bowl at the Offertory. If you haven't already taken a canister please consider doing so and returning it at the end of Lent. The canisters are available in the Narthex.



Holy Week Roster

If you would like to assist with any of the Holy Week or Easter services, please attend to the lists in the Narthex.

Lent: Week 4 Meditation

Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' (John 9.40)

"May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy." (A portion of A Franciscan blessing)

Sit with the words of the blessing, and let them stir your spirit.

Easter Special Effort – tickets now available!

Tickets for the Easter special effort will be available today after the service.

\$2 each or 3 for \$5 – there will be a number of prizes.

The special effort will be drawn on Palm Sunday, 9 April.



Lenten Bible Study

To assist in your planning and as a preparation for Easter there will be a mini bible study following the Wednesday 10am Mass in Lent. Please bring a friend!

Thank you!

A big thank you to those who helped yesterday at our working bee. Your efforts are very much appreciated! The next working bee will be held on Saturday 13 May.



ABM Lent Appeal 2017

Envelopes are available in the Narthex if you would like to donate to the ABM's Lent Appeal.

Hoy Day tomorrow!

The Friends of St Francis Fellowship Group's next get-together will be a fundraising Hoy Day – tomorrow, Monday 27 March, at 1pm in the Reception Room, Kingston Green, 62 Cavanagh Street, Cheltenham.

Cost \$5 + \$2 if you wish to purchase raffle tickets.

A lovely afternoon tea to follow. All welcome.



Holy Week & Easter Services



† 9 April – Palm Sunday †

8am & 10am: Blessing of Palms & Procession

† Weekday Services †

Mon 10 April: 10am Eucharist, Tues 11 April: 10am & 7pm Eucharist,

Wed 12 April: 10am Eucharist

† 13 April – Maundy Thursday †

7pm: Eucharist of the Last Supper

† 14 April – Good Friday †

10am: Walk of Witness

starting from Church of the Open Door

12 noon: Devotions– Bishop Paul preaching

2pm: Stations of the Cross

† 16 April – Easter Day †

8am: Lighting of the New Fire & Eucharist

10am: Easter Eucharist



Don't forget...



Our monthly Family Service will be held next Sunday, 2 April, at 10am and includes fun activities for children in our Sunday School! Tell your family, friends and neighbours! All very welcome.

Mothering Sunday Wordsearch

E Y K B D S V W Y Q G U I D A N C E
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 Jesus
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 Mothering Sunday
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 Respect
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 shepherd
 trust