

OTHER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

St Matthew's

Wednesday 9 May:

10am Mass: Julian of Norwich – Fr Ron White

Thursday 10 May:

10am Mass: Ascension Day – Fr Ron White

Friends of St Francis

Sunday 6 May:

9.30am Mass at CHN Prayer Room – Fr Andre Hassing

TODAY'S ROSTER – 6 MAY

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Julie Johnston Rob Johnston	Sidespeople:	Sandra Cooper 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 ROSTER – 13 MAY

8 AM		10 AM	
Sidespeople:	Cliff Simmons Marilyn Simmons	Sidespeople:	
Reader:	Cliff Simmons	Reader:	Sandra Cooper
Chalice:		Chalice:	Mitch Porter
Server:	Priscilla van Reesema	Server:	Phil Whelan
Intercessions:	Vicki Hutton	Intercessions:	Deborah Howard

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Acts	Psalm / Hymn	1 Peter	John
2.42-47	23	2.1-10	10.1-10

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit Hymn: 351 NEH

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,
Cleave the skies with shouts of praise;
Sing to him who found the ransom,
Ancient of eternal days,
God eternal, Word incarnate,
Whom the heaven of heaven obeys.
2. Ere he raised the lofty mountains,
Formed the seas, or built the sky,
Love eternal, free, and boundless,
Forced the Lord of life to die,
Lifted up the Prince of princes
On the throne of Calvary.
3. Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run.

Words: Job Hupton 1762-1849 and
J.M. Neale 1818-66,
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

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.'

John 15.16

**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

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.

In a dark and disfigured world
we have not held out the light of life:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world
we have failed to share our bread:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

In a cold and loveless world
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution. The priest says

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Loving God, your Son has chosen us
and called us to be his friends:
give us grace to keep his commandments,
to love one another,
and to bear fruit which will abide;
through him who is the true vine,
the source of all our life,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone

withhold the water for baptising these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Acts 10.44-48

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 491 TIS

Refrain:

*Father welcomes all his children
To his family through his Son;
Father giving his salvation,
Life for ever has been won.*

1. Little children, come to me,
For my kingdom is of these;
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin.

Refrain

2. In the water, in the word
In his promise, be assured:
Those who are baptised and believe
Shall be born again.

Refrain

3. Let us daily die to sin,
Let us daily rise with him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God.

Refrain

Words: Robin Mann 1949-
Together in Song

A Reading from the First Letter of John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are

not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

1 John 5.1-12

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 394 NEH

1. Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

2. Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

Words: George Herbert, 1593-1633
The New English Hymnal

Remain standing for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John
chapter 15 beginning at verse 9
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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.**

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: 297 NEH

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
Now and every day
Teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance, Lord, of you:
Into our lives your power breaks through,
Living Lord.
3. 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.

4. 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.

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.

We thank you, the God of love,

that you created us;

and continually preserve and sustain us.

You have loved us with an everlasting love,

and given us the light of the knowledge of his glory

in the face of Jesus Christ.

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, 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 Christ

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

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 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.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says

Eternal God, giver of life,
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.
May we who celebrate this holy feast
walk in his risen light
and bring new life to all creation.

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: 238 TIS

1. Christ is the world's true light,
Its captain of salvation,
The day-star clear and bright,
Desire of every nation;
New life, new hope awakes,
For all who own his sway:
Freedom her bondage breaks,
And night is turned to day.
2. In Christ all races meet,
Their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete,
From sunrise to its setting:
When Christ is throned as Lord
All shall forsake their fear,
To ploughshare beat the sword,
To pruning-hook the spear.
3. One Lord, in one great name
Unite us all who own you;
Cast out our pride and shame
That hinder to enthrone you;
The world has waited long,
Has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong,
Come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Words: George Wallace Briggs 1875-1959 alt.
Together In Song

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:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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We give thanks for the life, work and witness of
Margaret Anne (CHN)
commend her to God and uphold the Community in prayer.



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

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES DURING THE WEEK



Happy Birthday!

Joan Leslie – 6 May



Happy Anniversary!

Lesley & Tony Boyd – 10 May

+ Year's Mind

Olive Hartley – 9 May



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD....

Wed 9 May	10am	Mass: Julian of Norwich
	7.30pm	Parish Council, Parish Office
Thurs 10 May	10am	Mass: Ascension Day
Fri 11 May	11am	Aged Care Ministry, Sandfield
Sun 13 May		<u>Good Shepherd Sunday</u>
	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Sung Eucharist
	11.15am	Healing Service

NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Breakfast thank you

Thank you to those who attended our Parish Breakfast last Sunday
and to those who made our Parish Breakfast possible.
We hope more of you will be able to join us at our next Breakfast
on Sunday 29 July!

Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held
this Wednesday, 9 May, at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

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.
So remember to wear red (or flame colours) for Pentecost
as we celebrate this glorious feast day.



Cheltenham Combined Churches – Pentecost Celebration



On Pentecost Sunday, 20 May, we are inviting members of all the
Cheltenham Christian churches to join from 5pm
at Southern Community Church of Christ to reflect on
Pentecost and to join in the N.C.C.A's week of
prayer for Christian unity.

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.

Working Bee



Our next working bee will be held on Saturday 19 May at 9am (weather permitting!). Helpers are needed so please join us! Morning tea provided.

The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)

The May edition of TMA is now available in the Narthex.

This edition includes articles on:

- Claire Rogers, who is CEO of World Vision and an Anglican, reflects on her recent visit to a Rohingya refugee camp in Bangladesh;
- A report on a resolution by Australia's Anglican bishops, which responds to recent changes in the Marriage Act;
- Viewpoints on the cricket and banking scandals;
- In April Ms Robyn Boosey began as the first Manager for the Melbourne Diocese's Prevention of Violence Against Women Program, a first for the Australian Anglican Church;
- "Ministry as mothering unites 'being and doing'": an interview with Canon Dr Emma Percy, Chaplain and Welfare Dean at Trinity College, Oxford;
- A viewpoint on the #MeToo Campaign;
- Tim Costello urges Church and society to 'break out of tribalism';
- Viewpoints responding to the atheism of Stephen Hawking;
- Canon Professor Dorothy Lee reviews 'What did Jesus look Like?' By Joan E. Taylor;
- Barney Zwartz warns that five Christian virtues are now at risk of disappearing.



Love One Another

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 15:9-17

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