

Sunday 27 December 2020
First Sunday after Christmas



REGISTERING FOR SERVICES

As we arrive for any meetings at the church, we are required to register our attendance online via a QR code. If you do not have smart phone, kindly ask someone near you who has a phone to sign you in. We will aim to have someone who knows what they are doing at the door. If you have a phone, you need to enable data usage, get a data plan if you don't have one already, download the Service Victoria app from Play store or App store, skip the first two pages and go to "quick check-in", line up your phone so that the QR code is within the frame on camera, hold still for a moment, and when it takes you to the St James page, type in your first name and your phone and click to register your attendance. You will soon get used to it.

TO KNOW CHRIST, TO SERVE CHRIST, TO PROCLAIM CHRIST

BOOKINGS

There will be a Watch Night communion service at 11:30 pm on New Year's Eve – bookings necessary.

In the service, we will have a moment of remembrance for those who have lost loved ones during the year as well as prayers for the New Year.



NEW BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT

The account details to make a donation to the Building Fund are as follows:

Account Name - St James Building Fund

BSB-703 122 Account Number – 05009897.

SUTS IS COMING TO ST JAMES

Because of COVID, the annual CMS summer conference called SUTS will not be held at one large venue but there will be watch parties set up on the mornings of **Jan 14th, 15th and 16th** for people to watch the live stream in different locations. St James will be one of these locations. To register your attendance, please go to the CMS Vic website and register for the St James Dandenong Watch Party. The content of SUTS is always first class and this is a great opportunity to participate at a local level.

Please uphold Mike and Martin in your prayers as they will be going to Inverloch SUFM in January.

BASKETBALL/FUTSAL COURT

Parish Council has decided to go ahead with the upgrading of our old tennis court turning it into a new Basketball and Futsal Court. More funding is still being sought. If you would like to donate, please put donations into an envelope marked Basketball Court. Tax Deductible donations can also be made through the Melbourne Anglican Foundation. See December issue of the Melbourne Anglican.

PLEASE NOTE

To all Parishioners who have donated household goods and furniture in the past – a BIG THANK YOU. However, we request that you **DO NOT** donate or drop off any more donations as we do not have storage space.

PARISH NEWS REFLECTION: Luke 2:21-40 - The Greatest Revelation

Some are saying that they thought they had seen it all, until 2020! Drought, bushfires, COVID, and now flooding!

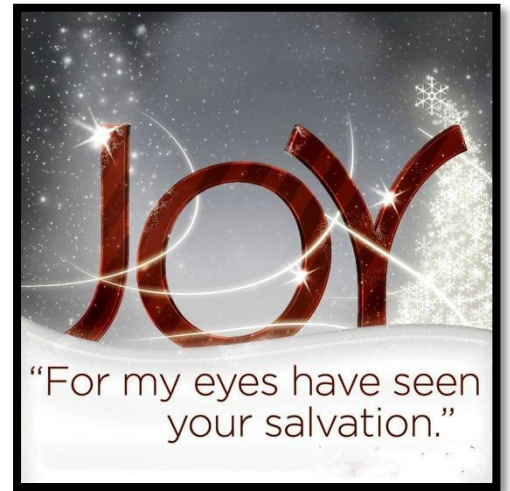
Have you had one of those moments when suddenly the penny drops and you understand something amazing for the first time? You might call it a Revelation.

When Simeon and Anna saw the baby Jesus presented in the temple on his eighth day, they knew that this was the most wonderful thing they would ever see. The long-awaited Messiah has come. God has come to save his people.

Many had this experience in seeing Jesus, yet he said to his disciple Nathaniel: “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” John 1:15.

Following Jesus will lead us to many wonderful Revelations about God, about life and about ourselves. Looking to Jesus is where it all begins.

Here is an outline of this morning’s message.



Introduction: What has been your greatest revelation?

1. **Jesus is revealed to Simeon (25-33)**
 - a. It had been revealed to him that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. (25-27)
 - b. Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace... for my eyes have seen your salvation, (28-33)
2. **A revelation of both amazingly good news and also deep sorrow.**
 - a. This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel (34)
 - b. And a sword will pierce your own soul too (35)
3. **Simeon and Anna have now seen the greatest revelation of all (36-40)**
 - a. They worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day (37).
 - b. Anna began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem (38)



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who are sick or troubled in body or mind, or who have special needs:

(Please email contact@stjamesdandenong.com or contact clergy for prayers for anyone who is in need of them).

This week we continue to pray for:

Ian; Keith; Beryl; Hazel; Kieran; Mark; Fay; Mary.

We also pray for: Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement, His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome, His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch, The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches Bishop Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary World Methodist Council Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches; The Diocese of Bendigo; Christ Church Grammar School; St Andrew's Brighton; Archbishop Philip and all our bishops in their ministry this week.



LAWN MOWING ROSTER:

2 January: Heinz & Vic

9 January: Oyem & Rob

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 3 January 2021

Jeremiah 31: 7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:10-18.

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