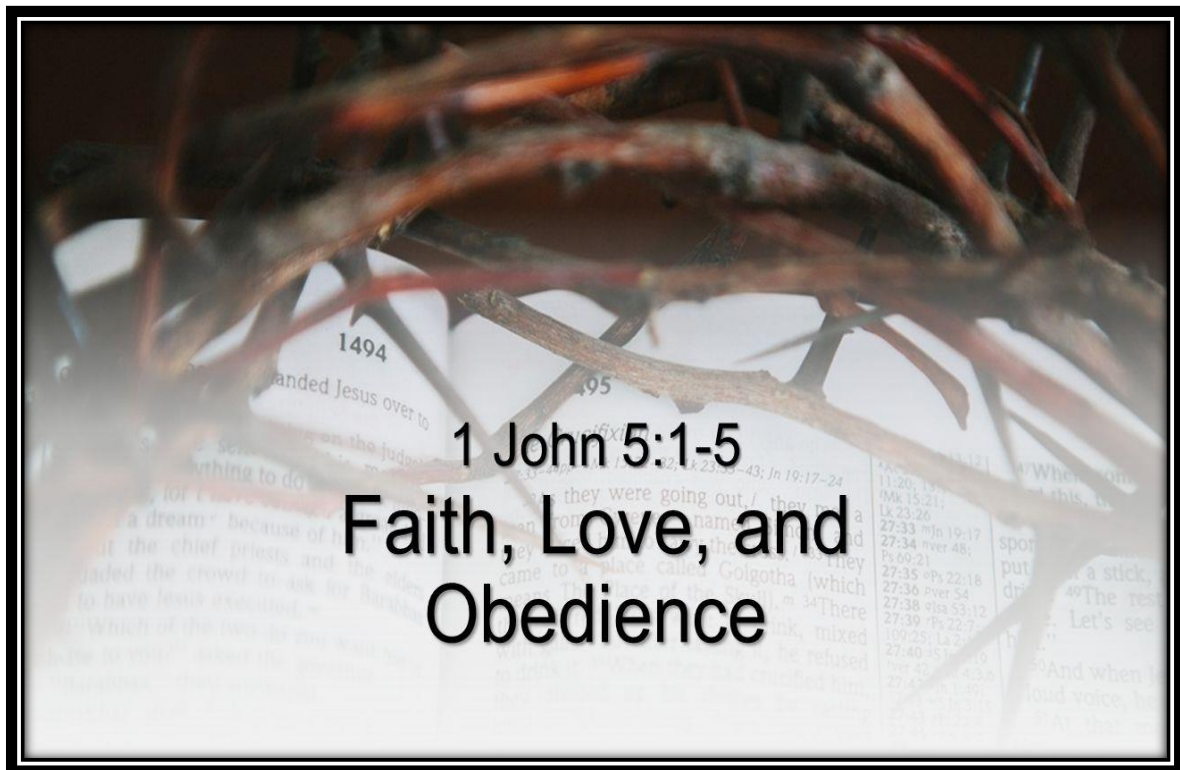


Sunday 9 May 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter



PARISH NEWS REFLECTION -

1 John 5:1-12 "Faith, Love and Obedience"

Many people struggle with what we call assurance. It has to do with the surety we have about our relationship with God and our salvation. How can we be sure that God has accepted us and forgiven us? How can we be sure that we will inherit eternal life and go to be with God?

TO KNOW CHRIST, TO SERVE CHRIST, TO PROCLAIM CHRIST

People often wonder if they have done enough good in this life to deserve heaven. They wonder if they have been religious enough. The truth is, it has nothing to do with how much good we have done, or even how religious we might have been. It has to do with faith in Jesus Christ.

We read in today's bible Reading from 1 John chapter 5, vs. 1 that *"everyone that believes that Jesus is the messiah is born of God"*. Here is an outline of this morning's sermon.

1. Three tests that prove we belong to God (1-3)

- a. Faith in Jesus Christ (1)
- b. Love for God and for his Children (2)
- c. Obedience to his commands (3)

2. Three testimonies that prove that Jesus Christ comes from God (6-10)

- a. The water of his baptism
- b. The blood of his death
- c. The Spirit of God

3. Three benefits of our Faith in Jesus Christ

- a. We have become children of God (1)
- b. We have victory over the world (4-5)
- c. We receive the gift of eternal life (11-12)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE MOTHERS

We appreciate you so much and value all that you do and hope that this day will be a special day for each one. *Proverbs 22:6* tells us "Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." Mothers in particular play such an important role in raising us to walk in God's ways and we are so grateful for that.



MISSION SUNDAY & MISSION BOXES

Please bring Mission Boxes to Church in the next two weeks. Mission Sunday will be **16 May**, when there will be a video on Mercy Ships.

ST JAMES' MOTHER'S UNION EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting is next **Wednesday, 12 May at 7 pm** in the Parish Centre. From now on we will be meeting every second month. Come and join us for Coffee Cake and a chat. We would be delighted to see some new faces; non-members are always very welcome. Pat Varga 9707 5788.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP

A group is meeting together on Wednesday evenings to look at **Who is Jesus?** a course presented by John Dickson, who says "we examine the core claims of Christianity, and evaluate what the evidence tells us about the Jesus of history" John is co-director of the Centre for Public Christianity. Please speak with Jane Peters (0468 696 254) if you would like to join us.



FROM THE ARCHIVES -27 February 1994

Opening of Endeavour Opportunity shop

The Endeavour Opportunity Shop, a joint venture sponsored by St Matthew's Endeavour Hills, the Endeavour Hills Uniting Church and our own Parish, will be officially opened this Tuesday (1 March) at 10am, by the Mayor of

Berwick. Our Regional Bishop, John Wilson, and the Moderator of the Uniting Church will also be present to share in the opening and pray God's blessing upon this ministry.

Church Brass and Silver

Dorothy Gill and Sheila Shugg have lovingly cleaned the Church brasses for more than twenty years, and feel that it is now time to take early retirement. It only takes one hour per month and Dorothy would be happy to pass on the details of this vital task.

IT'S AUTUMN!

Autumn means autumn leaves. In as much as they look lovely on the trees, when they fall they make a mess and can become dangerous when wet. If anyone has an hour (or two) that they could come and rake up leaves it would be fantastic.



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:

Cecil; Maree; Mark; Ruwana; Bethuel; Janet; Trudy; Mazzie; Wesley; Sylvia.

Could those who have placed names in the Book for Prayers please update it by removing anyone who is no longer in need of special prayers. Thank you.

We also pray for: The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Gippsland; Melbourne Grammar School; The Parish of All Saints, Rosebud w. St Katherine's, McCrae; Chinese Congregation Mitcham; St Oswald's Glen Iris; St John's Blackburn; St Paul's Inverleigh; St John's Bannockburn; Archbishop Philip and all our Bishops in their ministry this week.

LAWN MOWING ROSTER:

15 May: Oyem & Rob

22 May: Samoan Congregation

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 16 May – 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

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