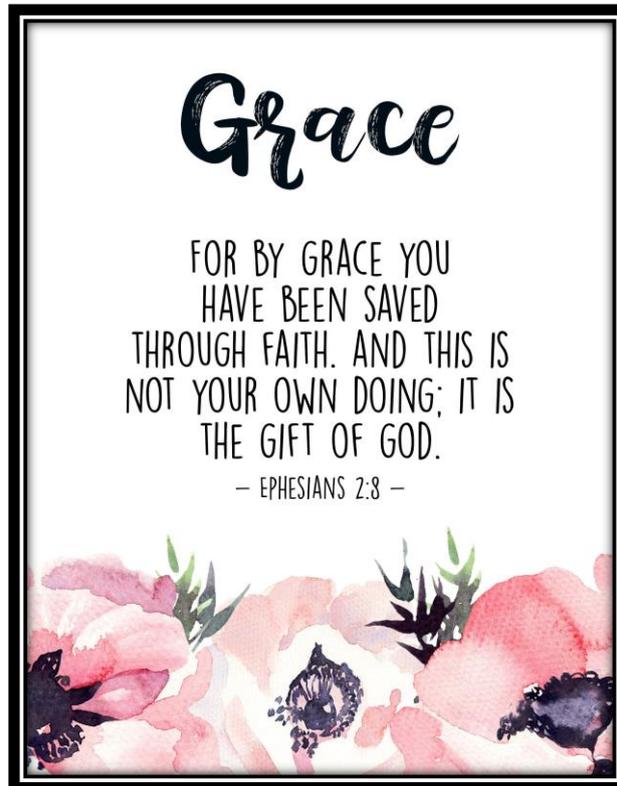


Sunday 18 July 2021
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



PARISH NEWS REFLECTION - Ephesians 2:1-10

By Grace you have been saved

Since the beginning of time people have wondered about the big questions of life:

- Is there anything after death? Is there a purpose in life?
- How did we come to be? Was it a series of random events or was there a creator?
- If there is a creator, how can we know this person or God?

Many have devised elaborate ideas of what might be pleasing to our creator:

- We could excel in doing good works.
- We could show our devotion to our creator through a series of sacrifices.
- We could try to be perfect.

TO KNOW CHRIST, TO SERVE CHRIST, TO PROCLAIM CHRIST

PARISH NEWS REFLECTION continued

All of these human ideas revolve around how much we can do to please God with our own efforts, or wealth, or knowledge or power.

In today's reading from Ephesians, Paul reminds us that we are saved by grace, and "this is not the result of works, so that no one may boast" (9). God doesn't make us strive to earn his approval, because he knows that we would never make it. He gives it to us a gift (grace), and the way that we receive this gift is through faith in Jesus Christ his son.

See the outline of this morning's message:

1. Made alive in Christ

- a. Because of God's great love and rich mercy (4)
- b. We were dead through our trespasses (5)
- c. Now we have been raised to be seated with Christ! (5-6)

2. By the Grace of God

- a. A gift from God – a gift you can't earn & you can't buy (8)
- b. Received through Faith (8)
- c. Not the result of works, so that no one may boast (9)

3. For a life of service

- a. Created in Christ Jesus for good works (10)
- b. Which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life (10)
- c. Save by grace, through faith, for good works – the order matters.

OUR HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY

TIS 432 Christ is made the sure foundation
My hope is built (Cornerstone)

TIS 457 The church's one foundation

TIS 147 To God be the glory

INTERMENT OF ASHES OF JAN RICHARDS

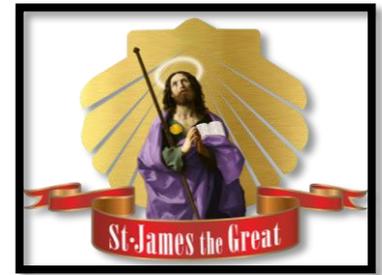
After various postponements, our plan is still to inter the ashes of our dear sister **Jan Richards** in the memorial garden after this Sunday's 10am service. Welcome to family and friends and our prayers are with Lin at this time.

PARISH COUNCIL

A reminder to members of Parish Council that we meet next Monday 19 July at 7:30pm.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

With Victoria's new outbreak and the high possibility of further restrictions, we are scaling back a little the Patronal Festival celebration for next Sunday. After the service, if restrictions allow, we will be serving a sausage sizzle for people to share together. There will be a typical price for each sausage so bring some small change please.



We look forward to resuming normal activities but it is just not possible yet.

REV. MIKE ON LEAVE

A reminder that Mike is away on annual leave until July 18.

OUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON RESTRICTIONS

At the time of the Parish News going to print we are expecting an announcement on new restrictions. It is possible we will need to go back to tighter restrictions on the numbers we are able to have in the Church.

An email will be sent later today once we have clarification on what restrictions we are facing in the near future.

Services will continue and you still need to check in with a QR code at the door. If you don't have a smartphone, you can note your first name and surname and contact number and someone will register you electronically after the service.

Masks will still need to be worn in all our activities.

FROM THE ARCHIVES – 12th October 1997



Today Bob and Freda Atkins celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary. They were married at Holy Trinity, Oakleigh on 12 October 1957 by the Rev Mr Chambers. Our congratulations, love and prayers are with Bob and Freda on this special day. At 12 noon today they will gather with friends here at St James to renew their Wedding vows.

Ian Morrison, our Assistant Priest and Lorraine will celebrate their marriage at St James on Saturday, 25 October at 4.30pm. We are also blessed to be able to continue to have Ian here at St James for a further 12 months as our Assistant Priest.



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; Mark; Ruwana; Bethuel; Russell; Caesar; Melanie; Mike; Hazel; Clovis; Churches & Communities in the Dandenong Ranges.

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: Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; The Diocese of North Queensland; Victorian Council of Churches; St John's Bentleigh; St James & St Peter Kilsyth/Montrose; St Matthews Panton Hill with St Andrews; Archbishop Philip and all our Bishops in their ministry this week.

LAWN MOWING ROSTER:

24 July: Samoan Congregation

31 July: David & Marg Brown

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 25 July – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21.

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