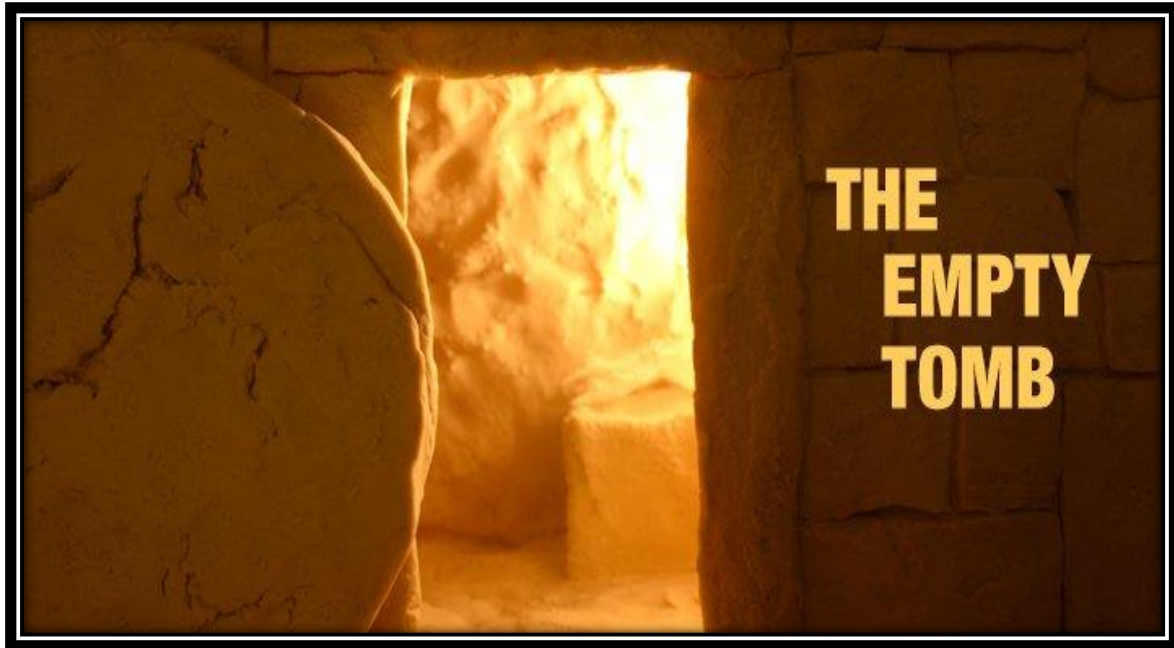


Sunday 4 April 2021
EASTER DAY



PARISH NEWS REFLECTION –

Easter Day - St James Dandenong - John 20:1-19

The iPhone, Amazon and Netflix are now part of the media and technology establishment but their first entry into the marketplace turned the world upside down. Clayton Christenson of the Harvard Business School called this 'disruptive innovation.' According to Christenson, disruptive innovation occurs when a small enterprise engages customers who are overlooked by established industry leaders. The new entrant then moves upmarket and challenges the industry leaders for mainstream customers while preserving the advantages that led to their initial success. We can see disruptive innovation in the ministry of Jesus who proclaimed the kingdom of God to those denied full membership of the mainstream religious system and in the ministry of Paul who proclaimed Jesus and the resurrection to those outside the Jewish religious system altogether. But Easter is disruptive in a more profound sense than this. Disrupt is derived from a Latin word which means: to break apart. At Easter normal life was broken apart. We associate Easter with

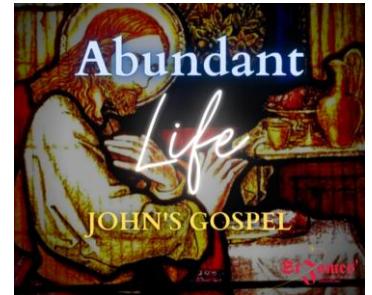
TO KNOW CHRIST, TO SERVE CHRIST, TO PROCLAIM CHRIST

life and joy and new found freedom but according to the Gospel accounts it was marked first by anxiety, bewilderment and distress. Jesus is laid in the tomb on the day of preparation. On the first day of the week when the sabbath is over, Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb and sees that the stone has been removed. She runs to Peter and the beloved disciple with the news: 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' The stone has been moved so the body must have been taken. That is the obvious explanation. Yet Jesus has been raised. Normal life has been disrupted. Obvious explanations don't work anymore. At the empty tomb Peter, the beloved disciple and Mary respond to what they expect to see. It is a moving scene as Mary is reunited with the Lord whom she loves. Yet her preconceptions lead to comic misunderstanding. Jesus is risen so the angels ask Mary, 'Woman, why are you weeping.' Jesus is risen so he asks her, 'Woman, why are you weeping.' Mary, Jesus is standing in front of you! It is only when Jesus addresses her by name, 'Mary', that she recognises who is speaking to her. Normal life has been disrupted. The crucified Jesus is ascending to the Father. Yet life has been healed and reconciled. All that was promised has been fulfilled. Jesus calls us his brothers and sisters. God is our Father; as Jesus called him Father, so we can call him Father too. He has gone to prepare for us a place of permanent fellowship with him. The sacrifice of the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world has been accepted. The good shepherd who laid down his life for the sheep has taken it up again. Normal life has been disrupted: it has been healed and reconciled. That Jesus sends Mary to announce the resurrection to the male disciples is also part of the disruption and the healing. 'He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING SERVICES

Please remember that we are still to check in via the QR code, practice good hand hygiene, and practice social distancing. Family groups can sit together but otherwise we are to try to keep 1.5m distance from others. With this in mind, some people may need to come forward to the side chapel in busy services.

EASTER SERVICES
Maundy Thursday Lamb meal from 6pm
Good Friday service from 10am
with the church open
for quiet reflection and prayer until 5pm
Easter Sunday 8am and 10am



MONTHLY EVENING SERVICE

Our next evening service will be **Sunday 11 April**.
Invite your friends and family as we gather to learn and
experience the abundance of life found in Jesus.

GRAEME ON LEAVE

A reminder that Graeme is on leave until 30 April. During this time, please contact our Curate, Michael Kicevski, or the Wardens. The office phone has been redirected to Mike's mobile. We also have Rev Dr Ian Savage helping with a number of services as locum.

PARISH CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT BANK DETAILS

For those who have pledged, a reminder that the **building account details** are:
Account Name - St James Building Fund account. BSB – 703 122, Account
Number – 05009897.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Bank details are as follows: St James' Anglican Church, Dandenong
BSB 703 122: Account No: 05004623

If you have a Stewardship envelope, please use your name & envelope no. as reference.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

The PR Commission presents to you the following dates for your Diary-
8 May - Mothers' Day High Tea – 2.30-4.30pm – Cost \$20



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:

Maree; Graeme, Jane & family; Glenda; Mark; Jago; Brenda; Allan; Noel; Robert; Kathleen; Caroline; Kim

We also pray for: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; The Diocese of Bunbury; Ecumenical Affairs Committee; Christ Church Melton; St Paul's Cathedral; St Matthews Wheelers Hill; St Mary's Camberwell South; Anglican Parish of St George, Queenscliff and St James Point Cook; Archbishop Philip and all our Bishops in their ministry this week.



LAWN MOWING ROSTER:

10 April: Rusty & Rob

17 April: Frank & Gary

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 11 April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-37; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2.2; John 20:19-31.

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