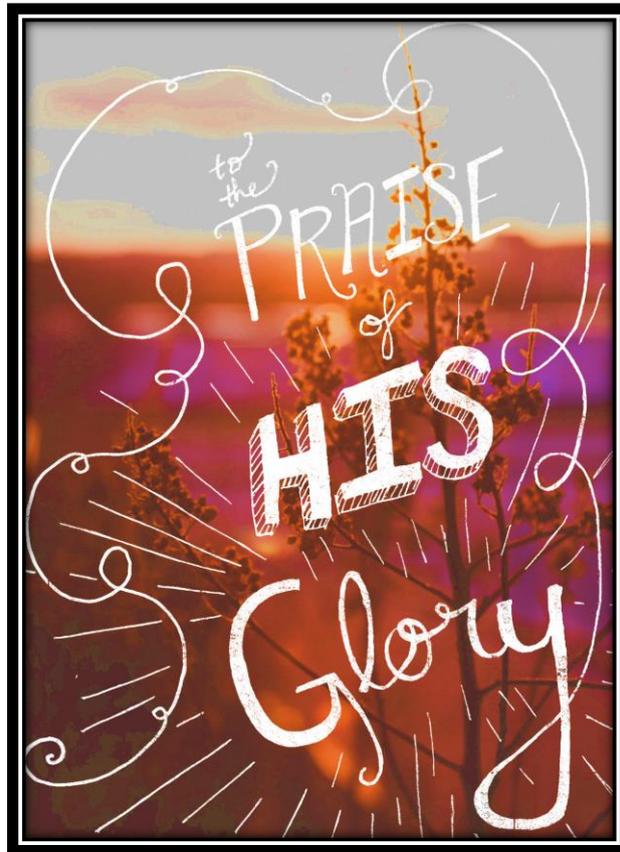


Sunday 11 July 2021
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



PARISH NEWS REFLECTION -

Ephesians 1:1-23. To the Praise of His Glory!

How far can you see? How big is your world view?

Many of us limit our vision to only looking as far as the screen in front of us. Others look beyond their immediate situation and see things on a larger scale and their whole outlook on life is transformed.

When we can include God and his work in our worldview, everything changes. We get a glimpse of eternity. We see that God has had his eye on us since before the creation of the world and he has plans for us that extend for eternity. In Ephesians 1 Paul shows us God's work in our lives through what he has done for us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and all "to the praise of his glory" (vss. 6,12,14).

TO KNOW CHRIST, TO SERVE CHRIST, TO PROCLAIM CHRIST

PARISH NEWS REFLECTION continued

Here is an outline of this morning's message.

1. Chosen by the Father (3-6)

- a. Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places (3)
- b. He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world (4)
- c. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ (5)
- d. To the praise of his glorious grace (6)

2. Redeemed by Christ the Son (7-12)

- a. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses (7)
- b. God has made known to us the mystery of his will, set forth in Christ (9)
- c. So that we might live for the praise of his glory (12)

3. Marked with the Holy Spirit (13-14)

- a. You were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit (13)
- b. The Spirit is the pledge of our inheritance (14)
- c. To the praise his glory (14)

To Think About:

How does this vision of God and his blessings change your outlook on life today?

OUR HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY

TIS 210 O for a thousand tongues

MP 1099 O the mercy of God

TIS 136 There's a wideness in God's mercy

TIS 611 God of grace and God of glory

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in church today have been given by Des DeKlerk in loving memory of his wife

Ionah. Always missed and remembered with much love by all her family.



REV. MIKE ON LEAVE

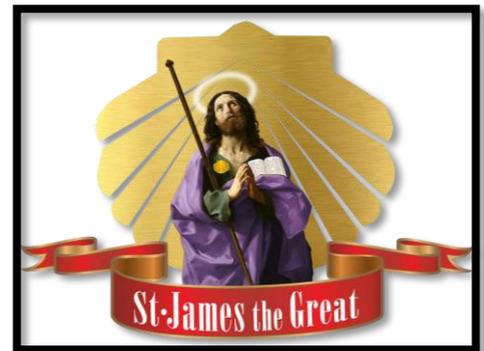
Mike will be away on annual leave from July 5-18.

OUR WEEKLY UPDATE ON RESTRICTIONS

We are now allowed to work on the 2sqm rule for all our indoor activities. This means we can have 109 in church, 72 in the Hall, and 36 in the Parish Centre. **Masks are still required in all our activities** with the exception of staff working in our office. Homes are allowed to have up to 15 visitors per day and outdoor gatherings can be up to 50 people. There is plenty of room for you to come to any of our Sunday Services and we would love to see you. 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.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Our patronal festival is in two weeks' time on **25 July**. We will have a special service but we will still be restricted by numbers to celebrate with a lunch in the way we have in the past as the capacity for the Hall is 72. Does anyone have a suggestion of a creative way we can celebrate within the COVID restrictions? Speak to Graeme.



ST JAMES' MOTHER'S UNION EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Our July meeting will be held this coming Wednesday, **14 July at 7pm** beginning with a hearty bowl of soup. All are welcome. Pat Varga 9707 5788.

FROM THE ARCHIVES - 14th September 1997



This morning we extend a very warm welcome to The Right Reverend Bishop Newell, Bishop of Tasmania as the celebrant and guest preacher at our 10am Eucharist. This is not Bishop Newell's first visit to St James, and it's a pleasure to welcome him back.

A service of Thanksgiving for the life of **Jean Wright Cussen** will be held here at St James on Saturday, 20th September at 10.30am. Jean was a much loved member of our congregation for many years before she moved to Sydney to stay with her daughter.



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: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines; Ministry to the Defence Force; Karingal - St Laurence Community Services; Holy Trinity Balaclava & Elwood; Holy Trinity Surrey Hills; St Paul's Westmeadows/Bulla & St Mary Magdalene Dallas/Broadmeadows; Archbishop Philip and all our Bishops in their ministry this week.

LAWN MOWING ROSTER:

17 July: Frank & Gary

24 July: Samoan Congregation

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 18 July – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:21-38; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56.

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