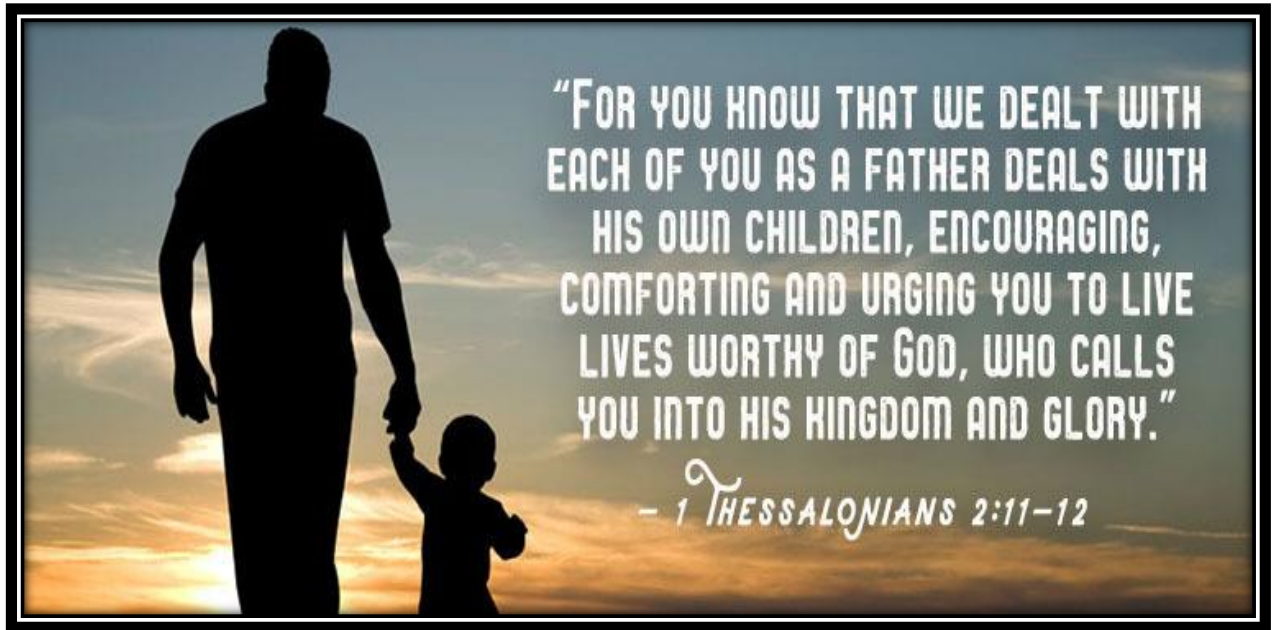


Sunday 25 October 2020
Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost



AGM

Our Parish AGM is scheduled for Sunday the 29th of November. Nominations forms will be available shortly.

RETURN OF SERVICES

As you will all be aware, restrictions seem to be lifting. Hopefully today the State Govt. will announce an easing of more restrictions. Currently, we are able to have services with 5 people plus a service leader outside only. Graeme is still happy to do 5 person communion services if you wish to get five people together up until Monday the 26th. It is hoped that the new announcements will allow for 20 people to meet outside. As Graeme will be on leave until the 10th of November, we won't be re-starting in-person services until Sunday Nov 15th when we propose to offer outdoor services for 20 people (depending on Government announcements) at 8am, 10am and 12 mid-day. You will need to register beforehand via the Parish Office.

TO KNOW CHRIST, TO SERVE CHRIST, TO PROCLAIM CHRIST

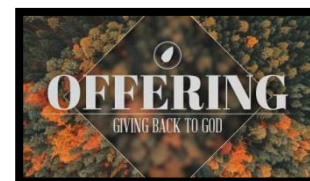
OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Thank you to those who are either depositing into our bank account or dropping off your offerings at the vicarage. Bank details are as follows:

Name: St James Anglican Church, Dandenong

BSB 703 122 Account No: 05004623

If you have a Stewardship envelope, please use your name and envelope number as a reference so that it can be applied to your stewardship giving.



PARISH CENTRE RESPONSE SHEETS ARE DUE BACK TODAY

This doesn't mean that you can't still decide to donate to the project, but we need to compile and present the results of the response sheets to the Diocese in order to have permission to proceed with the project.

New Building Fund Account

We are pleased to advise that the parish has been granted approval for the establishment of a non-assessable Building Fund account to hold donations for the upcoming building works.

The new account details are as follows:

Account Name - St James Building Fund account

BSB-703 122 Account Number – 05009897

If you make a deposit, please send an email to the Parish advising of the deposit. If the name Indue Ltd appears on your receipt as the recipient, don't worry, this is the name of the clearing house for electronic payments that the Diocese uses.

VICAR'S LEAVE

Having cancelled earlier holiday plans due to COVID restrictions, our vicar Graeme is taking 2 weeks holiday from this Tuesday, 27 October until Tuesday, 10 November. During this time please call Rev Michael or speak to one of the Wardens.

PARISH FAIR

Though we won't be able to run our traditional Parish Fair this year, the Fair Committee is hard at work organizing a virtual Parish Fair. Stay tuned and get excited about this innovative new approach.

PASTORAL CARE AND SUPPORT

Please contact Rev Michael on 0432 443 199 if you are in need of any kind of support while Rev Graeme is on holidays.

Please also keep in touch with each other at this time, as it can be lonely for people by themselves. We can all provide support to each other.

GARDENING, MAINTENANCE AND MOWING

We are now allowed to have 5 people working on site in the gardens and lawns at the same time as long they each work independently and follow COVID safe rules (masks, social distancing, sanitizing).

The Lawn Mowing Roster is in need of some 'fresh faces', so if you can spare a couple of hours every 4-5 weeks, contact Marg Brown (0417 364 544).

PARISH NEWS REFLECTION – 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

Pure Motives and Pure Lives

Do you get suspicious when you hear someone starting up their sales pitch?

People usually have a reason for inviting you to something or wanting to share something special with you. Sometimes they have a great reason, and their motives are pure. But sometimes they see you more as a customer to be taken advantage of. Some even use religion out of impure motives for their own material gain.

There were charlatans who used religion to rip people off in Paul's day just as there still are charlatans who use religion to rip people off today.

How can you tell if someone is a charlatan? How was Paul different to these charlatans?

Paul presents his case to the Thessalonians in Ch. 2 regarding both his motives and his life, that both are pure and dedicated only to serving God. He is not a charlatan and has not tried in any way to take advantage of them but only to see them grow and mature in their faith in Christ. We see in this morning's outline:

We shared the gospel with you from pure motives:

For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery (3)

We have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel (4)

We never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed (6)

We were gentle among you (7)

We are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves (8)

We conducted our lives amongst you in a pure and blameless way:

We worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you (9)

You are witnesses of how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was (10)

We dealt with each one of you like a father with his children (11)

When you received the word of God, you accepted it as God's word (13).

To Think about:

(1) What are your motives for wanting to see others come to Christ or come to church? (2) Is there some part of your behaviour that could be a stumbling block for new Christians just coming to faith?



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:

Tom; Ian; Keith; Beryl; Janet; Mazzie; Wesley; Kim; Wayne.

We pray for our Aged Care facilities and especially for Mercy Place & Outlook Gardens where there have been outbreaks of COVID19.

We also pray for: The Church in Wales; Diocese of Brisbane; Ministries to Youth; Parish of St Peter's, Murrumbidgee w. Holy Nativity, Hughesdale; Confirmation Service @ All Souls' Sandringham; St Margaret's Eltham; Archbishop Philip and all our bishops in their ministry this week.



LAWN MOWING ROSTER:

31 October: Rusty Nicholls & David Brown

7 November: Frank Drake & Gary Matthews

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 1 November – All Saints Day

Revelation 7.9-17; Psalm 34.1-10, 34.22; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12.

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