

Sunday 16 May 2021
Seventh Sunday of Easter



MISSION SUNDAY

PARISH NEWS REFLECTION - Eternity

It's a word we often hear sitting in our pews on Sunday, but do we understand it? Everything in our lives has a beginning and an end.

The movies we watch.

The books we read.

The food we enjoy.

The experiences we share, all of these have a beginning and an end including our lives themselves.

TO KNOW CHRIST, TO SERVE CHRIST, TO PROCLAIM CHRIST

How can we understand eternity when everything we know and experience has a beginning and an end?

In our reading this week the Apostle John assures us that we as the church have received eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.

So what does this mean for us?

1. The Testimony of God
2. A living testimony

MISSION SUNDAY

Today is one of our Mission Sundays and your Mission Boxes are due (last opportunity next Sunday, 23 May). We will be hearing briefly about the work of Mercy Ships. Each quarter we send a donation from the churches mission budget to Mercy Ships. If you wish to give an additional donation to Mercy Ships, you could place it in an envelope marked donation to Mercy Ships or you could visit the Mercy Ships website. In your prayers, please uphold the valuable ministry of Mercy Ships.

PENTECOST

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. A tradition in the Anglican Church is to wear red at Pentecost. At the conclusion of next Sunday's service, we will be interring the ashes of our dear sister Alma Yeaman.



FROM THE ARCHIVES – 9 July 1995

From Elizabeth Alfred - My dear friends at St James

Thank you so much for your kindness, your love, and your generosity, as I begin my “retirement”. I have had a wonderfully happy time with you all in these last 16 years, and I know I shall miss worshipping with you week by week. Last Sunday was very special, and my sitting room is now looking resplendent- the children's banner across the curtain which spans a whole wall. The glorious flowers are on my dining table, and there are a lot of cards as well. The cheque is safely in the bank-I am quite overwhelmed, and will eventually find very good use for it. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am inviting friends and neighbours in to see the banner, flowers and the presents-they are as thrilled as I am! Don't forget to come and see me!

Love from Elizabeth.

PRAY FOR OUR BUILDING PROJECT

Some people have asked when are we going to start the building project? We are expecting any day now to get the planning approval from the City of Dandenong for the first stage of the development which is the Basketball/Futsal court. Within the next 2-3 weeks, we will be submitting the Planning Application for the rest of the project which includes the construction of the new building, landscaping, car-parking, fencing and the repainting of the old Parish Hall. Our experience so far has been that the response for the City of Dandenong is slow. These delays add costs. The City has a backlog of building applications resulting from COVID and the govt. stimulus package for home renovations. Builders are backlogged with projects and skilled tradesman are hard to find. Nehemiah faced much greater challenges with his plan to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the city walls. As he prepared to get his approval from the King for this project he prayed: “O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man!”. God answered his prayer giving him success. Pray for our building project and for our church:

Pray that our requests for planning and building approvals would be given smoothly.

- Pray for the right builder to be available to us at the right time.
- Pray for all the resources we need to be supplied.
- Pray that God would be glorified through this project.
- Pray that our church would be blessed and that we would see increase.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

What a delightful afternoon of wonderful food and fellowship last Saturday afternoon at the Mothers’ Day High Tea. Many thanks to everyone who came and worked to make this occasion so successful. We are very grateful to Fiona and Angela who stepped in as our entertainment at very short notice.

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; Russell; Hazel; Kieran; Mark; Fay; Mary.

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 Korea; The Diocese of North West Australia; Mentone Grammar School; Church of the Ascension Springvale; Long Beach Anglican; St John's Sorrento; St John's West Brunswick; Anglican Parish of Banyule; Archbishop Philip and all our Bishops in their ministry this week.

LAWN MOWING ROSTER:

22 May: Samoan Congregation

29 May: Rusty & Tyrone

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 23 May – Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:26-36; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15.

Account details for donations to the Building Fund

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