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St Peter's Ocean Grove & All Saints' Barwon Heads

OUR MISSION STATEMENT -
'TO KNOW CHRIST, AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN'

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Baptism of our Lord

OUR 'normal' WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES WILL BE:

SUNDAYS	7:45 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	9:30 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	11:00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
WEDNESDAYS	10:00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's

There is a camera mounted in the sanctuary during the 9:30 service to allow those who wish to continue using **Zoom** to participate at home.

We worship on the traditional lands of the Wathaurong People of the Kulin Nation, and we acknowledge and pay our respect to their Elders past and present.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 1. 1 - 5	Psalms 29	Acts 19. 1 - 7	Mark 1. 4 - 11
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VICAR'S VOICE

Today we celebrate the baptism of our Lord. When I began looking at our Bible readings for today, I was a little surprised that the Old Testament text is from the beginning of Genesis 1. What might this story of the creation of light and the separating of day and night tell us about Jesus' life and ministry? I'd like to offer two thoughts for your reflection: firstly, and connected to our focus last week on the Epiphany, that God creates light out of nothing and nowhere, and orders time around it by divine means. In a world where many rulers identified themselves with the Sun God of their religious pantheon, our creation narrative has God creating the sun on day four, when the ordering of light and darkness, land and sea, even vegetation, is already established. Secondly, this divine light is then identified with Jesus. In John 1:1-13 we are told that Jesus is the "light of the world" and the creative Word of God. [OVER THE PAGE]-

As Jesus begins his adult ministry by submitting to baptism by John the Baptist, we hear that as Jesus emerged from the water the voice of God was heard, declaring: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.' The power of God is embodied in Jesus – a power that transcends any human power or authority. Jesus, present and active in creating the world, is now present and active in that world, in order to restore and re-create it for all eternity.

Blessings, Jill.

PLEASE READ

The following general regulations apply whenever you are coming to St Peter's or to All Saints' for any reason:

- 1.** If you feel unwell, have a cough, sore throat, fever, or loss of taste or smell, have recently had contact with a person diagnosed with COVID19 or awaiting the result of a COVID19 test or are yourself awaiting the results of a COVID19 test you may not enter church property
- 2.** Masks must be worn at all times.
- 3.** Whenever you enter the church building you must register your attendance, and sanitize your hands.
- 4.** You are required to maintain a respectful distance of 1.5 metres from others at all times.

There are also some specific things you need to be aware of as you come to worship together. The State Government requires that we have a 1-hour interval between the end of one service and the start of the next. This means that our service times will be 7:45 am and 9:30 am at St Peter's, and 11:00 am at All Saints.

The early service will be 45 minutes long.

We will not be passing the offertory plate around the church. A plate will be available near the entrance. Please place your offertory in it as you arrive.

To assist with cleaning, alternating pews will be used at St Peter's for the 7:45 and 9:30 am congregations. **Please observe the signs on the ends of the pews.**

WHAT'S ON		
Tuesday	Op Shop 9.30 - 1	All Saints'
Wednesday	Op Shop 9.30 - 1. Jigsaw Library 10 -12	All Saints'
Friday	Op Shop 9.30 - 1	All Saints'
Saturday	Op Shop 9.30 - 1 Jigsaw Library 10 -12	All Saints'

'God came to my house and asked for charity. I fell on my knees and cried, "Beloved, what may I give?" "Just love," he said. "Just love". FRANCIS OF ASSISI

'May this land be blessed by the Lord, with the precious dew from heaven above, and with the deep waters that lie below; with the best the sun brings forth, and the finest the moon can yield; with the choicest gifts of the ancient mountains; with the fruitfulness of the everlasting hills; with the best gifts of the earth, and its fullness and the favour of him who dwelt in the burning bush.'

DEUTERONOMY 33:13 - 16

FOCUS FOR JANUARY. Lord, At the start of each day, help us to recognize You above all else.

Enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see you and notice how you're at work through our lives. Help us to trust you more, to believe that you can accomplish far more, to do far greater, than we even thought possible. Lord, open our eyes to see the power in your Word. Open our ears to know what you are saying. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and draw us close into your Presence. Speak to us and show us your ways. Help us to know your voice above all else. God, help us to remember that you will never leave us, that you're our Refuge and our Strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Lord God, help us to know you better. Amen.

ASK GOD TO HELP OUR FRIENDS,

FOR THE HEALING OF BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT—

Wendy Hudson, Deb Podbury, Glenys Russell, Betty Boyd, Faye & Ken Bermingham, Jim Wilson, Alex Slocombe, Dot Sutcliffe, Pat Brady, Catherine Fane, Elizabeth Polley, Betty Boyd, Judy Beach, David Bayne, and those we know personally and are not on this list.

FOR THOSE WITH ILLNESSES WHICH MEDICATION WILL NO LONGER HELP -

give courage, strength and comfort in their faith of the joy of eternal life.

TO THOSE RECENTLY BEREAVED -

give comfort and strength.

FOR OUR MEMBERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE GIVE PEACE AND COMFORT -

Hilda Clyne, Shirley Dodgshun, Kaye Middlehurst, Anne Shady, Jean Wadey, Beth Ward, Jenny Wood, Shirley Trimble, Stella Scheiner, Ross Smith, and Keith & Kaye Houston.

IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

Please let the prayer team know about additions and subtractions for our prayer list, so that we can keep it up to date

OUR PRAYER CHAIN provides a way for people to request prayer for particular situations.

If you'd like to join the team who pray, contact Anna or Lyn Carey-Nicholson on 0418 171 787 and they'll send you a text message when they receive a prayer request.

If you would like us to pray for you, contact the Vicar on 0425 805 827.

SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER: This resumes on *Saturdays at 9.00am. in St. Peter's Chapel.*
All are welcome. Please feel free to come regularly, or whenever you have a need for prayer.

MISSION SUPPORT GROUP NEWS: "Sparklit" is the mission agency formerly known as the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge". It supports efforts to produce and distribute Christian literature, both in paper and digital form. For example, a Sparklit grant will enable the staff of a theological college in a former Soviet republic to publish

Chris Wright's "The Old Testament in Seven Sentences" in the predominant language.

Please pray that when they read this overview, first-generation believers will discover that 'the Old Testament drama reveals God's work, wisdom and purpose, and come to know Jesus as Messiah, Saviour and Lord.'



SNAIL MAIL MINISTRY If you think there is someone who would appreciate a 'Thinking of You' card from the Parish, ring Jill Poole and she will attend to it.

REFUGEE FOOD AID All Saints' and St Peter's, together with other churches, have previously contributed food items for refugees. These have been distributed through Welcome Centre, Wesley Church. Our items have been delivered each fortnight until the system was placed in recess. Program leaders have requested that for those led to continue to contribute, it is now best done by purchasing Food Vouchers from Woolies, Coles and Aldi. Vouchers can be mailed to Welcome Centre, Wesley Church, 100 Yarra St. Geelong 3002.

ZOOM If you have not already done so, and can, download the ZOOM app onto your mobile phone, tablet or computer. THEN on SUNDAYS at about 9:15 open ZOOM and click "join". When zoom has opened, enter the meeting IDNUMBER 488 270 257 and make sure you have your name in the 'name' field. Then press "Join Meeting". After you start zoom you may see a message that says "Join with Computer Audio" and also "with computer video". You must click on these messages to proceed successfully. *You will also need the meeting password, which you can get in advance from Jill McCoy or Jon Mamonski if you don't have it from previous weeks.*

STAMPS--- remember what they are for? ---Well, Jill Poole has another use for them [the used Christmas ones] on the cards the craft group make. Please save them and give them to her.

DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK STARTING 11th January			
MONDAY 11	Pss. 28; 9	Genesis 1. 1 – 1-19	John 6. 28 -40
TUESDAY 12	Ps. 33	Gen. 1. 20 – 2.3	John 6. 41 – 59
WEDNESDAY 13	Ps. 35. 1 - 17	Gen. 2. 4 -35	John 6. 60 – 71
THURSDAY 14	Ps. 34	Gen. 3. 1 - 19	John 7. 1 – 13
FRIDAY 15	Ps. 37. 1 - 17	Gen. 3. 20 – 4. 16	John 7. 14 – 4
SATURDAY 16	Ps. 38	Gen. 4. 17 – 5.5; 5. 21-24	John 7. 5 - 36

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 17 TH JANUARY 2021			
1 Sam. 3. 1 - 10	Ps. 139. 1 – 5, 12 - 18	1 Cor. 6. 12 - 20	John 1. 43 - 51

DO YOU REMEMBER? [for those who, at school, used exercise books to write in]

On the outside back cover of our exercise books were things we needed to remember, such as the times tables, measurements of length, weight, time, AND this precious prayer by Richard of Chichester, "**Most kind redeemer, friend and brother, day by day three things I pray: to know thee more clearly, to love thee more dearly, and to follow thee more nearly day by day. Amen**".

If you need information changed or put into the Bridge, **email** or **message** me (Isobel Dean [Parish Directory] by 5pm. Wednesday or earlier) as then it is more likely I will print the right message. Ring me only if you can't get a written copy to me.

Check out the Parish website if you haven't already. You may find something you didn't know.

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