

## NOTICEBOARD

### LITURGIES: 14—19 MAY

<b>Mon</b>	<i>Matthias, Apostle</i>
<b>14</b>	
<b>Tues</b>	
<b>15</b>	12 noon Mass
<b>Wed</b>	<i>Caroline Chisholm, social reformer, 1877</i>
<b>16</b>	10.30 am Mass
<b>Thu</b>	
<b>17</b>	7.30 am Mass
<b>Fri</b>	
<b>18</b>	<i>Fr Stuart's day off (different day)</i>
<b>Sat</b>	<i>Dunstan, archbishop of Canterbury, restorer of monastic life, 988</i>
<b>19</b>	

### NEXT SUNDAY—20 MAY

#### Pentecost Sunday: Eighth Sunday of Easter

9.00 am Lauds

9.30 am Solemn Mass

#### Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104;

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

#### Monthly Parish Lunch at the Roche

#### Third Sunday in the Month

*Cnr George & Johnston Streets*

*3rd Sunday of the month—all welcome!*

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<b>TODAY</b>	Easter Carols Bring your friends
<b>20 May</b>	Lunch at the Roche—all welcome
<b>14 May</b>	Parish Council Meeting—7 pm
<b>15 May</b>	Pastoral Group—Ros Simmons house—7 pm

### NEXT CHORAL MASSES

<b>13 May</b>	Easter Carols
<b>3 June</b>	Corpus Christi
<b>1 July</b>	Anniversary of Dedication

### PUBLICATIONS—IN THE NARTHEX

Fr Stuart's Holy Week and Triduum Homilies
Fr Tom's Homily for Easter 2
Bishop Graeme's Saint Marks Day Homily
TMA May edition

### Feasts are made for laughter

*Ecclesiastes 10:19*



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## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

<b>St Marks Community Centre—250 George St Fitzroy</b>	<b>St Marks RECYCLED—298 Smith St Collingwood</b>
A Partnership with Anglicare Victoria	A Community Program Supporting Saint Mark's Community Centre
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13 MAY 2018

## ASCENSION SUNDAY: THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### GUIDE TO TODAY'S SOLEMN MASS

Gold is used as the colour for this Season of the Resurrection which is celebrated for 50 Days until Pentecost. The shortening and mellow days of Easter Time allowing for ongoing reflection and seeking for the signs of new life promised by the Risen One. On the Sundays of Easter the Commemoration of Baptism through the thanksgiving for water and the rite of sprinkling the baptised replaces the penitential rite.

<b>PRESIDING</b>	Fr Stuart Soley	<b>HOMILIST</b>	Fr Stuart
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	WELCOMING TEAM AT THE DOOR		Jacque Joslin and Peter Owens
<b>ENTRANCE</b>	<b>See p 2</b>	Christ triumphant, ever reigning	<b>TUNE: GUITING POWER</b>
<b>SETTING</b>	St Mark's Setting— <i>De angelis</i> —Cox and Skinner, 1984		
<b>READINGS</b>	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20		
<b>READER</b>	Rena Pritchard	<b>CANTOR</b>	Foon Wong
<b>PSALM</b>	<p>God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trum - pet.</p>		
<b>PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS</b>	<b>130 v.1-2,6-7</b>	Hail the day that sees him rise	<b>TUNE: CHISLEHURST</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS</b>	Leon Warden Philip Cornish		
<b>COMMUNION</b>	<b>434</b>	Eternal Monarch, King most high	<b>TUNE: GONFALON ROYAL</b>
<b>REGINA CAELI</b>	See the second last page of the booklet		
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	Sonate II (1st movement)—Paul Hindemith		
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	In the Old School Hall	<b>HOST</b>	Nola Kilgour and Geoff Trent

FLOWERS

EASTER CAROLS—SING CHRIST RISEN!—TONIGHT—13 MAY AT 6 pm

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## HYMN FOR THE ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Christ triumphant, ever reigning



1. Christ tri- um- phant, ev - er reign - ing, Sa- viour, Mas - ter, King!
2. Word in- car - nate, truth re- veal - ing, Son of Man on earth!
3. Suf- f'ring ser - vant, scorned, ill- treat - ed, vic - tim cru - ci - fied!
4. Priest - ly king, en - throned for ev - er high in heav'n a - bove!
5. So, our hearts and voic - es rais - ing through the a - ges long,



1. Lord of heav'n, our lives sus - tain - ing, hear us as we sing:
2. power and ma - jes - ty con - ceal - ing by your hum - ble birth:
3. death is through the cross de - feat - ed, sin - ners jus - ti - fied:
4. sin and death and hell shall nev - er sti - fle hymns of love:
5. cease - less - ly up - on you gaz - ing, this shall be our song:



- 1-5. Yours the glo-ry and the crown, the high re-nown, th'e - ter - nal name.

Words: Michael Seward (1932-2015)  
Tune: GUITING POWER, John Barnard (born 1948)

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en, who have helped the nation recognise these abuses. We confess sexism as a sin, requiring our repentance and resistance." It also hits out at lies and falsehoods, saying: "truth is morally central to our personal and public lives. Truth-telling is central to the prophetic biblical tradition, whose vocation includes speaking the Word of God into their societies and speaking the truth to power. . .

"Therefore, we reject the practice and pattern of lying that is invading our political and civil life. Politicians, like the rest of us, are human, fallible, sinful, and mortal. But when public lying becomes so persistent that it deliberately tries to change facts for ideological, political, or personal gain, the public accountability to truth is undermined.

"The regular purveying of falsehoods and consistent lying by the nation's highest leaders can change the moral expectations within a culture, the accountability for a civil society, and even the behaviour of families and children. The normalisation of lying presents a profound moral danger to the fabric of society. In the face of lies that bring darkness, Jesus is our truth and our light."

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has co-signed the declaration, alongside 22 other Christian leaders, including Dr Peter Borgdorff from the Christian Reformed Church in North America; Dr Amos Brown of the National Baptist Convention; Dr Tony Campolo, co-Founder, Red Letter Christians; Dr James Forbes from Union Theological Seminary; Bishop Vashti McKenzie of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; Dr Ron Sider from Evangelicals for Social Action; Jim Wallis, President and Founder, Sojourners; and Bishop Will Willimon, from the United Methodist Church.

They conclude their declaration saying that "we are deeply concerned for the soul of our nation, but also for our churches and the integrity of our faith. The present crisis calls us to go deeper – deeper into our relationship to God; deeper into our relationships with each other, especially across racial, ethnic, and national lines; deeper into our relationships with the most vulnerable, who are at greatest risk. . .

"Our urgent need, in a time of moral and political crisis, is to recover the power of confessing our faith. Lament, repent, and then repair. If Jesus is Lord, there is always space for grace. We believe it is time to speak and to act in faith and conscience, not because of politics, but because we are disciples of Jesus Christ – to whom be all authority, honour, and glory.

"It is time for a fresh confession of faith. Jesus is Lord. He is the light in our darkness. 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life' (John 8:12)."

At 7 pm (EDT, 11 pm GMT) on Thursday 24 May, Church leaders and other Christians will gather at the National City Christian Church in Washington DC for a time of prayer and preaching. At 8.30 pm they will process to the White House where they will hold a silent candlelit vigil until 10 pm. More than 1,000 people are expected to take part.

"The church service, the procession to the White House, and silent candlelight vigil is planned in response to the moral and political crises at the highest levels of political leadership that are putting both the soul of the nation and the integrity of Christian faith at stake," the Revd Jim Wallis said.

"The elders call upon all Christians to remember that our identity in Jesus precedes every other identity."

## 'AMERICA FIRST' POLICY IS 'THEOLOGICAL HERESY' FOR FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

Article posted on Anglican Communion News Service May 11, 2018



The Presiding Bishop of the US-based Episcopal Church, Michael Curry, will join a march on the White House by Christian leaders this month as part of an ecumenical movement to “reclaim Jesus”. The march, on Thursday 24 May, will mark the launch of the *Reclaiming Jesus Declaration*, which begins with a stark warning: “We are living through perilous and polarising times as a nation, with a dangerous crisis of moral and political leadership at the highest levels of our government and in our churches. We believe the soul of the nation and the integrity of faith are now at stake.”

It continues: “It is time to be followers of Jesus before anything else – nationality, political party, race, ethnicity, gender, geography – our identity in Christ precedes every other identity. We pray that our nation will see Jesus’ words in us. ‘By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another’ (John 13:35).”

The declaration sets out a number of concerns, including of President Donald Trump’s “America first” policy. The declaration describes it as “a theological heresy for followers of Christ,” and goes on to say: “while we share a patriotic love for our country, we reject xenophobic or ethnic nationalism that places one nation over others as a political goal.

“We reject domination rather than stewardship of the earth’s resources, toward genuine global development that brings human flourishing for all of God’s children. Serving our own communities is essential, but the global connections between us are undeniable. Global poverty, environmental damage, violent conflict, weapons of mass

destruction, and deadly diseases in some places ultimately affect all places, and we need wise political leadership to deal with each of these.”

The declaration says: “Our churches and our nations are part of an international community whose interests always surpass national boundaries. The most well-known verse in the New Testament starts with ‘For God so loved the world’ (John 3:16). We, in turn, should love and serve the world and all its inhabitants, rather than seek first narrow, nationalistic prerogatives.”

The strongly-worded statement also hits out at gender-based violence and misogyny, saying: “we are one body. In Christ, there is to be no oppression based on race, gender, identity, or class (Galatians 3:28). The body of Christ, where those great human divisions are to be overcome, is meant to be an example for the rest of society. When we fail to overcome these oppressive obstacles, and even perpetuate them, we have failed in our vocation to the world – to proclaim and live the reconciling gospel of Christ.

“Therefore, we reject misogyny, the mistreatment, violent abuse, sexual harassment, and assault of women that has been further revealed in our culture and politics, including our churches, and the oppression of any other child of God. We lament when such practices seem publicly ignored, and thus privately condoned, by those in high positions of leadership. We stand for the respect, protection, and affirmation of women in our families, communities, workplaces, politics, and churches. We support the courageous truth-telling voices of wom-

## FR STUART WRITES ...

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### EASTER GREETINGS

Happy Easter!!

### EASTER CAROL LITURGY TONIGHT

This evening we will celebrate Easter Time in ritual, song, prayer, and readings. It is set within the ancient

office of Evening Prayer. We have been using this form for the past three years in Advent and Easter Time. It dates from the earliest Christian era. The choir have been rehearsing hard for this liturgy and readers from across the parish have been approached to participate.

Please bring some of your friends. The Friends of Saint Mark’s Caterers will be providing refreshments follow the liturgy so you will not starve or be parched.

### THE LAST 8 DAYS OF EASTER TIME

This marks the last week of Easter Time culminating in the celebration of Pentecost next Sunday which is the eighth Sunday of Easter. The emphasis on the number eight reflects the strong emphasis that we live in the time of the resurrection. Resurrected on the eighth day ... this season lasts for eight Sundays. Another way to look at the numbers is that Easter Time is like a week of weeks—seven weeks plus one day (Pentecost).

On Thursday I will lead the meditations on the Stations of the Resurrection we have been observing throughout these weeks. I thank those who have attended to allow the stories of the resurrection ‘take hold’ of our religious imagination.

I will lead this week’s meditation on Thursday at 12 noon.

### A HISTORIC VIEW

Over the last week or so one of our neighbours on St David Street demolished the rear of their home to construct an extension to the house. I took the opportunity to take this picture which is a stunning view of the north facing edifice of the church. It is a view that no one in the congregation have ever seen. From this picture you get a strong impression of the ‘bulk’ of the built form of this sacred place.



### MOTHERS AND NURTURERS

At the end of today’s Solemn Mass I will invite mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, nieces and other females forward to pray over them and thank God for their nurturing the faith and goodness in those important to them.

Indeed, as you may remember, I do not hold to the view that particular roles are governed by gender. So I am grateful to Louise McGuire who called those we recognise today ‘nurturers’. That’s the vocation of us all and also why we will all get the simnel cake which I will bless as well.

*May the radiance of the Risen, Ascended Christ shine on us all in this Easter Time so that you and I will be renewed in his risen image!*

## CONTEMPLATING THE GOSPEL ...

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The feast of the Ascension invites us to face the universal experience of the loss of a loved one, and to face it in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been remembering his death and resurrection. The liturgy now draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence and absence of the One who has been raised. The physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence. Like the early Christians, we need time to grasp each dimension of the one great Mystery of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Today's gospel passage receives little attention in commentaries and classes because, along with the immediately preceding passage (Mark 16:9-14), it is a late addition to the original text of Mark's gospel. The author of these verses is familiar with the similar commission to proclaim the good news to all nations and to baptise in the name of the Trinity, found at the end of Matthew's gospel. In Mark 16:15, the command is to go "into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation (*ktisis*)."

It is a more inclusive vision than Matthew's and opens a space for an ecological reading of the text, an extension from the human to the other-than and more-than-human elements of the Earth community.



The command to proclaim the good news, the gospel, recalls the first words of the Markan Jesus, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent [=expand your horizons], and believe in the good news" (1:15).

If we were to accept that our mission in the "in-between times" is to bring the gospel to all creation, then we might take more seriously God's command in Genesis 2 to reverence and protect the earth (usually translated as "to till and to keep"). We might stop polluting the air that all creatures need for life. We might also read the affirmations of Genesis 1 through the lens of Mark 16 and respect once more the intrinsic goodness of all creation as a gospel imperative.

The "Ascension" event recounted towards the end of the passage presupposes a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the cosmos. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and Jesus is caught up into God's realm. The vertical movement is balanced by a horizontal movement: Jesus' return to "the right hand of God" ensures a different kind of presence in the church despite his seeming absence, one that enables the believer to continue the healing and re-creative ministry of

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

20 May—29 July

20 May

### PENTECOST

Next Sunday is the eighth Sunday of Easter ... it is the culmination of Easter Time.

**Please wear something red to Mass today!**

27 May

### THE HOLY TRINITY

Homilist: Dr Cecilia Francis  
Cecilia wrote her doctoral thesis on the Trinity.

3 June

### CORPUS CHRISTI

Solemn Mass, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

10 June

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 June

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

These Sundays are only named 'ordinary' in the sense that they are numbered ...

24 June

### BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

1 July

### 165TH DEDICATION FESTIVAL

Homilist:  
Bishop Jeremy Greaves  
Assistant Bishop in Brisbane

8 July

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 July

### JOHN KEBLE: CATHOLIC RENEWAL SUNDAY

Homilist: Dr Colleen O'Reilly

22 July

### SAINT MARY MAGDALENE: APOSTLE TO THE APOSTLES

29 July

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2.30 pm

Lindsay O'Neill Recital  
Recitalist: Jennifer Chou

## PARISH NEWS

### EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute to the cost of flowers in thanksgiving for someone or something in your life ... please use the envelopes at the back of the church. You will see these tributes are being recognised on the front page of the pew bulletin. **Thanks to those who have already donated.**



### Friends of St. Mark's Annual Homemade and Produce Auction



Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2018  
After Mass in the  
Old School Hall  
Auctioneer: **Rod Conn**

Please note this is a fundraising function for projects

### Stations of the Resurrection



Thursday 17 May  
12 noon

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