

Please pray for:

Bishop Steve and Lorraine, Ministry Educator– Michael Godfrey, CYF Educator - John Graveston, the Diocesan office staff and Council.

Pray for the Selwyn College consultation panel as together we seek God's direction for the future of the college.

Give thanks for the safe arrival of 5 grandchildren or great grandchildren to Deanery families over the last week.

For those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Those who are sick: Ashley, Bill, Bridget, Brian, Chris, Cruz and Mason, Deborah, Denise, Dorothy & Dick, Dorothy H, Ellen, Eric, Gerald, Graham, Helen, Jan Y, Jean V, Jim L, Keith M, Les Myrtle, Louise, Lysiane, Marilyn, Margaret, Mark S, Murray, Pat G, Pauline, Peggy, Philip, Sarah, Sharron M, Stephen, Stewart, Tim, Ruby, Val S, Yvonne B, Claire & Sue J

Worship Schedule

Brighton 10.30a.m. (1st & 3rd Sundays)

Green Island 10.30a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

Mornington 9.30a.m.

St Kilda 11a.m. (Morning tea served from 10.15a.m.)

Midweek service

Wednesday, 1pm @ Holy Cross

Southern Coastal Deanery

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St Mary's 3 Whitby St, Mornington

Holy Cross 5 Bellona St. St Kilda

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Southern Coastal Deanery

1st September, 2019

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

As we enter the second half of the Season after Pentecost, we continue to explore what it means to journey with God as disciples, what it means to be the church. We live within the faith community, called to show mutual love and hospitality to all, for God excludes no one. We are mentors for one another as we learn what it means to follow God's ways.

Jeremiah 2:4–13 This week, the lectionary begins a series of readings from Jeremiah. The prophet began his work about 627 BCE, in the last years of the independence of Judah. Jeremiah speaks to those who are about to be carried off into exile in Babylon. In Jeremiah 2:4–13, the prophet speaks God's accusation of Israel for breaking the covenant. God has done so much for the people, but the people have given up God's way and gone after unprofitable things.

Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16 The early church suffered persecution in the Roman Empire, some of it severe. The letter to the Hebrews encourages Christians living in difficult times. Hebrews does not follow the form of traditional letters in New Testament times. It is more likely a long sermon, written by an unknown author between 60 and 95 CE to a Christian community of both Jews and Gentiles.

In this week's reading, the author summarizes key messages for the fledgling Christian community. What does it mean to be the church? How should Christians behave in difficult times? Show love for other members of the Christian family and show love to strangers and guests. Remember those suffering in prison. Be faithful in marriage. Keep free from the love of money. Be content. Do good to others and share.

In Christian communities today, we continue to open ourselves in mutual love to give and to receive. In showing hospitality to strangers, we cannot tell what effects our acts of kindness may have. Years later we may hear, "Thanks for your encouraging words and your help when I needed them." We also may receive surprising gifts from strangers when we are open to them. The message of Hebrews continues to encourage us to remember those who are mentors to us, teaching the

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faith by word and example. We, in our turn, are guides to others. Above all, the writer of Hebrews calls early Christians, and us, to celebrate that Jesus Christ is a sure and constant presence, supporting us in adversity, encouraging and guiding us at all times. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. We affirm this by praising God and by looking after each other, doing good, and sharing what we have. Jesus also is our mentor in the ways of faithful living. **In Luke 14:1, 7-14**, Jesus is dining at a Pharisee's home. In Luke, the writer shows Jesus as friendly with the Pharisees, supporting the Pharisees' view of the resurrection of the righteous. Jesus tells a story about a banquet to call his disciples to welcome all, including those who live outside the traditions and beliefs of the community. The passage in Hebrews spells out in more detail how this hospitality is lived in the Christian community.

How do we work out what it means to live as disciples in everyday life? Today's readings offer a number of examples to consider as we follow Christ's leading in our community life. We have received the challenge to reach out with hospitality and to mentor one another in the faith. It may be comfortable to extend guiding love and hospitality to those within our own families and churches, but what does it mean to offer such a welcome to newcomers and strangers?

Call to Worship:

This is a gathering time – a time to come together, settle in, and remember who we are. We are the church, **yesterday, today, and tomorrow.**

We are greeted by the Spirit of Jesus who made common tables special and welcomed all to the feast. Spirit is with us, **yesterday, today, and tomorrow.**

Abiding in mutual love we stretch out our hands in friendship and discover the presence of God. We remain in God's love, **yesterday, today, and tomorrow**

Sentence: Let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is the fruit of lips that confess his name. *Hebrews 13:15*

Collect: Celebrating God, in the humble Christ you take the lowest place among us; may we see and serve you in the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind; through Jesus our help, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Jer 2:4-13, Heb 13:1-8,15-16, Luke 14:1,7-14

Hymns: HTC 451 All my hope on God is founded, HTC 21 Immortal, invisible, HTC 28 Amazing Grace, HTC 527 God is our strength and refuge

Notices

Monday 2nd September: St Mary's Fellowship at 7:30pm. Guest Speaker is Chris Bain who has been involved with the Cavalcade for 25 years. There will be a raffle and will be followed by supper.

Tuesday 3rd September: 3pm Oasis, 4pm Health & Wellness group meets at St Kilda. 5.15pm Board Meeting, 7pm Pre Synod Archdeaconry meeting at the Dio Office.

Wednesday 4th September: 10am Home communion, 1pm Eucharist at Holy Cross, 7.30pm Deanery Council meeting

Thursday 5th September: F & V distribution St Mark's 10.30am-11.30am, St Kilda 4pm-5.30pm, 7.15pm EfM

Friday 6th September: 11am Montecillo



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On Sunday 15th September the Diocese is celebrating its 150th anniversary. The celebration will take the form of a Eucharist at the Cathedral at 10am followed by refreshments in the crypt. The Deanery will have no morning services on this day but instead join our Diocesan family at the Cathedral to celebrate.