

**Please pray for:**

Bishop Steven and Lorraine, Ministry Educator– Alec Clark, the Diocesan office staff and Diocesan Council.

Those who are sick: Ashley, Betty, Bill, Bridget, Brent, Chris, Cruz and Mason, Deborah, Denise, Dorothy & Dick, Dorothy H, Elaine, Eric, Gerald, Graham, Harry, Heather S, Keith M, Keith H, Keith & Lorna, Kerry, Jean V, Jesse Bessant, Jim L, Les, Marilyn, Margaret, Mavis, Murray, Neville, Noelene, Pat G, Philip, Ron A, Ron G, Ross, Sarah, Sharron M, Stewart, Tim, Russell, Rhianwyn, Yvonne B, Claire J., Ziggy.

## Worship Schedule

**Brighton 9am (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)**

**Green Island 11a.m. Mornington 9.30a.m.**

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

**Midweek service**

**1pm @ Holy Cross Hall, St Kilda.**

## Southern Coastal Deanery

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Holy Cross 17 Ajax St. St Kilda

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# Southern Coastal Deanery

**8 October, 2017**

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

Most communities to which we belong have rules or guidelines to help us be together. These rules are not meant to be oppressive; they are meant to ensure that everyone's rights are respected. One way we can show our love for each other in community is in the way we honour and respect each other's rights.

**Focus scripture: Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20** Exodus can be seen in two parts. The first half (chapters 1–19 and 32–34) describes the story of Moses and the freeing of the Israelites from slavery. The second half (chapters 20–31 and 35–40) consists of instructions from God on how to live as freed people.

Today's reading starts the second half of the epic narrative where Moses, the leader appointed by God, is affirmed as God's spokesperson on Mount Sinai as he receives the ten commandments delivered by God. The original form and Hebrew language in Exodus 20 suggest that the commandments first may have been simply a list of ten words – murder, idolatry, adultery, and so on. These words were shorthand for a rule of life to guide the people of Israel along their journey to becoming the nation that was promised to Abraham.

The ten commandments summarize God's rule for life. In the first commandment, we are called to acknowledge God as God alone and are called to honour our relationship with God. In the commandment regarding Sabbath, we are called to match the rhythm of our lives with God's rhythm. In the remaining commandments, God's loving wisdom lays out a life lived in relationship with other people that reflects God's relationship with us.

The reformer and theologian Martin Luther taught that every negative in this list implies a positive. For example, "do not kill" implies "support the living." The commandments offer a vision of the world that God promises to bring to fulfillment.

The ten commandments are sometimes referred to in scripture as God's law or the Law of Moses. They form the cornerstone of Israelite

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society. All were called to obey these concrete expressions of God's wisdom and will, regardless of occupation or social class. In the Hebrew Scriptures, "the law" also refers to all of the cultural knowledge that one generation passes on to another. Later, the term Torah is used to refer to the Law – encompassing the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures. Verses 18–20 tell how the Hebrew people tremble in fear at creation's witness to God's holy power – "thunder and lightning, sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking." They plead with Moses to be their mediator, to relay the words of God to them, and to carry their words to God. Moses accepts this role.

Today's readings offer a glimpse of a world where all patterns of human living are grounded in a rule of love and respect. As we continue to grow as a community of God's people, these rules of love can help to shape our lives together.

### **Call to worship**

The law of God is perfect. **Reviving the soul.**

The decrees of God are right. **Rejoicing the heart.**

The commandments of God are clear. **Enlightening our spirits.**

The heavens are telling the Glory of our God. **Let us proclaim God's handiwork in praise and worship.**

**Opening Prayer:** God of community, who binds us together in mutual respect and love. We do not seek righteousness or piety, fancy words and ornate actions, we humbly and reverently seek to be in deeper relationship with you, and to offer our awe and respect as best we know how. Amen.

**Sentence:** The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
*Matthew 21:42*

**Collect:** Merciful God, in Christ you make all things new; transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

**Readings:** Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
Philippians 3:4b-14,  
Matthew 21:33-46

**Hymns:** HTC 147 When I survey the wondrous cross, HTC 539 Father of all whose laws have stood, HTC 541 Fill now my life, HTC 511 Lord your church on earth is seeking.

### **Notices**

**10<sup>th</sup> Oct: Tuesday,** 10.30am Dio Council meeting, 4pm Health and Wellness at Holy Cross.

**11<sup>th</sup> Oct: Wednesday,** 1pm Eucharist @ Holy Cross, 2pm Thornbury House worship, 5.30pm-6.15pm Contemplative Prayer 17a McBride St.

**12<sup>th</sup> Oct: Thursday,** Fruit and Vege distribution GI 10.30am – 11.30am. Holy Cross 4pm-5.30pm.

**13<sup>th</sup> Oct: Friday** Montecillo @ 11am

### **Readings for 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.**

Exodus 32:1-14, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

### **Week of Prayer for World Peace – Dunedin Annual Gathering**

Monday, 16 October 2017 7pm-8pm followed by supper @The Quaker Centre, 15 Park St, Dunedin. Prayers and reflections on peace from all faiths. Everyone is welcome. Organised by the Dunedin Interfaith Council

**The Companions of the Community of the Sacred Name** invite you to join them on Saturday, 21 October 2017, 10am to 3.30pm, at St John's Roslyn. The theme of the Quiet Day is "The Gift of the Day" facilitated by Rev Eric Kyte. Tea and coffee is provided, please bring finger food for a shared lunch.

**General Synod Standing Committee** invites members of the Diocese of Dunedin interested in the Anglican Church at national/provincial level to a service at 5.30pm at All Saints', a pot luck dinner and to follow a Question and Answer session with the Standing Committee on Wednesday, 11 October at 7.00pm at All Saints' hall,

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct: 1.30-3.30,** Holy Name Church- David Haas Catholic Liturgical musical composer & musician – will lead a Retreat session Cost \$15.