



REMINDER



Australia's
Biggest
Morning
Tea

Saturday 25 May

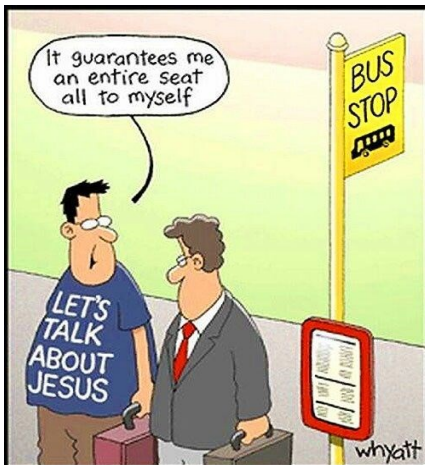
If anyone can help on this day please speak to a Warden or a Parish Councilor. Rosemarie Bland is the organiser but parishioners' help is requested on the day or perhaps with some cooking. All are welcome to attend.

BISHOP'S VISIT:

Bishop Brad Billings will be visiting the parish for our Patronal Festival which will be celebrated on **Sunday 30 June**. It would be wonderful if you could come to worship on that day and to welcome the Bishop. After the service there will be a bring & share morning tea.



Please spread the word of this visit closer to the date.



from the mouths of babes After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."
The Sabbath School Teacher asked, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?" "No, sir," Johnny replies, "I don't have to. My mom is a good cook!"
A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."
A Sabbath school teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."
(by GodUpdates)

From the Vicar

The introductory rites of the Second order Holy Communion in 'A Prayer Book for Australia' serve to prepare the congregation for the celebration of the Eucharist.

These rites include the Greeting, the Confession, the Kyrie Eleison, the Gloria in Excelsis and the Collect.

The Greeting is an exchange between the priest and the people, affirming their unity in Christ and the presence of God. This sets the tone for the service and invites the congregation to participate actively.

The Confession allows the people to acknowledge their imperfections and receive God's forgiveness, cleansing them spiritually before partaking in the Communion. This reflects the need for repentance and reconciliation before approaching the holy sacrament.

The Kyrie Eleison

'Lord have mercy' is one of the most ancient prayers of the church and has been a part of the Eucharist for so long it is retained in its original Greek. It is a prayer of humility and joyful anticipation of mercy.

The Gloria in Excelsis is the song of the Christmas angels and sets the tone of worship. It is omitted during Advent and Lent to allow a more solemn tone and so that the joys of Christmas and Easter may be felt more profoundly.

The Collect is a prayer that gathers the priest and congregation around the theme before the bible readings for the day.

These introductory rites have their roots in ancient Christian liturgical traditions, dating back to the early Church. They serve to create an atmosphere of reverence, humility, and readiness for the sacred meal of Holy Communion.

The Collect for Purity may also be used. It is a prayer that asks God to cleanse the hearts and minds of the worshippers, so that they may worthily celebrate the Eucharist. It is a profound and ancient prayer that was originally said by the priest in the sacristy as part of his preparation to lead the service. It is best used as a preparation and I encourage you to pray this prayer in your heart as you wait in the pew for the Eucharist to begin.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts
are open,
all desires known
and from whom no
secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts
of our hearts
by the inspiration of
your Holy Spirit,
that we may
perfectly love you,
and worthily
magnify your holy
name,
through Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Fr Stuart

**BIBLE READINGS FOR WORSHIP IN
MAY:**

5th Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10.25-26,34-35,44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 4.7-10
John 15.9-17

12th Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1.15-17,20-26
Psalm 103
1 John 4.11-16
John 17.11b-19

19th Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2.1-11
Psalm 104
1 Corinthians 12.3-7,12-13
John 20.19-23

26th The Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

Deuteronomy 4.32-34,39-40
Psalm 33
Romans 8.14-17
Matthew 28.16-20

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Our Parish:

Fr. Stuart & Gail, Airport Chaplain—Mary, parishioners, Church Wardens, Parish Council, Incumbency Committee, Synod representatives, Child Safety, WH & S and COVID officers; Op Shop volunteers; those who provide the music for services; cleaners, gardener, flower arranges, roster volunteers, all other volunteers; those who are travelling and those we know who are sick or suffering.

For the sick:

Merciful God, we entrust to Your tender care those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens Your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

International peace:

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in Your beloved Son, the King of all, govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to His just and gentle rule; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers from The Church of England

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Tuesday in the month,
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SERVICE TIME:

Each Sunday:
9am Eucharist

**Baptisms, Marriages,
Funerals please
contact Fr Stuart.**

**OUR MISSION
STATEMENT**

**TO STRENGTHEN AND
BUILD UP OUR CHURCH
WITHIN THE
COMMUNITY,
WELCOMING ALL WITH
LOVE, RESPECT AND
ACCEPTANCE.**

**Praying my own
prayer**

We are all different. And surely there are as many ways of praying as there are people to pray!

At first we may copy someone else, or use the prayers in a particular book. We may find it helpful to pray with others, or perhaps we prefer to take ourselves off to our own special place.

The important thing to remember is that only *you* can come to God your way, and only *you* can pray *your* prayer and it's the *real you*—the call from *your* heart—that God hears.

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a Lion Manual

the least jealous of another person's donkey—though we might well wish we had his car! And what does it mean to keep the sabbath holy when so many people work a five-day week, with a complex pattern of shift work and time off?

But we can still glimpse the heart of God in these strange rules and regulations if we look for the purpose behind them. God gave his people the Law so that they might enjoy peace of mind, freedom and fulfilment in all they did. All the laws point to the importance of putting God first, of respecting the lives and possessions of others, of protecting the weak and caring for those in need. These are the principles which stay the same wherever we go and whichever age live in.

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GOD'S LAWS TODAY

G.K. Chesterton once said that 'when men land on the moon they'll find the Ten Commandments there'. That's true! Whenever we go in time or space, God's standards never change.

But of course, the teaching we have in the Bible was given to a particular people in a particular place and time. There were laws about what to eat and what to wear, about health and hygiene, about crime and punishment, and about worship and sacrifices. Among the most important were rules about how people should treat each other within families and communities—and how they should behave towards those who were strangers or foreigners.

Many of these laws make very little sense to us today, especially if we live in a completely different culture. We aren't in