

Easter 4 - "perseverance"

TODAY'S Bible readings: Micah 4.1-4; Psalm 23; Romans 5.1-8; John 15.9-17

25 April 2021

the candle

Sentence: "Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." (Romans 5.3-4)

prayer of the day (ANZAC day prayer): O God, our ruler and guide, in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them: We pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome to the Anglican Parish of St Michael & St Luke. As we worship God together today, it is our prayer that God will minister to you through the Word and Sacrament. If you are a communicant member of another Christian church, you are invited to share in the Eucharist in today's service at 9.30AM. **Please scan the QR code using your smartphone camera (or register manually) as you enter the church building**, follow the guidance of the COVID-Safe Team and other COVID-Safe measures announced during the service. Please use the **CONNECT Card** (on page 4) if you have questions about the Christian faith. Sunday Club & Youth Group are still suspended until further notice. Thanks. ☺

ANZAC Day

Clearances for all Parish Volunteers:
 If you haven't put in your application for clearances, please do not delay any further. Please contact Vaughan, Cleoni or Santa if you have any questions but get it done ASAP. There are still a number of parish volunteers who haven't completed this yet. Thank you.

I am sure that as parishioners, we would all have an inbuilt desire to build up this parish to the best that it could be (by God's grace). Before COVID-19 struck, together with the parish council, we had agreed upon a parish mission action plan (MAP) that was reviewed annually. The most recent version of the MAP had been distributed to the parish and is also on display on the church notice board.

The MAP documents our vision (Renew, Revive, Reach-out), our mission (to bring the gospel of Christ to the community and the world), our values (Scripture, Worship, Prayer, Fellowship & Mission) and several actions that should be taken to further build St Michael and St Luke Anglican Parish. Some of the actions proposed had lapsed due to COVID-19 and need to be re-activated or activated (for instance, Sunday Club, Youth Group, public intercessory prayer during Sunday worship, etc.) during the coming months especially as we continue in parish renewal.

However, (also by God's grace) some unexpected new

** this week **	
26 April [7.30PM]	Parish Family Games night in church hall. RSVP to Larry
27 April [7.30PM]	Wardens and Parish Council Meeting (via ZOOM)
2 May [9.30AM]	EASTER 5 & - Holy Communion, Children's Church & Volunteer Appreciation Sunday - "Resurrection life in Christ (4) - REMAINING IN THE VINE"

initiatives had also been implemented that should be continued long-term. These include particularly the inclusion and further development of live-streaming which was never envisaged when I first arrived in this parish and the change to service times. There is likely to be more things that would need to be included as we adjust to a new environment in church life and mission.

In March 2021, I emailed a soft copy of "A Guidebook for Members - How to build

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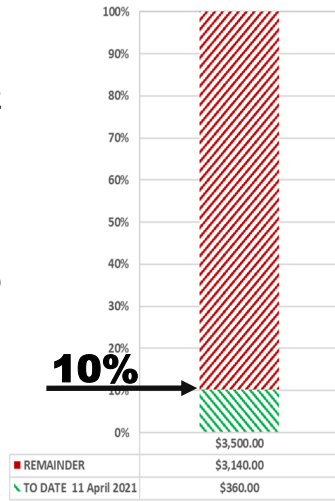
To watch services via live streaming, click: [St Michael & St Luke Livestream channel](#):
 For previous services/messages/live stream recordings, click: [St Michael & St Luke YouTube channel](#), [Santa's YouTube channel](#) and parish website: www.lumi.ac.org.au

Please pass this CANDLE to your friends. Thank you!

live-streaming project cost update!

The cost to complete the live-streaming project was around \$3.5k. Recouping this cost quickly would require on average, 40 people to donate \$11/week for two months or 50 people to donate \$8.75 for two months.

Thanks to all who have contributed - see diagram. Please continue to put in your contribution in the offertory bowl or bank transfer by marking them: "live streaming." **Volunteers are now urgently needed** to learn the live streaming system and operate it. Please contact the Wardens or Garry.



1. Please follow COVID-Safe guidelines listed below :

- IF YOU ARE UNWELL please get tested ASAP & self-isolate at home.
- FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS of the COVID-Safe Team and Santa at all times!
- Facemasks are recommended for singing, distributing communion, when the space is poorly ventilated, and when social distancing cannot be maintained. People of the same household can sit closer together.
- Please BRING your own Bible and bottles of water to drink as these will not be supplied.
- DO NOT enter areas that have blocked off by tape and/or other means.

church notices:



2. The collection of tinned food, etc for the Asylum Seekers has resumed. Please place your contributions in the trolley at the entrance to the church worship area.

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"up your Church" produced by 9Marks ministries (to whom I am thankful). The four major headings considered in this user manual which will be helpful to build up this parish are:

- **BUILD ONE ANOTHER UP WHEN TOGETHER** (e.g. Guard the Gospel, Show Up!, Contribute to the Needs of the Saints, Protect Sound Doctrine, etc.)
- **BUILDING ONE ANOTHER UP WHEN APART** (e.g. Be Hospitable, Disciple Others, Pray for Other Members, Pursue Wandering Sheep, Forbear with One Another, Work for Unity, etc.)
- **BUILDING UP YOUR PASTOR[S]** (e.g. Invite Your Pastors Into Your Life, Encourage Your Pastor, etc.)
- **BUILDING UP BY REACHING OUT** (e.g. Maintain a

Reading the Bible together

26 Apr	Jeremiah 50, 51; Titus 3
27 Apr	Jeremiah 52; Rev 1; Psa 143, 144
28 Apr	Ezekiel 1-3; Revelation 2
29 Apr	Ezekiel 4-7; Revelation 3
30 Apr	Ezekiel 8-11; Revelation 4
01 May	Ezekiel 12-14; Revelation 5
02 May	Acts 8.26-40; Psalm 22.26-32; 1 John 4.7-21; John 15.1-8

THANKS for your generous support & for your participation in the mission of this parish!



Please continue to...

- **PRAY FOR PARISH RENEWAL!**
- **SET ASIDE** time to share and use your talents here - give, serve, & grow!
- **SHARE** your financial treasure. To all who are able, please:
 - ♦ transfer donations or offerings directly to: **"St Michael and St Luke Anglican Church: BSB 063249 a/c 10044425"** or,
 - ♦ put your contribution into an envelope addressed to **P.O. Box 2311 Dandenong North VIC 3175. ***Note that this facility has ended on 31 March 2021.*****

Easter in St Michael & St Luke!

Resurrection life in Christ!

02 May - "Remaining in the vine"

09 May - "Complete Joy"

16 May - "Life of holiness"

23 May - "Pentecost Sunday"

Good Relationship with Christians from Other Churches, Be a Good Witness in the Community, etc.)

If you haven't received a soft copy of this user manual, please ask me for a hard copy. Instead of just sitting back and watching what others are doing, let us all be more participatory to further build this parish in God's strength for God's glory and honour. We all have a role to play in this parish.

Soli Deo Gloria! Santa ☺

2021: being a faithful, loving, thankful & praying people

† Pray for our Diocese & the worldwide Anglican Communion:

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens; Ministries to Youth; Parish of Oakleigh - Holy Trinity & Emmanuel (Colleen Arnold-Moore); episcopal visits: St Luke's Frankston, RAFT Anglican Church Rowville, St John's East Malvern; the Archbishop, Bishops, clergy & lay people of the Diocese in their ministries.

† Pray for our link missionaries Chris, Grace, Micah & Emily Adams:

Please pray for those suffering from the flooding in Timor Leste and for the ongoing lockdown due to COVID19. Despite these challenges, please thank God that Chris had been able to post weekly Bible talks on YouTube. Please pray as they engage with the community with the gospel in other ways during this period.

† Pray for our church, community & the world: *“Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever” (Psalm 23.6).* O God, our ruler and guide, in a world that is full of uncertainties, thank you that through Jesus, we have the certainty of your love for us. We thank you that being the good shepherd, your Son knows us all, ensures that we lack nothing and assures us of our eternal home. Father, we pray for Your special blessing on all gathered here today and those who are joining in via live-stream. We pray this morning for those who are unable to be with us due to frailty or ill health. We pray for the Wardens and Parish Council who will meet this week. Guide them and all of us to look to you and to believe in your Son as we undertake our mission to ‘proclaim the gospel to the community and the world.’ We pray for all clergy and all parishes in the Monash-Kingston deanery - the clergy of the deanery will meet this week for prayer and encouragement. We pray for all churches struggling at this time, for Christians who have lost vision, grown cold in their love, who have lost faith or entered into deep doubt. Strengthen and protect all your servants involved in various ministries here and in other churches. We pray that you will raise up people (and/or send people) who are willing to use their talents, time and treasure so as to reinvigorate ministries here and work towards parish renewal. We particularly pray that this will lead to more people who are willing to *embrace the gospel, follow Jesus, serve and lead in ministry.* We pray for all people in the frontline in relation to COVID19 and other health related issues in all parts of the world. We pray for your comfort and peace in areas of the world which are in turmoil due to civil unrest and/or possible conflict (Myanmar, Ukraine/Russia border, China/Taiwan border, etc.), natural disasters.

Encourage & protect all who face persecution because of their faith in your Son. Lord our God, be a loving presence and comfort to all who are feeling isolated. Enfold all who need your special touch of healing, comfort and peace, this week praying for, Audrey, Brendon, Cathy, Claudette, Cynthia, David, Doris, Grenville, Harrison, Leela, Mary, Mohona, Noreen, Oscar, Rayhaan, Satya, Seelan, Susila, Theodora, Wilma, Yvonne, and all who we remember in our hearts. For all who are sick, we pray that God our heavenly Father will use medical means or direct involvement to heal and for their families to be comforted and encouraged. We pray for your comfort, love & peace on all who mourn remembering especially Anne Oliver and family as they mourn the passing of Les Evens (Anne's brother-in-law) in Wales, remembering Len's wife, Rona and children, Gary, John and Helen and their families. Grant to them a sure trust and confidence in your fatherly care and love. Thank you for all who are recovering from illness or who have recovered. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

May is **Mission Box** month - so please bring in your boxes. If you wish to have a **Mission Box**, which is used to support mission and our link missionaries, please see Beryl or Jo.



2 CHRONICLES 7:14
IN ALL THINGS PRAY
MY FAMILY - MY COMMUNITY - MY CHURCH - MY COUNTRY - MY WORLD
<http://bciova.org/january-prayer-focus-in-all-things-pray/>

For **URGENT PASTORAL CARE** — call Santa

PRAYER CHAINS:

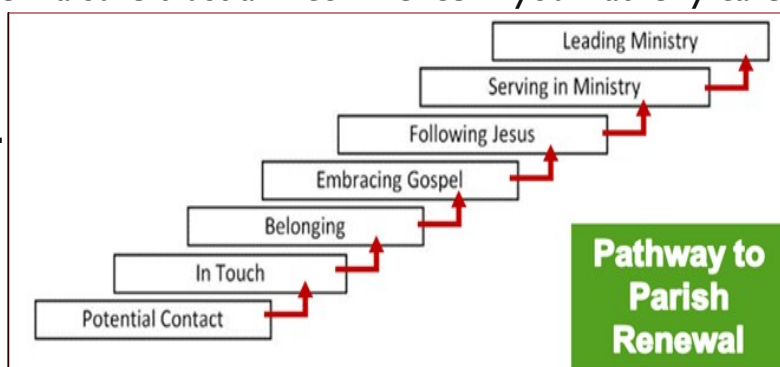
Cynthia [0408 138 627];
Brian [0403 260 645];
Vaughan & Noelle [9546 0353]

Birthdays:

25 Apr - Gunara Perera
26 Apr - Julia Packianathan
29 Apr - Vanessa Perera
01 May - David Ludlow

Looking ahead!

- 27 April - Wardens' and Parish Council Meeting
- 1 May - BCA AGM & dinner from 5.30PM @ RAFT Anglican (register by 26 April 0414 382 621)



praying for the mission of Anglican parish of St Michael & St Luke:

Living God, you have called us to be the Body of Christ. As we “renew, revive, reach out,” may our parish be a sign of hope in this community. May all we do, and all we are becoming, bring praise to your name and draw others to your love. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, who came to serve and bring us the fullness of life. **Amen**



Name:

Prayer need/request/feedback:

Address:

Telephone No:

Email:

If you would like prayer for any reason, please come to the front immediately after Communion.

our regular services at present are:

Sunday @ 9.30AM - Holy

Communion with children's church

3rd Sunday @ 9.30AM - "What is

God doing?" service with Holy

Communion and children's church

Please scan the QR code using your smartphone camera as you enter the church!

who we are!

The Anglican Parish of St Michael & St Luke is a part of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. Our Vision is to encourage one another to **RENEW** our relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, to partner with the LORD to **REVIVE** God's church and to **REACH OUT** to others as the Holy Spirit reveals.

Our Mission is: **"to bring the gospel of Christ to the community and the world"**

Our Values are: **Scripture, Worship, Prayer, Fellowship & Mission**

how to contact us

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AUSTRALIA

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Church e-mail: stmandstl@bigpond.com

Website: www.lumiac.org.au

acknowledgment of traditional owners of the land:

We gather on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri and Boonerwung (or Bunurong) tribes of the Kulin Nation, and we acknowledge them as the Traditional Owners. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

ALL SUSPENDED:

✦ **SUNDAY CLUB** (Kindergarten to Year 6) & **YOUTH GROUP** (Year 7 to Year 12) is temporarily closed

✦ **PLAYGROUP** is closed indefinitely.

✦ **CARE GROUPS** are temporarily closed.

If you wish to participate in any of these activities or have questions, please contact the church office. We will love to hear from you!

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FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE

Child Protection: 1300 360 391
Kooyoora Ltd: 1800 135 246

parish contacts ...

Ministers: All Parishioners!

Vicar: Santa Packianathan

☎ 9792 4925, 9790 6533, 0438 509 669

✉ stmstlvicar@bigpond.com

[Santa is out of office on Thursday]

Sacristan: Brian Bird [0403 260 645]

R U OK Team Coordinator: VACANT - Please call Santa

Children's Ministry: Ellie Martin [0430 416 256]

Youth Ministry and Parish Crim-Check Administrator:
Vaughan Smith [0402751275]

Hall Hire: Anand Raj [0404 043 536]

Honorary Licensed Lay Ministers:

Brian Bird, Garry Martin, Theo Rutgers, John Singh

Church Wardens: Larry Loos [9795 7371];

Vaughan Smith [0402 751 275]; Theo Rutgers [0401 886 674]

Parish COVID-Safe Officer: Prasantha Illesinghe [0425 702 587]

Council Secretary: Cleoni Loos [9755 7097]

Parish Child Safe Officer: Cleoni Loos [9755 7097]

Treasurer: Vaughan Smith [0402751275]

Stewardship: Garry Martin [0433 933 679]

Church Office: VACANT - Please call Santa