

the candle

31 July 2022-Pentecost 8 & James, the Apostle

“Christ, seated at the right hand of God”

TODAY'S Bible readings:

Hosea 11.1-11; Psalm 107.1-9, 43;
 Colossians 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21

Sentence:

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

[Colossians 3.1]

Prayer of the day:

Living God, Judge of us all, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own: through your Spirit give us wisdom, that our possessions may not be a curse, but a means of blessing in our lives. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Prayer of the Week:

Almighty God, whose beloved Son for our sake willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross: give us courage and patience to take up our cross daily and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Prayer for James, the Apostle:

O Gracious God, whose apostle James left his father and all that he had, and without delay obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ: pour out upon the leaders of your Church the same spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Masks, please!! In the light of the recent increase in infectious cases, Parish Council strongly recommends the wearing of masks within our indoor spaces. Thank-you for your understanding.

If you are a communicant member of another Christian church, you are invited to share in the Eucharist in today's 9.30AM service. We pray that God will minister to you through the Word, Sacrament and fellowship today.

Please use the **CONNECT Card** if you have questions about the Christian faith & join us for refreshments (see below) in the church hall after today's worship service.

Coming up!

- **07 August—Pentecost 9 & The Transfiguration of our Lord** — Holy Communion with Children's Church @ 9.30 am.
- **14 August—Pentecost 10 & Mary, Mother of our Lord**—Holy Communion with Children's Church @ 9.30 am.

Reading the Bible together

01 Aug	Isa 65, 66; Ps 62; 1 Thes 4
02 Aug	2 Kgs 21; 2 Chro 33; 1 Thes 5
03 Aug	Nahum 1-3; 2 Thess 1
04 Aug	2 Kgs 22; 2 Chro 34; 2 Thes 2
05 Aug	2 Kgs 23; 2 Chro 35; 2 Thes 3
06 Aug	Habak 1-3; Phil 1
07 Aug	Hosea 11.1-11; Ps 107.1-9, 43; Colossians 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21

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](#),
 and parish website: www.lumi.ac.org.au

Please pass this CANDLE to your friends. Thank you!

▪ **Our Locum**

* Revd Ray Lenthall will be our Locum Vicar during this interim period until further notice.

▪ **Ladies' Cuppa**

* At Waverley Gardens Shopping Centre, Friday, 5th. August at 10.00 am. The "Cuppa" is now first and third Fridays in each month.

▪ **Bunnings BBQ**

* Mark your diaries for our next Bunnings Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, August 27th. Check with Anand or Russell if you can help in any way. Donations toward sausages, onions, sauce, bread, serviettes, etc.. also gratefully accepted. A notice and roster are on the board.

▪ **Greeting Cards for Sale—Today!**

* Cards for all occasions! Noelle is organising this project. Get in early for Christmas, or stock up for birthdays and other special occasions. All proceeds going to church fundraising.

church notices:



THANKS 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:

◆ support our fundraising efforts.

◆ transfer donations or offerings directly to:
"St Michael and St Luke Anglican Church: BSB 063249 a/c 10044425."

◆ You may also place your offerings on the offertory tray during worship services and/or marking them for **General, Parish utilities** or **Parish Maintenance**.



-:Ray's Writings:-

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Our world today seems to concentrate on the individual as opposed to the idea of Community. The computer has hastened that with a person staring at the screen in front of them. My son, when he was living at home at one stage, even suggested I put a messaging program on the computer so that he could communicate with me from his bedroom to the study.

Even at times when we are with other people we can be on our own. Have you ever watched an enthralling TV show with a group of people? Not a word is spoken and if anyone dares open their mouth they are jumped on quickly. Even when the ad breaks are on, people are off for a drink or a snack or a comfort stop so still there is no chance for interaction.

Yet God created us to be with others, to be in Community, and when we fail to be in Community we miss out, as do others. One of the great opportunities of being in Community is to gather together with other Christians to worship God week by week. This is a time when we can be drawn together during the worship service and in the time of fellowship afterwards and can experience something of what Community is all about and how God intended us to live.

Also, It is also good when different church communities can join together for worship from time to time. Such occasions give us the chance to meet with other Christian people. Such interactions enrich us, but our presence also enriches others.

May we take the opportunity to grow in Community and become more the people God intended us to be.

Ray Lenthall

2022: “working together with one mind and purpose, with the attitude of Christ”

At the time of choosing an incumbent Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen. (from:APBA)



Birthdays: 😊
03 Aug –Allison Loos

For URGENT PASTORAL CARE — call Wardens/ Locum

PRAYER CHAINS:
Brian 0403 260 645;
Vaughan & Noelle
0411 320 818

Praying together ...

for the Diocese & the worldwide Anglican Communion:

- ◆ The Church of the Province of West Africa (Abp Jonathan B.B. Har); The Diocese of Gippsland (Bp Richard Treloar, Clergy & People); Royal School of Church Music (Roslyn Carolane, Chair); Christ Church Brunswick (Lindsay Urwin OGS, Jack Lindsay, Russell Goulbourne);

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

- ◆ Pray for Chris continuing to teach the 4-week course on Galatians at the Dili Bible Institute and the blessings that are already resulting from it, including the Youtube presentations on the course prepared by Afunso and Sofia. Pray for the need to establish a training program for pastors and leaders. Praise God for the encouraging responses to distribution of the “God’s Word For Today” devotional material each fortnight and continue praying for Chris and Grace’s other ongoing publication projects., including translation and use of Bible material in the Tetan language. Pray for the new leadership of the Dili Bible Institute following the return of the founding director to Brazil.

for our church, community & the world:

- ◆ Praise God for all who are joining us today (either face-to-face or online).
- ◆ Strengthen & encourage us all, as we “**work together with one mind and purpose, with the attitude of Christ**” and for the completion of safe ministry training by all parish volunteers.
- ◆ For the financial & other pressures faced by this parish & other Christian communities.
- ◆ For God’s wisdom, patience and compassion on leaders at all levels of government and in society, for all medical staff as they care for the sick & dying due to COVID 19 and other illnesses.
- ◆ For all who need God’s special touch of healing, comfort and peace, remembering *Audrey, Barbara, Brendon, Carmen, Claudette, David, Doris, Grenville, Gunara, Hemathi, Harrison, Jeeva, Leela, Mary, Mohona, Oscar, Rayhaan, Roger, Seelan, Wilma, Yvonne*, for those facing mental challenges & all who we remember privately in our hearts.
- ◆ Praise & thank God for all who are recovering from illness and/or all who have recovered and for God’s comfort, love and peace on all who mourn, especially thinking of the family of Frances Savage (wife of Ian). The service of Thanksgiving for the life of Frances will be held at St. Michael’s & St. Luke’s tomorrow (Monday) 1st. August at 11.00 am. If attending, please wear a face-mask. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation—www.jdrf.org.au
- ◆ For God’s mercy, grace and peace upon all communities in Australia and in the world affected by the COVID 19 pandemic, influenza, wars in the Ukraine (due to Russian invasion of Ukraine), Yemen, Syria, of civil unrest (Sri Lanka), for people affected by natural disasters, all who have been displaced, injured or tragically killed (and their loved ones) due to these & other circumstances.

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 we be a sign of hope in our respective communities. 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**

connect

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.

Regular Services:

Sunday @ 9.30AM - Holy Communion & Children's Church

3rd Sunday @ 9.30AM - “What is God doing?” service with Holy Communion & Children's 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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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.

✦ Every Sunday except 3rd Sunday

▪ **SUNDAY CLUB**

▪ **YOUTH GROUP** — on hold

✦ **CARE GROUPS** — see page 1.

✦ **PLAYGROUP** is closed indefinitely.

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

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Child Protection: 1300 360 391
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parish contacts ...

Ministers: All Parishioners!

Locum Vicar: Revd. Ray Lenthall [0428 672 194]

Sacristan: Brian Bird [0403 260 645]

R U OK Team Coordinator: **VACANT** - Please call the Wardens

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

Youth Ministry and Parish Crim-Check Administrator: Vaughan Smith [0402 751 275]

Honorary Licensed Lay Ministers:

Brian Bird, Garry Martin, Theo Rutgers

Church Wardens: Larry Loos [0423 642 941]; Theo Rutgers [0401 886 674]; Cleoni Loos [0413 763 315]

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

Council Secretary & Parish Child Safe Officer: Cleoni Loos [0413 763 315]

Treasurer: Larry Loos [0423 642 941]

Stewardship: Garry Martin [0433 933 679]

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Hall Hire: Anand Raj [0404 043 536]