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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF SWANBOURNE – MT. CLAREMONT

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9 a.m. – Noon

Welcome to The Church of the Resurrection and our Parish of Swanbourne-Mt. Claremont. We extend a warm welcome to those visiting or worshipping with us for the first time today.

Hymns and Setting

All creatures of our God and King 250 CP

O Thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray..... 318 CP

The church's one foundation 585 CP

Setting Dom Gregory Murray

Motet I heard a voice (Tomkins)

For your diary...

Sunday 26 th May	9 a.m. 5 p.m.	Said Mass - Sixth Sunday of Easter Choral Mass with Mapstone Scholars. Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday 2 nd June	9 a.m.	Sung Mass – Seventh Sunday of Easter
Tuesday 4 th June	11:30 a.m.	Fundraising Committee Meeting. Meeting Room.
Sunday 9 th June	9 a.m. 10:30am	Sung Mass – Day of Pentecost Annual General Meeting in Pelican Centre Hall
Tuesday 11 th June	7 p.m.	Church Council Meeting. Meeting Room
Saturday 15 th June	7:30 p.m.	The Mapstone Scholars present Cabaret!
Sunday 16 th June	9 a.m.	Sung Mass – Trinity Sunday
Thursday 20 th June	1 p.m.	Mothers Union Meeting in the Meeting Room
Sunday 23 rd June	9 a.m. 5 p.m.	Said Mass – Second Sunday after Pentecost Choral Mass with Mapstone Scholars.

For your prayers this week...

In the Diocese we pray for Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishop Jeremy James and Bishop Kate Wilmot; St Mark's Anglican Community School, Simon Green, Chair, and members of the Council; St Mary's Anglican Girls' School, Elizabeth Carr AM, Chair, and members of the Board; St Mary's Anglican Girls' School, Judith Tudball, Principal, Terry Curtis (Locum Chaplain) staff and students.

In the Province we pray for the Parish of Wickham, clergy and people; Diocese of Bunbury, Bishop, clergy and people.

In our Partner Diocese, Eldoret, we pray for the Education Department, clergy and people.

In the Anglican Communion we pray for Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Archbishop Philip Freier, Primate and Archbishop of Melbourne; Diocese of Lusaka, Central Africa, bishop, clergy and people.

In the Parish we pray for the Church Wardens and assistant clergy as they lead the parish during the interregnum.

Those who are sick, Beryl Staunton, Fred Banyard, and Barbara Meys.

The faithful departed, those who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur this week.

Prayer for a new Parish Priest

Bishop Jeremy has given us the following prayer for a new parish priest. It will be used each Sunday mass, but you might like to use it in your own personal devotions:

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 us warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen

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Pastoral Care...

Should you require any Pastoral care or a visit, please contact:

Jim Gallagher M: 0417 904 704

Sandra Hughes P: 9384 1532

Pastoral care requests are treated with full confidentiality.

Office Hours...

Please be advised the Office will be operating on modified hours for May.

The Administrator will be in the Office 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Jo can also be contacted on 0421 314 369.

Prayer Chain...

For any Prayer requests, please contact Eileen on P: 9381 7798. Prayer chain requests are treated with full confidentiality.

2019 AGM – Save these dates...

The date for the AGM is 9 June 2018, 10:30 a.m. (after Mass)

- The final date to enrol to vote at the AGM (if needed) is **Sunday 12 May**
 - The final date for items to be added to the AGM Agenda is **Sunday 26 May**
 - The final date to nominate for positions of Wardens and Councillors is **Sunday 2 June**
 - The final date to submit Reports for the AGM is **Sunday 2 June**
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Save the date...

We are having a cabaret on Saturday 15 June. Please save the date.

Request for Cabaret night...

If you have a bistro size table and would be willing to let us use it for the Cabaret night, please see Sandra.

Thank you...

To the Parishioners who manned the Office while Jo was away. **THANK YOU!!!!**

We are having a Cabaret! Again. Please save the date.

Mother's Day Cake and Produce Stall...

Thank you so much everyone, for your most generous contributions to the cake and produce stall on Mother's Day. Thank you Ilona for your help with the smooth running of the event.

The monies raised will help St. Barts in their work with the vulnerable.

Thank you also to Alison for manning the plant stall. The plants were remaining from the St, Paul's Sale of the previous day. \$135.00 will be sent to Opportunity Australia. Please see details on Notice Board.

Many thanks to everybody, it was so kind of you to give your support, yet again - Anne

Next week's readings

26 May, Sixth Sunday of Easter – 9 a.m. Said Mass with Fr. Rowan preaching and presiding. 5 p.m. Choral Mass with Mapstone Scholars, with Fr. Rowan preaching and presiding.

Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 2:10-14 & 21:22-22.5 and John 14:23-29.

Next Week's Roster...

Sunday 26 May – 9 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readers – L. Langley & M.

Blakeway

Welcomers – L. Langley & J.

Masters

Hospitality – None

Sunday 26 May – 5 p.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readers – I. Day & A. Bevan

Welcomers – A. Bevan & Jim

Gallagher

Hospitality – L. & R. Easton & Judy

Gallagher

From Fr. Rowan...

At mass this morning we will be blessing the icon of our crucified Lord Jesus Christ given to the parish by Jill Strong in memory of her children, Sonali and Daniel. Our crucifix icon was to have been blessed last August, but Jill died the week beforehand.

Icons come to us in Western Christianity from the tradition of Eastern Christianity as it developed in the lands of the eastern Mediterranean, Egypt, Syria, Greece, and Russia since at least the fourth century. As something which comes to us from other Christians it is important that we understand what an icon means to them if we are to fully appreciate this gift from their spirituality to us.

Icons are not religious pictures, like the stained glass in our churches, designed to evoke in our minds something of the holiness of who the picture represents. For our Orthodox brothers and sisters in Christ icons are much more than just some mental aid to devotion.

The fundamental Christian affirmation that in Jesus God became a human person, means that God can be portrayed in the man Jesus Christ. God's love also comes to us in the human persons of those whose lives are filled with God by following Christ, that is, the saints. Icons provide a window into the divine world of God's presence because the Church is united in the Communion of Saints, united across death, space, and time. So the saints that have preceded us are just as much a part of the Living Body of Christ as our own friends and family. Just as we might cherish an image of a loved one who is no longer physically with us, Orthodox Christians cherish the images of Christ, his mother, and the saints as images of those we love and who guide us in our own lives.

So unlike other forms of visual art, Orthodox iconography is specifically created with worship in mind.

Icons are full of symbolic meaning to convey the theological truths of the True Faith. From the colours to the stances of the people, icons teach us

who God is, and who we are in relation to Him. For example, in most of the icons of Christ (Nativity, Crucifixion, Resurrection), you'll notice that Christ is the Light emerging from the darkness (of the cave, the water, Golgotha, Hades). Or you will see Christ wearing a red tunic with a blue cloak, showing us that he was divine (red) but took on humanity (blue). His mother is typically dressed opposite as she, and we, are human (blue) who take on Christ's divinity (red).

We are now blessed in our church to have two icons of our Lord Jesus Christ. One icon of Christ's crucifixion, revealing the divine love for us that died for our sins; and one of Christ's resurrection, where God emphatically confirmed the truth of Jesus by raising him to new and glorious life. In this path from death to life that Christ opened for us, we who follow him will also come because of what Christ has done for us.

So please pray for the souls of Jill, Sonali, and Daniel.

May they rest in peace

And rise in glory.

Fr. Rowan

The Blessing and Hallowing of an Icon...

Priest: Blessed is our God always, both now and forever, and unto ages of ages

All: Amen

All: Holy God; holy and mighty; holy and immortal; have mercy on us.

Holy God; holy and mighty; holy and immortal; have mercy on us.

Holy God; holy and mighty; holy and immortal. have mercy on us.

Priest: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Priest: O Lord our God, who created us after your own image and likeness. Who redeems us from our former corruption through Christ your Son our Lord, who took upon himself the form of a servant and became human. Who having taken upon himself our likeness and through whom we are refashioned in the image of your pure blessedness.

Wherefore we pray you, send forth your blessing upon this icon, and with the sprinkling of holy water, bless and make holy this icon to your glory, in honour and remembrance of your Son Jesus Christ. And grant that this sanctification will be to all who venerate this icon of your blessed Son Jesus Christ, and send up their prayer to you as they pray before it. We ask this through the grace and merits and love of our only-begotten Son, with whom we are blessed together with your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, both now and forever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

The priest sprinkles the icon with holy water in the shape of the cross:

Priest: Hallowed and blessed is this icon of your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Readings...

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Acts 11:1-18

Hear the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

Alleluia.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you his angels;
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you stars of light.

Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.

He made them fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and mist,
tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and birds on the wing;

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and women,
old and young together;
let them praise the name of the Lord.

For his name only is exalted,
his splendour above earth and heaven.

He has raised up the horn of his people
and praise for all his faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.

Alleluia.

Psalm 148

A Reading from the Book of the Revelation

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Revelation 21:1-6

Hear the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ According to John

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

John 13:31-35

The Gospel of the Lord: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Summary: Council Meeting Help 14 May...

RECTORY: A lease has been prepared and signed.

NEW PRIEST: The Diocese has suggested we defer the matter for a while. Fr Rowan has offered to proceed in his current role for the foreseeable future. The Council and the Diocese are most happy to accept this offer.

FINANCIAL MATTERS: The Council appreciates the work of our Treasurer both for the quality of his reports and the quality of his advice and comments.


THANK YOU: The Council is very appreciative of the help Lesley McQueen has given to produce the PewNews during Jo's absence.

MAPSTONE SCHOLARS: The Council, with regret, accepts the resignation of Nathaniel Shivaraman, but we are delighted that his skills have been recognised by St. George's Cathedral and that this deserved opportunity has arisen. Congratulations to Nathaniel.

AGM: The AGM will be held after Church on 9th June. If you are interested in nominating for any of the positions, please speak to the Wardens or any of the Council members.

PARISH COUNCIL: the meeting on 14th May was the last meeting of the current Council. A new Council will be elected at the AGM and unless otherwise determined the next Council meeting will be 7.00pm Tuesday 11 June.

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