

*Avon Parish*

10AM THIS SUNDAY  
2 FEB AT HOLY  
TRINITY, STRAT.

ALL AGE FAMILY  
WORSHIP  
MUSIC & FUN!!

**WELCOME - WUNAN NJINDA**

**TO:-**

**SERVICES AT 8.30AM**

**ALL SAINTS & 10AM**

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**



You are invited to light a 'Prayer Candle' and enjoy morning tea after the Services. Toilets are located at the rear of the Hall. Holy Trinity is fitted with a hearing loop. Please note that the Holy Trinity Chancel floor slopes up from the front pews to the Lectern; please use the handrail as needed and take care, thank you.

*We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people as the original inhabitants of this land. We acknowledge their elders past and present and their children who are their hope for the future.*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**Opening Hymn: 'O how good it is . . .'**

**Welcome and Introduction.**

**Greeting, Call to Worship**

**Sentence of the Day**

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6.8

**Time of thanks**

**Prayer of thanks.**

**Confession**

**Absolution**

**Prayer of the Day**

God of heaven,  
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth  
and your messengers to every nation:  
send your Holy Spirit to transform us  
by the good news of everlasting life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**A Reading from the Book of Micah**

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;

for the Lord has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> ‘O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord .’

<sup>6</sup> ‘With what shall I come before the Lord ,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

*Micah 6.1-8*

Hear the word of the Lord  
**thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 15**

<sup>1</sup> Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle:  
or who may dwell upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> Whoever leads an uncorrupt life  
and does the thing which is right:  
who speaks the truth from the heart,  
and has not slandered with the tongue;

<sup>3</sup> Who has done no evil to a friend:  
nor vented abuse against a neighbour;

<sup>4</sup> In whose eyes the worthless have no honour:  
but who makes much of those that fear the Lord;

<sup>5</sup> Whoever has sworn to a neighbour:  
and will not go back on that oath;

<sup>6</sup> Who has not put money to usury:  
nor taken a bribe against the innocent.

<sup>7</sup> Whoever does these things:  
shall never be overthrown.

### **A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians**

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

<sup>19</sup> For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

<sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

<sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

<sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

<sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

<sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

<sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

<sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,

<sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

<sup>30</sup> He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

<sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’

*1 Corinthians 1.18-31*

### **‘Early Talk’**



## Gradual Hymn: MP 1005 ‘Awesome God . . .’

### A Reading from Matthew (5. 1-10)

Jesus saw the crowds who were there. He went up on a hill and sat down. His followers came to him. Jesus taught the people and said:

“Those people who know they have great spiritual needs are happy.  
The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

Those who are sad now are happy.  
God will comfort them.

Those who are humble are happy.  
The earth will belong to them.

Those who want to do right more  
than anything else are happy.  
God will fully satisfy them.

Those who give mercy to others  
are happy.  
Mercy will be given to them.



Those who are pure in their thinking are happy.  
They will be with God.

Those who work to bring peace are happy.  
God will call them his children.

Those who are treated badly for doing  
good are happy.  
The kingdom of heaven belongs to  
them.”

For the Gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Homily and discussion.**

**Affirmation of Faith.**



## **The Prayers of the People.**

### **We pray for:-**

- For the leaders of the countries of the world. For wisdom, peacemaking, fairness and compassion towards the people under their leadership. For some direction, hope and home for refugees and asylum seekers.
- For the people of fire ravaged areas of NSW, SE Queensland, Victoria and Kangaroo Island. Lord grant them resilience, courage and comfort in their grieving as they pick up the threads of getting on and rebuilding their lives.
- We give thanks for the wonderful services and volunteers in our country. The people of the CFA, SES and Police Force etc. and the thousands of volunteers who are such a wonderful fibre of Australia.
- For Bishop Richard's spiritual leadership of the Diocese.
- For the Western Region, Bunyip, Churchill/Boolara/ Yinnar, Drouin, Moe/Newborough, Morwell, Nar Nar Goon, Neerim South, Trafalgar, Traralgon and Warragul. Archdeacon: Sue Jacka, Regional Dean, David Head.
- For our parish ministry and mission. For Dave's leadership and teaching. Empower us Lord to grow in numbers and take your loving grace into the community.
- For your divine guidance as Parish Council discerns major decisions in ministry and outreach.
- For those who coordinate and work to sustain our op shop and mainly music programs. For Team Leaders, May at mainly music, Bev and John at the op shop. For the continued growth and success of these special ministries and for all who support them in so many ways.

\*We pray for the sick, the lonely, sad and suffering, and all who care for them. We pray especially at this time *for Keith, Marion, Phillip, Peter, Ruth, Aileen, Peter T., Brenda, Mark, Alice, Kerrie, Scarlet, Boyd, Brian, Jacob, Emma, Crystal, Pete, Bruce, Geoff, Daryl, Jan, Bob, Craig, Richard, Gail, Karen, Julie and Mick.* In your goodness and mercy grant them health of body, soundness of mind and peace of heart.

### **Greeting of Peace**

**Offertory Hymn: MP 1236 'Whole world . . .'**

**Offertory Prayer**

**The Great Thanksgiving and Communion.**

Prayers after communion.

Announcements.

Final Hymn: MP. 1259 '10,000 Reasons . . .'

Blessing and Dismissal.

Recessional Music

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### **NEWS AND NOTES**

**A very warm welcome to our 'All-Age Family Worship' today.** Dave and the team will ensure there's plenty of music and fun.

**A big reminder about the Ecumenical BBQ this evening commencing at 6pm. BYO meat and either a salad or a sweet. BYO drinks. All parishioners, families and friends are most welcome!**

**Mainly music will recommence at 9.30am this Thursday.** We always look forward to seeing the children/families who return to mainly music after the holidays and to meeting new families and children. A great time for May, Bev and our mainly music volunteers.

**We need some more mainly music volunteers. If you or anyone you know may be interested in coming to a fun time of interactive music for kids and joining in a social morning tea after the 30 minutes of music, then please speak to May or Bev.**

Re the warm invitation to join with our St Andrews friends for an Australian Day lunch at the Bruthen Hotel in of support local businesses following the bush fires.

Hilary Rash writes: -

*Thank you to our Holy Trinity friends who joined in with our "Give back to Bruthen" lunch last Monday. It was lovely to spend the day and share fellowship with you. We had more than thirty friends overall who made the trip, and the staff at the Bruthen Inn were very appreciative of our support. Many thanks to you all.*

**Holy Trinity Parishioners enjoyed a pleasant social day with friends from the Uniting and Catholic Churches – thank you.**



## **PARISH DIARY & HOLY TRINITY ROSTER**

### **February 2020**

*Op shop Easter raffle commences.*

*Thursdays 9.30am, mainly music, during school term, in the Parish Hall*

*Fridays 9am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity*

**Retiring Offertory: Project 123 1<sup>ST</sup> week then MAF.**

**6pm Ecumenical BBQ at Holy Trinity Church Stratford**

**Thurs 6**

**mainly music commences for 2020.**

**Sun 9**

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany. Rev Heather Toms.**

**Thurs. 13**

**National Apology to the Stolen Generation**

**Sat 15**

**Men's Breakfast group**

**Sun 16**

**Sixth Sunday after The Epiphany. 7.30pm Carol's Meet.  
Rev Heather Toms Preaching & Presiding**

**Wed. 19**

**Parish Council Reports due**

**Thurs 20**

**UN World Day of Social Justice**

**Fri 21**

**Lenten Conversation. + Richard & + Patrick at the Abbey,  
10am – 3.30pm.**

**6pm-8.30pm. Dave leading a Safe Church Ministry.**

**Sat 22**

**9.30am-4pm Safe Church Ministry Workshop in Warragul**

**Sat.22**

**Scout Founders Day.**

**Sun. 23**

**Last Sunday before Lent. Transfiguration Sunday.**

**Pancakes/ Holy Trinity**

**MAF speaker at Holy Trinity**

**Tues. 25**

**Shrove Tuesday. 10am Pancakes at the Op Shop.**

**7.30pm Parish Council**

**Wed. 26**

**Ash Wednesday. 7pm Service at Holy Trinity**

### **Holy Trinity Roster – 9 February, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Isaiah 58.1-9a (9b-12) Ps.112. 1 Cor 2.1-13 (14-16) Matthew 5.13-20**

**Priest: Heather. Lit Assist Gail, Kerry C. Read: Liliias, May**

**Intercess: Gail. Org: Vic. Sides: Denise, May. PPT: Paul**

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