



St Peter's
CHURCH SOUTHPORT



Key Notes: 19 & 26 November 2023

What's been happening at St Peter's?

(Here's a slightly abridged and updated version of my recent report to Parish Council just to keep you 'in the loop')

Introduction:

Since our last meeting Jill and I have spent some time in New Zealand. We were delighted to welcome our third grandchild into the world on Friday 27th October. Alas, I was back at work by only one day but that's how these things go. Jill stayed on for another 10 days to be a helpful grandma. Sincere thanks to Fr John Pinson, Fr John Dougherty and Fr Patrick Duckworth for their coverage in my absence.

A. A snapshot of events so far this last month:

- I was sorry to have missed the *Fashion Parade* on Saturday 21st. Well done to all those who were involved in this fun event.
- The Feast of *All Saints* was observed in a solemn mass on Wednesday 1st November. I am particularly pleased that Shaun Jeneke has been able to engage in the role of Thurifer (with his young son Ryder acting as understudy.)
- We commemorated *All Souls' Day* this Sunday just passed.
- A great deal of fun was had at the *Melbourne Cup Day* celebrations. Lovely food and a great deal of fun.
- In preparation for the *Confirmation* service (12th November - see pictures below) I have recorded 8 x 20 minute YouTube 'Inquirer's Hour' sessions. The idea was that getting 7 adults together for Confirmation classes was just going to be too complex. So the sessions were recorded for them to view on YouTube at their convenience. By all accounts this process has been well received. As my key text I use Evangelisation Brisbane's "*At Home with God's People*," a product of the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane and an excellent resource. Although 8 sessions have been recorded so far, it is my intention to record more since several of the group requested this. This seems to be a very good way of coordinating education in the parish. I see further scope for this.
- *Confirmation* took place on Sunday 12th November, Bishop John Roundhill in attendance, with 7 confirmees. Congratulations to you all.

- *Wednesday Bible Study*. Today we completed our year-long study of "the Revelation to John." We have managed this via Zoom and face-to-face and as a hybrid approach and this appears to have been successful. It is probably too late in the year to commence a new study. There is some consensus about using N T Wright's commentary on Hebrews as our next study.
- The *Phoenix ladies* held their Christmas function on Thursday 9th November. A great day - finishing off the year in style.
- On 11th November there was an excellent Diocesan *training event for Parish Treasurers* held here at St Peter's. Christine attended the day-long session and felt that it was very worthwhile.
- On Sunday 12th November St Peter's '*remembered the fallen*' at our 9:30 am service.
- I am delighted to welcome Will Butler aboard as our new online streaming technician. Will is a year 11 student from A B Patterson College [and happens to be Joan and Tom Turner's grandson.] Will sees his future in behind-the-scenes technology for live theatre etc. and we are very pleased to benefit from his expertise.

B. Forthcoming:

- Chris Kennedy (Spiritual Director in the Ignatian style) has very generously agreed to lead us in our *Advent Retreat* this year: we will be using the wonderful resource "With Expectant Hearts" - these books are available from the office. [Many will know Chris as the Director of our Ignatian Retreats over three Sundays in September.] See the poster below for more information.
- *Christ the King Sunday* is on Sunday 26th November, and this marks the end of the Church calendar year. Advent commences the following Sunday 3rd December.
- A St Andrew's Mass will take place on Thursday 30th November at 7:00 pm.

C. The Three 'themes' that I have been working on this year at St Peter's.

- *Bidding everyone 'come back!'* There is no doubt that we are a 'sociable parish' and we have taken many opportunities this year to get together and enjoy each other's company. As the year goes by I have come to appreciate more and more the work that Christine and Inga put into making these a success. A sincere thanks to them both. The point of this socialising is to enjoy fellowship with our brothers and sisters. Since we do this so well, let's take every opportunity to welcome new folk to our fun get-togethers.
- *Planning for Christine's impending retirement:* we will see her having one week off each month for the foreseeable future.
- Finally, *enhancing worship traditions.* The shelf is now up, and the order for silver candlesticks (plus engraving) from Spain has now been placed. We will be receiving 6 x 30cm silver candlesticks and 1 x 120 cm Paschal Candlestick in the new year. Thank you to Russell for drafting the application for the faculty (A *faculty* is the process by which we obtain Diocesan approval for this alteration to the fabric of the church.)

Final thoughts

Before closing the last Parish Council meeting for 2023 with the Grace, Fr Don suggested that the Council meet for a Christmas get-together at a local cafe. All agreed so a time and venue will be arranged.



All Souls



Remembrance Sunday



Melbourne Cup Fun

Tuesday 7 November



Hats on Show



Men out to impress!



The horses are at the gate...



Hats on Show



Studying the form



Winners are gridders!



Confirmation - Sunday 12 November



Bishop John Roundhill cuts the Confirmation Cake



And what a cake it is!



Proud Grandparents and family



ADVENT RETREAT



“WITH EXPECTANT HEARTS”

You are invited to join us as we reflect upon what it means: “to allow God to come to birth in us”
in daily reflection and weekly conversation as we await Our Lord's birth at Christmas.
Our resource will be the Advent publication *WITH EXPECTANT HEARTS* (and this will be provided)



The four “conversation sessions” follow Wednesday 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, from 11am to 12noon (face-to-face and online)
22 November, 6th, 13th & 20th December.
Facilitator: Chris Kennedy (Spiritual Director in the Ignatian Tradition).

~ 26 November ~

*The flowers in the Church
are to the Glory of God and
are given in loving memory
by the families of:
Jack & Dorothy Flitcroft;
Elsie Whichello*

The candles are given in loving memory of Phillip Edmund (Phil) Kenafake



*Remembering Hilton and Chris Blake ~ Sunday 26th November,
7:00 am Holy Eucharist*

Collect & Readings

Sunday 19 November ~ Pentecost XXV

Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord God ! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' 13 Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. 14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. 17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17

R We shall rejoice all the days of our lives.

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God. **R**
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, 'Go back, O child of earth.'
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night. **R**
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. **R**
- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity. **R**
- 16 Show your servants your works and your splendour to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork. **R**

The Collect

*Everliving God,
before the earth was formed,
and even after it shall cease to be, you are God.
Break into our short span of life
and show us those things that are eternal,
that we may serve your purpose in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*



1 Thessalonians Chapter 5: 1–11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, ‘There is peace and security’, then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25: 14-30

14 ‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” 21 His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” 23 His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” 26 But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Willem de Poorter, *Parable of the Talents*, 17th century



Sunday 26 November ~ The Sunday before Advent: Christ the King Sunday

Ezekiel 34: 11–16, 20–24

11 For thus says the Lord God : I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12 As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God . 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. 20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the Lord , will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord , have spoken.

Psalm 100

R Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands!

- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. **R**
- 2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **R**
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age. **R**

Ephesians 1: 15–23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.



St Matthew 25: 31-46

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." 37 Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 40 And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." 44 Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" 45 Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

THE COLLECT

*God of power and love,
who raised your Son Jesus from death to life,
resplendent in glory to rule over all creation:
free the world to rejoice in his peace,
to glory in his justice, and to live in his love.
Unite the human race
in Jesus Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



John Trumbull - "I Was in Prison and Ye Came Unto Me" 1840-7

For All the Saints

~ St Clement ~

remembered: November 23

Bishop of Rome, Martyr

We know from the New Testament of some of the troubles that Paul had with the church in Corinth. The church there suffered from further troubles towards the end of the first century, and the church in Rome wrote to Corinth about 96 in an effort to resolve the issue. The letter known as *1 Clement* was sent by Clement in the name of the church in Rome.

Clement by later tradition is reckoned as the third or fourth bishop of Rome. At that time, on evidence from *1 Clement*, the church in Rome appears to have been controlled by a group of presbyter-bishops, for whom Clement was the spokesman. Church order as it later developed with a single bishop in each centre was not yet the norm in Rome. Other than his position as a bishop in Rome, we know almost nothing about Clement.

The actual trouble in Corinth concerned a group of young Christian leaders who had usurped the proper position of the respected elders of the community. Clement writes at some length in an effort to restore peace in the church. The letter is much more than a call to order in the church in Corinth. Clement sets out a picture of the church as an orderly body under God, with authority vested in the duly appointed leaders. Various designated “bishops” or “presbyters”, they are the ones who are to lead the worship and preside over the church’s life. The attitude of the younger members of the church in Corinth is, therefore, not just a problem of youthful exuberance, but a challenge to the duly ordained divine order of things.

The first letter of Clement was widely read in the early church, giving as it did very clear support to a hierarchical view of things at a time when the church was searching for appropriate lines of authority to combat some of the more radical views springing up. Some ancient manuscripts include *1 Clement* as part of the New Testament, along with *2 Clement*, which is an anonymous second century homily.

Clemens I, the Pope of Rome. Mosaic from St. Sophia of Kyiv, 11th c. In places of loss (lower part of the composition) – oil painting of the 18th c.



~ St Andrew ~

remembered: November 30

Apostle, Martyr

Although we learn little about Andrew in Matthew, Mark and Luke, he plays a more prominent role in John's Gospel. There he appears as a disciple of John the Baptist. He and another disciple see Jesus as the fulfilment of John's prophetic ministry, and decide to follow Jesus instead of John (John 1:35-40). It is Andrew who then effects the introduction to Jesus of his brother Simon Peter (John 1:4f). This story adds detail to the acceptance of Jesus' call by these brothers and their fishing partners, the sons of Zebedee, in Matthew 4:18-22. Something which Matthew does not provide.

Later, Andrew is found associated with another apostle from Bethsaida, Philip. When Jesus tests the disciples by challenging them with the hunger of the multitude, Philip asserts that they could not afford the amount of bread that would be needed. Andrew adds: What use are a few loaves and a couple of fish? (John 6:5-9), but he nevertheless brings the boy with the loaves and fishes to Jesus for the feeding of the multitude. Later in John's Gospel, at the feast in Jerusalem, some Greeks who want to see Jesus approach Philip, and Philip consults his fellow-townsmen, Andrew, who tells Jesus of the request (John 12:20-22).

As one of the first two to follow Jesus, and also as a kind of bridge with the Gentile world, Andrew is an appropriately missionary apostle. Apart from Andrew's inclusion among the four who ask Jesus about signs of the end (Mark 13:3), and the listing of his name among the Twelve, the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) add no further information about him. There are later traditions about his missionary work and eventual martyrdom, including his execution on an X-shaped cross. He is the patron saint of Scotland, on account of the tradition that sees the translation of his relics there in the eighth century.

COLLECT OF ST ANDREW

*We humbly implore your majesty,
O Lord, that, just as the blessed
Apostle Andrew was for your
Church a preacher and pastor, so he
may be for us a constant intercessor
before you. Through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son, who lives and
reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.*

Amen



Parish Diary

Sunday 19 November – Pentecost XXV

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:30 am Holy Eucharist (APBA) ~ welcome to Chris Kennedy and Introduction to “*With Expectant Hearts*”
[SPARK—Sunday School]

5:45 pm Holy Eucharist (APBA)

Monday 20 November

10:00 am ‘Coffee on Monday’ – Parish Centre

Tuesday 21 November

6:00 pm Choir Practice—New members’ welcome

Wednesday 22 November

10:00 am Holy Eucharist (APBA)

11:00 am ‘*With Expectant Hearts*’ (via Zoom & Face-to-face)

Thursday 23 November

9:30 am Annual Speech Day—St Hilda’s

Midday Holy Eucharist (APBA)

Sunday 26 November – The Sunday Before Advent: CHRIST THE KING

7:00 am Holy Eucharist - *Memorial for Hilton Blake* (BCP)

9:30 am Holy Eucharist (APBA)[SPARK—Sunday School]

5:45 pm Holy Eucharist (BCP)

Monday 27 November

10:00 am ‘Coffee on Monday’—Parish Centre

Tuesday 28 November

6:00 pm Choir Practice – New members’ welcome

Wednesday 29 November

10:00 am Anglicare Carol Service & Holy Eucharist (APBA)

Thursday 30 November

Midday Holy Eucharist (APBA)

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist—Feast of St Andrew

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SERVICES

Sunday

7:00am: Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:30am: Holy Eucharist (APBA)

5:45pm: Holy Eucharist (APBA)

5:45pm: Choral Evensong

(2nd Sunday of the month)

Weekday Eucharist

10:00am – Wednesday

12:00pm – Thursday

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