

St Peter's

CHURCH SOUTHPORT



*Key Notes: Sunday 3 November (All Souls) &
Sunday 10 November (Remembrance Sunday)*

A few days away...

Ten days away in Christchurch were a real treat. Of course, the weather was very 'Christchurch' at this time of the year, hot when we arrived – 29 degrees, but very cold the next day – 7 degrees – with fresh snow on the Alps in the distance. Of course, all of this is a mere backdrop to the main event: meeting our third grandchild for the first time. This is one of life's great pleasures – heightened by the playfulness that this one-year-old showed at every turn. You will see in the photos alongside that there is joyful soul at play here. Alas, we only had three days together, but they were very memorable and utterly enjoyable. Like most parents, I was really too busy to savour this with our own children. Earning a living, carving out a career seemed important then and were quite necessary in their own way, but they did tend to crowd the moment, and grandparenthood does provide a very different perspective on things.

So, not for the first time then I am reminded about the beauty of innocence and the joy of being in proximity to it. Being near playful grandchildren will do that. In the Gospels we do see our Lord cherishing children too, holding them up as exemplars of faith. Innocence, vulnerability, receptivity, these are the traits given priority in the Kingdom of God. Like me, you might be deeply frustrated by the growing trend in our society to shorten the innocence of youth by massive over-exposure to far too many 'adult things.' Of course, social media and the internet all play their role in this but ultimately, we adults must take responsibility for what happens to the children in our society.

The story of the Gospel begins with surrender – Mary's willingness to be an instrument of God's will, the pure innocence of the Christ child and the vulnerability in his obedience to the Father. These are such powerful counter-cultural virtues that we struggle to catch sight of them, crowded out as they are by everyday desires for power and influence. Be that as it may, they are true virtues which the Church has hallowed and celebrated since its first days. They are our family virtues, our Christian family virtues, and whether we be parent, child (or even grandparent!) we are truly called to celebrate them in faith and in everyday life.

Fr Dan



Sasha - granddaughter number two



Snow on day 2

Fun at Sunday School



Corroy



Collect & Readings for All Souls' Day

~Sunday 3 November~

Job 14: 1-14

1 'A mortal, born of woman, few of days and full of trouble, 2 comes up like a flower and withers, flees like a shadow and does not last. 3 Do you fix your eyes on such a one? Do you bring me into judgement with you? 4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? No one can. 5 Since their days are determined, and the number of their months is known to you, and you have appointed the bounds that they cannot pass, 6 look away from them, and desist, that they may enjoy, like labourers, their days. 7 'For there is hope for a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease. 8 Though its root grows old in the earth, and its stump dies in the ground, 9 yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth branches like a young plant. 10 But mortals die, and are laid low; humans expire, and where are they? 11 As waters fail from a lake, and a river wastes away and dries up, 12 so mortals lie down and do not rise again; until the heavens are no more, they will not awake or be roused out of their sleep. 13 O that you would hide me in Sheol, that you would conceal me until your wrath is past, that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me! 14 If mortals die, will they live again? All the days of my service I would wait until my release should come.

Psalm 29

R The voice of the Lord is upon the waters

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
2. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **R**
3. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
4. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour. **R**
5. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
6. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **R**
7. The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
8. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forest bare. **R**
10. The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
11. The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**

Romans 6: 3-9

3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8 But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.



John 5: 19 - 29

19 Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. 20 The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. 21 Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomsoever he wishes. 22 The Father judges no one but has given all judgement to the Son, 23 so that all may honour the Son just as they honour the Father. Anyone who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him. 24 Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life. 25 'Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. 26 For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; 27 and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man. 28 Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice 29 and will come out—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

THE COLLECT

*We thank you, loving God,
for all your servants, known to us and unknown,
who have departed this life in your faith and fear:
give us grace so to follow their good examples,
that with them we may be brought to a joyful
resurrection, and be made partakers of your
heavenly kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



Sunday 10 November ~ Remembrance Sunday

1 Kings 17.8-16

8Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 9'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' 10So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' 11As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' 12But she said, 'As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' 13Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.' 14For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.' 15She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. 16The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

COLLECT FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

*Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.*

Hebrews 9.19-28

19For when every commandment had been told to all the people by Moses in accordance with the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the scroll itself and all the people, 20 saying, 'This is the blood of the covenant that God has ordained for you.' 21And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. 22Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. 23Thus it was necessary for the sketches of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves need better sacrifices than these. 24For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. 25Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; 26for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, 28so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Mark 12.38-44

38As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, 39and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! 40They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.' 41He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. 42A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. 43Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. 44For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'



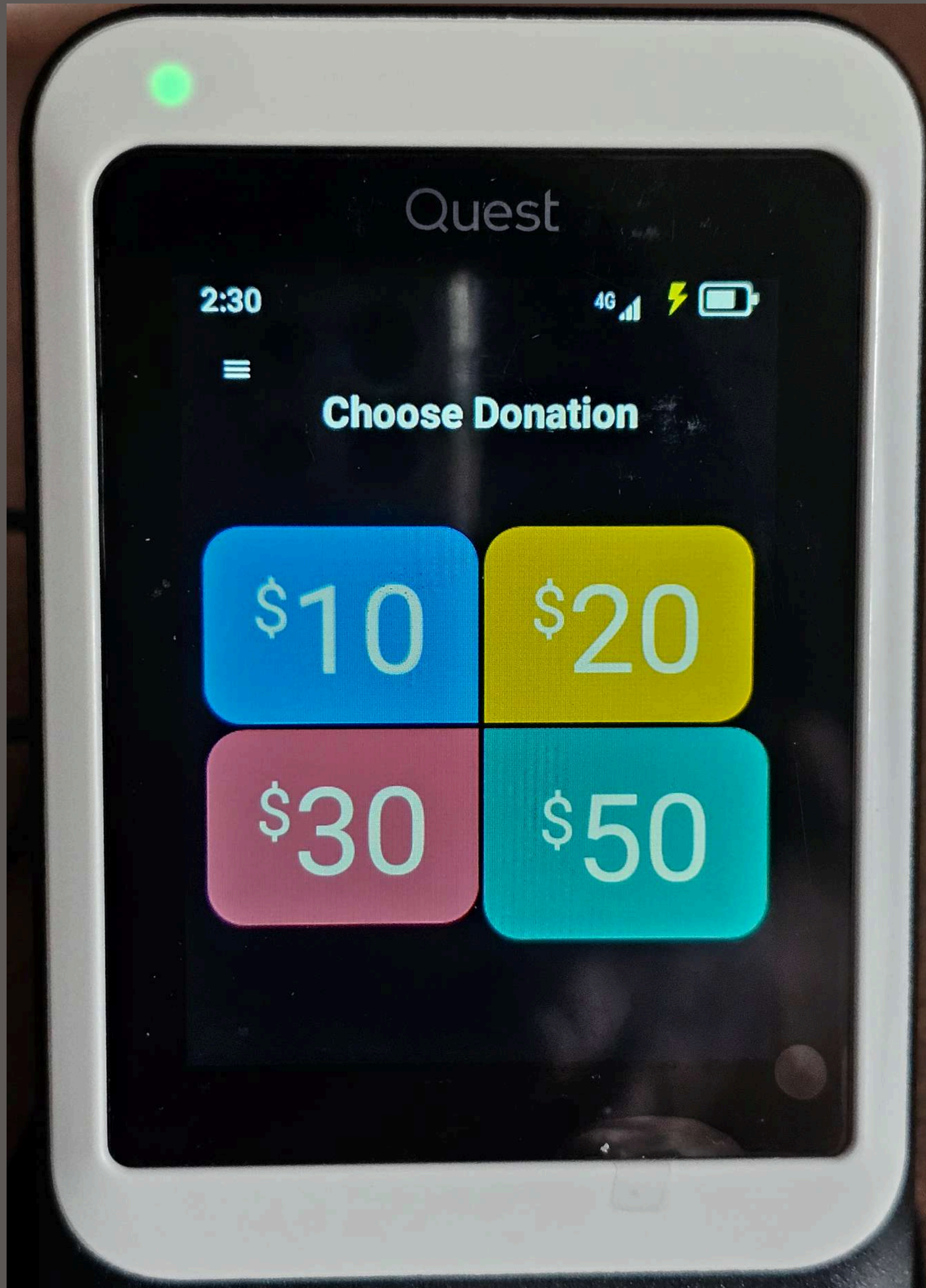
~Wednesday Bible Study~

commencing:

11:00 pm Wednesday 6th November

*A weekly study of the readings for the previous
Sunday – with Bishop Robert Barron as
our guide.*

Behold, our new 'Tap and Go' machine!



Recently Mobile Phone Network changes have occurred – “3G” has just been phased out – we have been required to update our “Tap and Go” machine. The good news is: it’s even easier to operate than the last machine!

The flowers in the Church are to the Glory of God in loving memory of

Gordon Carr

~ 3rd November ~

&

Mavis Oxley, Leslie & Benjamin Quince, Mark Theodore Pumpa

~ 10th November ~





All Souls' ~ Sunday 3rd November

“Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them O Lord”

(Names for remembrance should be entered into the book at the entrance of the church)





"The horses are ready and the track is firm"

~ Tuesday 5th November ~

1200 noon Melbourne Cup Chicken & Champagne Lunch –
Parish Centre - \$10 per person

"Winners are grinners" at the races





Admission to Holy Communion

We are looking to Admit Children to
Holy Communion soon.

Please speak to Christine if you have a young person
(aged 7 - 12) who is ready for this important step.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday 10 November

~ 9:30 Eucharist ~

"We, the people of Australia, respect and give thanks to all who have served in our defence force and their families."We acknowledge the unique nature of military service and the sacrifice demanded of all who commit to defend our nation."We undertake to preserve the memory and deeds of all who have served and promise to welcome, embrace and support all military veterans as respected and valued members of our community."For what they have done, this we will do."

The family of St Peter's Anglican Parish, Southport, affirm this oath declared in The Australian Veterans' Recognition (Putting Veterans and their Families First) Act of 2019 which received Royal Assent on 30 October 2019.

20 copies of
“Advent Gospel Reflections”
are now available from the office

An artistic painting of a stone building with an angel in the sky and a woman in the foreground. The scene is set in a rustic, stone-walled environment. In the upper right, an angel with large, vibrant red and orange wings and a golden halo floats in the sky, holding a scroll. In the lower left, a woman in a long, flowing white robe and a white head covering stands in a doorway, looking down. The building is made of rough-hewn stone and has several arched doorways. A wooden door is visible on the right side. The overall tone is somber and contemplative.

ADVENT
GOSPEL
REFLECTIONS

WORD
on FIRE

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

What's On?

Coffee on Mondays ('COM')

Every Monday, 10:00 am in the Parish Centre



No time to stop on for a cuppa after Sunday Morning Eucharist?

Looking for a coffee with your church friends. Why not join us on Mondays for a relaxed coffee/tea/chai in the Parish Centre.

- There's no cost (you can make a donation if you wish, but this is not a fundraising event.)
- You can chat with other parishioners and even bring a friend if you like.
- We have lovely facilities here - why not come along and enjoy them?¹⁵

Phoenix Ladies Fellowship

At the most recent **Phoenix Fellowship Meeting** we had the pleasure of meeting Michelle, Rachael and Kate from GCUH hospital. Together they introduced us to a project that they are undertaking within the Intensive Care Unit, which includes End of Life Care and Delirium Care at both GCUH and Robina Hospital

The facility's 40 beds provide care for patients from our local area and as far away as Cairns, Toowoomba and Coffs Harbour. Many of the patients have extended stays or have no family or friends in regular visiting distance.

The staff are aware that their surroundings are very clinical and they would like to create a more homely, personal atmosphere. Some of the ways that they can undertake this are by providing sensory and personal items .

Some examples are:

Scented hand creams that the family can use on their loved ones normalising touch and promoting family members being involved in their loved ones care while creating a memory scent for the family.

Photo frames/books, allowing families to place a photo of themselves or those interstate/overseas. Also handprints or families holding hands which can be framed.

Essential oil that can be used in wash bowls as an alternative to hospital cleansers.

Reed diffusers to create a memory scent or soften hospital sterile smells.

LED candles to soften harsh lighting

Notebooks/ memory keepers

Phoenix Fellowship have undertaken to make a kit of these items for the staff to provide for use with patients and families. We invite your contribution to help with this. It is our hope to have the kit gathered and presented to the hospital at the beginning of December.

Items can be left for the collection in the basket at the back of the church or parish office.

An important note: for clinical safety and hygiene reasons:

- All items must be wipeable
- Battery operated only
- No naked flame.



INQUIRER'S HOUR



*Thinking about the
BIG questions of your Faith?*

*Join us on Sundays at 4:00pm
for an hour of discussion on the
deep matters of our Christian
faith.*

*Recommencing this Sunday
(3rd November)
at 4:00 pm*

CONFIRMATION

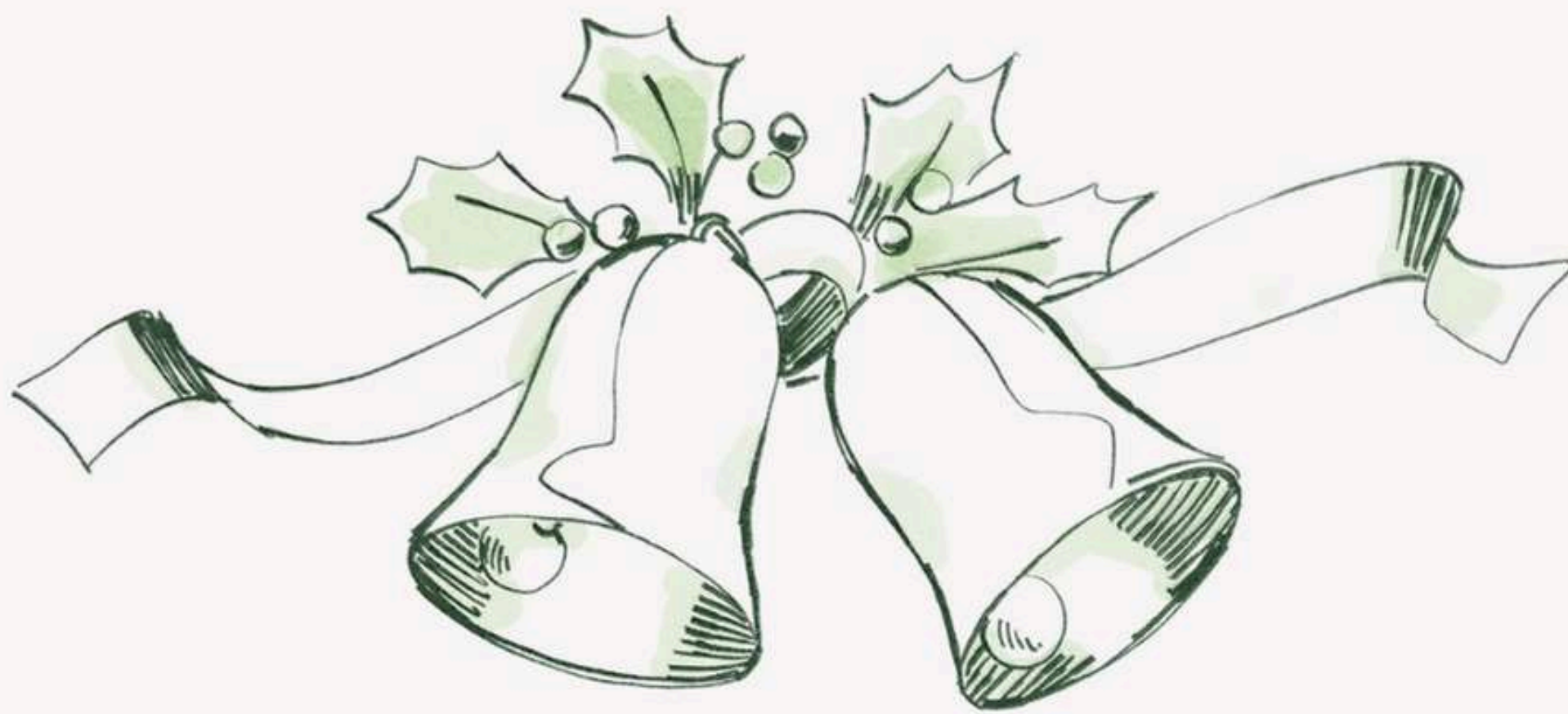
*Bishop John Roundhill
will be Confirming new members
of the Church on
Saturday 23 November, 5:30 pm*



*If you are seeking Confirmation please
contact the Office to discuss further*

Theoikos 2024

**JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL
ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE**



**Sunday, 10 November 2024
at 03:00 pm**

**St Matthew's Church, 142 Billinghamurst
Crescent, Upper Coomera 4209**

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ARCHBISHOP'S 2024 NOVEMBER APPEAL

ENHANCING PRIMARY EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES



You are invited to support the growth of St Mark's Children's Learning Centre as it provides an educational future for hundreds of local children.

This exciting new project is enabling the expansion of St Mark's Children's Learning Centre in the Episcopal Church's Diocese of Santiago in Isabela Province. Once complete, the Centre will offer classes from Nursery to Grade 7 (currently offering Nursery to Grade 2). As Diocesan Bishop Frenzel Ray Piluden said when he visited ABM late last year:

"We have asked for help from ABM AID to build a two-storey building housing eight classrooms on the site of our existing Children's Learning Centre. We plan by the end of 2028 to have all the elementary school grades, up to and including Grade 7. Each year we plan to build an additional classroom for the following year's students."

Please donate to this project if you'd like to play a part in the educational future of hundreds of young Filipino children.



PRAYER

Bless, O Lord, all who are involved with the expansion of St Mark's Children's Learning Centre in the Episcopal Church's Diocese of Santiago: the architects and builders, the diocese and the donors, the teaching staff, parents and the children.

We give you thanks for the classrooms that will be built, as well as toilets, a laboratory, and a library. We give you thanks that those who live with disabilities will find the buildings accessible.

We give thanks that the Episcopal Diocese of Santiago intends to teach the students about the Five Marks of Mission in the curriculum.

May the children find that they have increased opportunities because of what they have been taught in the learning centre.

May the teaching staff begin to receive adequate recompense for their work.

May the Campus Endowment Fund sustain the school for years to come.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PARISH DIARY ~ NOVEMBER

Sunday 03 November – ALL SOULS

- 7:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
- 9:30 am Holy Eucharist (APBA) – SPARK Sunday School in recess
- 4:00 pm. Inquirers' Hour
- 5:45 pm Holy Eucharist (APBA)

Monday 04 November

- 10:00 am. 'Coffee on Monday' – Parish Centre
- 10:30 am. RIP – Kenneth Totman

Tuesday 05 November

- 12 Noon Melbourne Cup Luncheon
- 6:00 pm Choir Practice – New members' welcome

Wednesday 06 November

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (APBA)
- 11:00 am Bible Study – *Bishop Barron reflects on Sunday Readings (new!)*

Thursday 07 November

- Midday. Holy Eucharist (APBA)

Sunday 10 November – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

- 7:00 am. Holy Eucharist (BCP)
- 9:30 am Holy Eucharist (APBA) – SPARK Sunday School
- 4:00 pm. Inquirers' Hour
- 5:45 pm Holy Eucharist (APBA)

Monday 11 November

- 9:00 am Holy Communion at 'Abri'
- 9:30 am Holy Eucharist at St Vincent's, Villa la Salle
- 10:00 am 'Coffee on Monday' – Parish Centre
- 7:00 pm Requiem Mass

Tuesday 12 November

- 6:00 pm Choir Practice—New members' welcome

Wednesday 13 November

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (APBA)
- 11:00 am Bible Study
- 1:30 pm Year 12 Reflection – St Hilda's School

Thursday 14 November

- Midday Holy Eucharist (APBA)
- 1:00 pm Phoenix Fellowship

Sunday 17 November – Pentecost XXVI

- 7:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9:30 am Baptism/Holy Eucharist (APBA) – SPARK Sunday School
4:00 pm Inquirers' Hour
5:45 pm Holy Eucharist (APBA)

Monday 18 November

- 10:00 am 'Coffee on Monday' – Parish Centre

Tuesday 19 November

- 6:00 pm Choir Practice—New members' welcome

Wednesday 20 November

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (APBA)
11:00 am Bible Study – Bishop Barron series

Thursday 21 November

- Midday Holy Eucharist (APBA)
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

Saturday 23 November – Confirmation 5:30 pm Confirmation with Bishop John Roundhill

Sunday 24 November – CHRIST THE KING (Sunday Next before Advent)

- 7:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9:30 am Holy Eucharist (APBA) – SPARK Sunday School (Final for 2024)
4:00 pm. Inquirers' Hour
5:45 pm Holy Eucharist (APBA)

Monday 25 November

- 10:00 am 'Coffee on Monday' – Parish Centre

Tuesday 26 November

- 6:00 pm Choir Practice—New members' welcome

Wednesday 27 November

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (APBA)
11:00 am Bible Study – Bishop Barron series.

Thursday 28 November

- Midday Holy Eucharist (APBA)