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# ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

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EAST BURWOOD

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

**LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – TRANSFIGURATION**



*“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”*

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. John 1.14.

## Welcome to Church

We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today.  
Please take Communion, whatever your denomination.

If you are visiting, please make yourself known to  
Fr Stewart or to one of our welcomers following the service  
and do stay for a cuppa and chat!



For those who have children with them, there is a children’s corner in the church for the little ones. During school term, children who are pre-school age and above can attend ‘Godzone’ - Special Children’s Activities - shortly after we begin the 9.30am service.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*Before each service we enter a time of silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.*

**Entrance Hymn: TiS 125** *“The God of Abraham praise”*

The God of Abraham praise  
who reigns enthroned above,  
ancient of everlasting days,  
and God of love:  
the Lord, the great I AM  
by earth and heaven confessed!  
We bow and bless the sacred name  
for ever blessed.

The God of Abraham praise,  
whose all-sufficient grace  
shall guide us all our happy days  
in all our ways.

He calls us each a friend,  
he calls himself our God;  
and he shall save us to the end  
through Jesus' blood.

He by himself has sworn,  
we on his oath depend:  
we shall, on eagles' wings upborne,  
to heaven ascend:  
we shall behold his face,  
we shall his power adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace  
for evermore.

The God who reigns on high  
the great archangels sing,  
and 'Holy, holy, holy,' cry,  
'almighty King!'  
who was and is the same  
and evermore shall be,  
the Lord, our Father, great I AM  
eternally.

The whole triumphant host  
gives thanks to God on high:  
'Hail, Father, Son and Spirit blest!'  
they ever cry.  
Hail, Abraham's God and ours!  
with heaven our songs we raise:  
all might and majesty are yours,  
and endless praise.

## ***Acclamation***

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## ***Welcome***

### ***Prayer of Preparation:***

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ***The Two Great Commandments:***

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

***Kyries:*** Lord have mercy,  
**Christ have mercy,**  
Lord have mercy.

### ***The Gloria:***

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### ***The Prayer of the Day:***

O God,  
glorious and faithful, you reveal the beauty of your face  
to those who seek you with a sincere heart:  
strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross,  
and open our hearts to its transforming power,  
so that, clinging in love to your will for us,  
we may walk as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*We pray together for hope:*

#### **God of Hope**

**You call on us to be your witness in this uncertain world;  
By your Spirit awaken in us  
a true vision of your kingdom,  
a greater certainty of our salvation, and  
a deeper dedication to your service;  
that through our words and actions the same Spirit may  
bring many who are lost to be found,  
and for them to celebrate the hope  
that we can only have in Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### ***Godzone blessing***

#### ***The ministry of the Word:***

#### ***The first reading: Exodus 35.29-35***

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### ***Psalms 99***

The Lord is king, let the nations tremble:  
**he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.**  
The Lord is great in Zion:  
**he is high above all nations.**

Let them praise your great and terrible name:

**for holy is the Lord.**

The Mighty One is king and loves justice:

**you have established equity,**

**you have dealt righteousness and justice in Jacob.**

O exalt the Lord our God:

**and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.**

Moses and Aaron among his priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon his name:

**they called to the Lord and he answered.**

He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud:

**they kept to his teachings and the law that he gave them.**

You answered them, O Lord our God:

**you were a forgiving God to them,**

**and pardoned their wrongdoing.**

O exalt the Lord our God:

**and bow down towards his holy hill,**

**for the Lord our God is holy.**

***The second reading: 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2***

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gradual Hymn: TiS 234 "How good, Lord, to be here"***

**How good, Lord, to be here!  
your glory fills the night;  
your face and garments like the sun,  
shine with unborrowed light.**

**How good, Lord, to be here,  
your beauty to behold,  
where Moses and Elijah stand,  
your messengers of old.**

**Fulfiller of the past,  
promise of things to be:  
we hail your body glorified,  
and our redemption see.**

***The Gospel reading:***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Luke, chapter 9, beginning at verse 28

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.'

For the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Before we taste of death,  
we see your kingdom come;  
we have to hold the vision bright,  
and make this hill our home.**

**How good, Lord, to be here!  
yet we will not remain;  
but since you bid us leave the mount,  
come with us to the plain.**

Joseph Armitage Robinson 1858-1933 *alt.*

***Sermon – followed by a time of silent reflection***

***The Creed:***

Let us stand together and affirm the faith of the church:

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation,  
he came down from heaven;  
*was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### *The prayers of the people:*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Response:* God of Hope, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers,  
**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *Preparation*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes  
in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3.16.

### *Prayer of Approach:*

**We do not presume  
to come to your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord,  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. Amen.**

***Invitation to Confession:***

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

***Confession:***

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you  
in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Absolution:***

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***The Greeting of Peace:***

We are the body of Christ.  
**His spirit is with us.**  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

***Offertory hymn: TiS 447 “Lord, your almighty word”***

**Lord, your almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.**

**Saviour, who came to give  
those who in darkness live  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
now to all humankind  
let there be light.**



Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving holy dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move on the waters' face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.

Holy and blessed Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth far and wide,  
let there be light.

*John Marriott 1780-1825 alt*

***Prayer over the gifts:***

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***The Great Thanksgiving:***

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
Mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
Who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
And lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah,  
the light of the nations,  
and revealed him as the hope  
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,  
he offered a one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
And all the company of heaven,  
We proclaim your great and glorious name,  
For ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven  
and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blesséd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:*

**Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done**

on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

***The breaking of the bread:***

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.

***Agnus Dei:***

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

***Invitation to communion:***

The gifts of God, for the people of God.  
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ  
in remembrance that he died for us,  
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

***The Communion***

***Post communion hymn: TiS 536 “An upper room did our Lord prepare”***

**An upper room did our Lord prepare  
for those He loved until the end:  
and His disciple still gather there  
to celebrate their risen friend.**

**A lasting gift Jesus gave His own  
to share His bread His loving cup.  
Whatever burdens may bow us down,  
he by His cross shall lift us up.**

**And after supper he washed their feet,  
for service too is sacrament.  
In Him our joy shall be made complete -  
sent out to serve as he was sent.**

**No end there is we depart in peace.  
He loves beyond our uttermost:  
in every room in our Father's house  
he will be there as Lord and host.**

Patrick Pratt Green 1903-2000

***Prayer after Communion:***

God of the nations,  
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.  
Guide us by your presence,  
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,  
and establish your justice in the earth.

**Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit.**

### **Notices**

#### **The Blessing:**

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the + blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*During the final hymn at 9:30, we will proceed outside to the Resurrection Garden where previous year's palm crosses will be burnt to make ashes for use during our Ash Wednesday Services this week.*

#### **Final Hymn:      *TiS 231 "At the name of Jesus"***

**At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
this the Father's pleasure, that we call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

**Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came;  
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.**

**Bore it up triumphant with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures to the central height;  
to the eternal Godhead, to the Father's throne,  
filled it with the glory of his triumph won.**

**Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;  
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.**

**In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true;  
crown him as your captain in temptation's hour,  
let his will enfold you with its light and power.**

*Caroline Maria Noel 1817-77 alt.*

**The Lord be with you.    And also with you**

We gather here to turn these palms from our celebration of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem into ashes that we may be reminded of our mortality and our need of God.

Let us pray together

**Living God, in their life these palms drew life from the earth  
and gave it back to our air  
and to the animals they hosted and sheltered.  
In the worship of our community,  
they helped us offer festive joy:**

**Grant now, O God, that these palms, reduced to ashes,  
may be for us a sign of your power  
to purify our hearts,  
that we may recognise death at work in us,  
and replant our lives  
in the sure and humble soil  
of your truth and grace.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and forever. Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

**Thanks be to God!**

***Dismissal***

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

*The ashes will be gathered for administration on Ash Wednesday*

***Dismissal:***

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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## **NOTICES**

**Today we again warmly welcome** Fr Stewart Taplin as he takes the services today. Fr Anthony is planning to be back from sick leave this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. Please contact Fr Stewart (0402 080 366) or the wardens for any pastoral issues.

**Palm crosses:** Remember to place your 2024 Palm cross in the basket in the Narthex. They will be burnt at the conclusion of the 9:30am service today to make ashes for use during our Ash Wednesday Services.

**Shrove Tuesday – Only 2 days until the Pancake Spectacular on 4<sup>th</sup> March!**

This year we will enjoy pancakes and fellowship at Heath McKenzie's house, 28 Morack Road Vermont, at 7:00pm this Tuesday evening.

Better be quick and add your name(s) to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to ensure we will have pancakes for all! We will have plenty so just come along even if you forget to add your name!!!

**Ash Wednesday:** This Wednesday, we have services at both 10:00am and 7:30pm with the imposition of ashes, please try and attend one of these services as we begin the season of Lent.

**The Ascension Footy Tipping competition** starts this Thursday March 6th! Cost remains at \$30 for the season and half of all money is a donation to the church. Please let Jon or Christine know if you'd like to be in it ([jyouings@melbpc.org.au](mailto:jyouings@melbpc.org.au) or 0407 925 564)

## Lenten Sermon Series: *Sharing Hope*

Over this season of Lent and as part of the Anglican Church of Australia's Hope25 initiative our theme will be *Sharing Hope*.

Using the Gospel of Luke as our primary source we will be exploring:

- 1) Listening Like Jesus (deep listening - with the ear of our heart)
- 2) Hearing Words of Hope (from Jesus and others)
- 3) Sharing Words of Hope
- 4) Making Hope Active (prayer, advocacy, creativity, resources, support etc.)

You are also encouraged to participate in the **Everyday Evangelism** course being held at Glen Waverley Anglican Church (GWAC) 6:30-8:30pm Thursdays - 6, 13, 20, 27 March. The cost for the full course is only \$25 - payable at the first session

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## SAINTS AND HOLY WOMEN AND MEN FOR THIS WEEK

Friday Perpetua and her companions, martyrs at Carthage (d. 203)

Saturday John of God, worker among sick and poor, Spain (d. 1550)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Ash Wednesday:

Joel 2.1, 12-17

Psalm: 51.1-7

2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10

Matthew 6.1-6 (7-15) 16-21

### Next Sunday: First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16

Romans 10.4-13

Luke 4.1-15

## WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS, LET US PRAY EACH DAY FOR: THE CHURCH

*Sun 2* The Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Geoff Smith, Asst Bps Timothy Harris, Christopher McLeod, Sophie Relf-Christopher, Clergy & People); Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar School (Elisabeth Rhodes, Principal); The Anglican Church of Burundi (Bp Sixbert Macumi); St Philip's Deep Creek – Pastoral service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Holy Trinity Balaclava and Elwood – Pastoral service (Bp Kate Prowd); St Andrew's Corio-Norlane – Confirmation service (Bp Brad Billings);

*Mon 3* St Mark's Fitzroy (Ken Goodger); The Diocese of Armidale (Bp Rod Chiswell, Clergy & People); Cross-Cultural Ministry;

*Tue 4* The Parish of St John's, Flinders w. St Mark's Balnarring (Keiron Jones); The Diocese of Ballarat (Bp Garry Weatherill, Scott Lowrey, Asst Bp; Clergy & People);

*Wed 5 Ash Wednesday* Footscray Anglican Parish (Nigel Pope, Mary Ajang, Kezha Angami, Rebecca Mading); The Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Mark Calder, Clergy & People); St Paul's Cathedral – Ash Wednesday Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell);

*Thu 6* St Mark's Forest Hill (Philip Knight); The Diocese of Bendigo (Bp Matt Brain, Clergy & People); University of Divinity (James McLaren, Vice-Chancellor);

*Fri 7* St Paul's Frankston (Claudia Mauracher); The Diocese of Brisbane (Abp Jeremy Greaves, Asst Bps John Roundhill, Sarah Plowman, Cameron Venables);

## **AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND**

Reconciliation and justice for our First Nations People. Those impacted by the state of the economy and recent natural disasters.

## **THE WORLD**

A compassionate outcome for all Asylum Seekers. Productive and harmonious relationships among Pacific neighbours. Peace in the Holy Lands, Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa. All affected by climate change - wisdom and leadership to prevent further environmental damage.

## **THE ASCENSION COMMUNITY**

Please hold in your daily prayers any individual parish members who may be on your heart, and for an awareness of God's presence in the events of the week.

Those in special need of prayer: *Estelle Carman, Don Lambourne, Douglas Mortimer, Jean & Alan Close, Glenys Howell, Kaye & Carole Smith, Pauline & Edith Le Riche, Lyle & Jan Mansfield, Stanley & Rose Joseph, Pam & Tony, Marie Cleaver (Judithe's friend), Shirley & Alan Wagner, Joy (Jan Wheeler's sister), Fanny (Aggie's sister) & Clifford, Kalo, Gerald (Pat Eadon's brother), Beverley Frost, Heather & Ron, Aggie Canterbury, Andrew Harding, Kathryn, Tim Youings and others known to us who are in special need of prayer.*

*We give thanks for the life of our friend and long-time parishioner, Louise Frost. Louise died on 17 February, her funeral is tomorrow, Monday 3 March St John's Church, in Flinders. Please continue to keep her family in your prayers for God's peace and comfort.*

*May she rest in peace and rise in glory!*

Those at the Peter James Centre, Burwood Lodge and Calvary the Highbury  
Those working in Health and Aged Care settings  
Our local Schools, Colleges, and Universities

**Ourselves - as we are strengthened through the power of the Holy Spirit in love and prayer for one another**

### **ROSTERS:**

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>9:30am</u>
<b>Welcomers</b>	Christine Youings	Elizabeth & Daniel Waite
<b>Reader</b>	Christine Youings	Trevor Smith
<b>Server</b>	Christine Youings	Natalie Ortlieb & Ron McKenzie
<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>		Joanne Waite
<b>Intercessions</b>	Fr Stewart	Joy Ritchie
<b>Music</b>		Dawn Joseph
<b>Godzone</b>		Elizabeth & Daniel Waite
<b>Morning Tea</b>		Joy Ritchie & Pat Eadon
<b>Sacristan</b>	Judithe Atkinson	
<b>Printing</b>	Barrie Harding	
<b>Flowers</b>	Judithe Atkinson	
<b>Cleaning</b>	Augustus Luo	



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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land,  
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation.  
We pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.*

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**Pew sheet:** Please send all items for inclusion in next week's pewsheets to Ron McKenzie by 5:00p.m. Thursday evening ([r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au](mailto:r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au).)

*Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement*

**Sunday** 8:00am Eucharist  
9:30am Eucharist  
'Godzone' children's program during 9.30 am service (during school term)

**Wednesday** 10:00am Eucharist

**Friday** 10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for cuppa and chat.

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