

Dates for the Diary

- NO Bible Study this week—Chapter 5 next week
- Sunday Lunch Apollo Bay—12 noon each week at the Apollo Bay Hotel.
- 16th August—Parish Council 1pm St Aidan's
- 25th August—Hoy—1.30pm St Aidan's Hall
- 29th August—Combined Service—St Aidan's
- 18th Sept—3rd October—Exhibition

St Aidan's Roster—22nd August

1st Reading—Freda Martin ,
2nd Reading—Richard Brandon



The Lighter Side of Life



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Anglican Parish of the Otways

15th August, 2021

12th Sunday after Pentecost



Priest in Charge -

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We acknowledge the Gadubanud people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Welcome to worship today.

Thankyou for adhering to our COVID restrictions:

- Wearing face mask
- Use of Hand sanitiser
- Keeping 1.5 m apart
- Not mingling in porch

Your co-operation is appreciated

Regular Services

St Aidan's Apollo Bay:

10am Sunday

6.30 pm Saturday (Oct-April)

Christ Church Carlisle River

1pm-1st & 3rd Sundays

St Anselm Beech Forest

1pm-2nd Sundays

St James Forrest

4pm-2nd & 4th Sundays

Laura Pengilly House

10.30am- 2nd and 4th Mondays

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Greetings in the name of Jesus.

It is great news that regional Victoria's restrictions are being reduced and I can't help but praise God that we can meet together again. However, I still cannot visit people in their homes and for that I am sorry.

Over the last 18 months a lot of people have been vocal about the way restrictions impinge on their rights and freedoms, having to stay home, having to wear face masks, etc. This week I got word of a family who have lost everything. Firstly they have been driven from their homeland, then three months ago the father died suddenly leaving the mother and 5yr old son alone. Now the home where the mother and child were living burnt to the ground destroying EVERYTHING they owned. As one parishioner has said to me,

"We went to bed counting our blessings instead of grizzling!! It is a sharp reminder to us that we are safe, well, warm and have family, a house and are citizens."

Let us count our blessings, they are many, and we have been extraordinarily lucky to not be in the same position as many other countries, who are struggling to deal with COVID and are still having thousands of cases detected and hundreds dying each day. Many people in our communities are dealing with the stress of having loved ones living in these countries, so let's be careful what we say in regard to the pandemic and make sure the information we accept is accurate.

May the Lord bless you with peace and joy.
Jenny



Prayer of the Week

Everliving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, gave himself as living bread for the life of the world: give us such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings. 1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14; Psalm 111;
Ephesians 5.11-21; John 6.51-58

ABM Reflection

Today St Paul tells us to live with wisdom, not doing foolish things like getting drunk but rather 'giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ'. May we all make the decision to examine our lives each day to discern what is good and what is not.

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Prayer Points

Thanksgiving

- Give thanks for the work and witness of the church in Southern Africa
- For the Diocese of the Riverina
- For the Parish of Camperdown and Holy Apostles.
- For St Mark's Abbey and all those living the single consecrated life.
- For the parish of Kainantu in the diocese of Aipo Rongo, PNG.

Petitions

- Healing for Peter, Summer, Chris & Rita, June & Michael, Margaret, Ann- Marie, Kay, Ron, Isha, Ravi, Sheela, Kerryn, Tai, Rev Frank, and their families.
- For Refugee family who have lost everything in house fire.
- For the United Nations and their agencies.
- May we always be grateful for all the blessings of this life.