



Third Sunday after Epiphany

26th January 2025

From the Acting Vicar

This week we observe on the 26th January, Sunday Australia Day. For many in our community, it is a time of hurt and sorrow, a day of mixed emotions and controversy. There are others in our community who call it Invasion Day, when as they see it, Europeans claimed Australia for England. The failure of the Voice referendum has added further anguish, pain and hurt to our already frail relationship with our Indigenous brothers and sisters and stands in stark contrast to our claim to be an open, tolerant, respectful and multicultural community embracing diversity and religious tolerance. Still there are many others who celebrate it with pride noting the country's achievements and freedoms. Any future Australia I believe however must acknowledge past abuses and the exploitation of indigenous Australians who lived on this island continent for 60000 years prior to European settlement. A simple change of words in our national anthem will not suffice. I am confident and pray that in the coming years our past history that inflicted much pain and suffering on the indigenous people of this land will be freely acknowledged and recognized.



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As Christians we are called to embrace diversity, difference and to share the bounty of God's generosity and hospitality with the whole of creation. The beginning of a new year is more than simply speaking words but also action in many ways. It is to act in the words of the Prophet Micah, "and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

May this be your motto for the days ahead and in our observance of Australia day may we acknowledge the hurts of the past and seek full reconciliation with all who we have been hurt and discriminated against and seek common humanity that respects all.

Blessings,

Ray

Morning Prayers

Connect to morning prayer each day using either of the links below, or text Fr. Ray on 0419 371 613 by 8.55am that day, and he will send you a link.

<https://tinyurl.com/cfatb2nh>

or

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89143427988?pwd=wtLfQ7ag5qYv0WCvDxrzKjiXHBg3nG.1>





Dates for Your Calendars

February 4, 7pm: Fr Aaron's Induction

February 9, after the 10am service: Dawn's Farewell

February 9: Evensong Service for the Archbishop.
Details to come.

Scam Alert

We have been advised that several scam emails, purporting to be from clergy, have been received in recent weeks by congregations across the Diocese. Some recipients have been asked to donate Apple / iTunes Gift Cards. Please be vigilant, do not act on any such emails and block the sender immediately.

More information about protecting against, and reporting, scam emails is available at the Australian Government's website <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>

The Flowers in the Church today

are given by the Galbraith family in loving memory of Marcus.





22 December, 2024

Invitation to the Commissioning of the 17th Vicar of St John's Camberwell



The wardens warmly invite you to the commissioning of Revd Dr Aaron Ghiloni as the 17th Vicar of St John's Camberwell.

The commissioning will be conducted by the Rt Revd Genieve Blackwell, Bishop of the Marmingatha Episcopate, on Tuesday 4 February 2025 at 7pm. The service will be followed by refreshments.

We would be grateful if you could RSVP to office@stjohnscamberwell by 28 January 2025.





Reserve Rd Closure and Burke Rd Parking

We have received a notice from Boroondara Council regarding the closure of Reserve Road to traffic near to Camberwell Rd and at the Burke Rd end for the commencement of the new school year. This means that parking will no longer be available in Reserve Rd.

Changes to parking on Camberwell Rd and Burke Rd are also being implemented. On Sundays, the changes involve removing the fees from the 2 hour zone on the east side of Burke Road between St. John's Anglican Church and Reserve Road. Between Reserve Road and Inglesby Road, the all day ticket parking on the east side of Burke Road beside Our Lady of Victories Church will be converted to 3 hour parking. The fees that apply for this parking will also be removed. An additional 4 spaces (3x3 hour and 1x10 minute space) will be introduced on the same side where the former tram stop used to be located.



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These changes are already being implemented and the roadside parking ticket machines are not operating. However, the alterations to signage are not yet complete and parishioners are encouraged to check the rules as they apply when they park in these bays over the next two or three weeks.

For further information visit:

<https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/your-council/projects-and-major-works/roads-and-transport-infrastructure-improvements/temporary-closure-reserve-road-camberwell>

or

<https://tinyurl.com/n6bt8swj>

Access to St John's Services via Vimeo and YouTube

I am pleased to advise that we are back up on YouTube for the Sunday services at 10am and 6pm following a number of technical difficulties.

Please click on the address below for access:

<https://vimeo.com/stjohnscamberwell>

You can also click on the link provided in the email circulated each Friday.





Timetable

Tuesdays	12 noon	Eucharist in the Chapel
1st Wednesday of the month	6.30 pm	Iona Eucharist
Sundays	8:00 am	Eucharist
	10:00 am	Choral Eucharist
	6:00 pm	Choral Evensong (excepting January)

Saint John's Donations



Our worship and outreach are sustained by the generosity of our friends and supporters. We give in thanksgiving for all that we have received and are deeply thankful for the generosity of those who make our work possible. We couldn't do it without you!

Choral Scholars Appeal

By donating to the Choral Scholars program, you will help continue the wonderful musical tradition at St. John's. By maintaining weekly services of choral and classical masterpieces we keep a rich aspect of Anglican tradition and English cultural heritage alive. Please give generously.





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