



# REACH OUT

# COME to CHURCH in ORDINARY TIME



**ORDINARY TIME** is that part of the Liturgical Year that lies outside the seasons of Lent-Easter and Advent-Christmas. The readings during the liturgies of **Ordinary Time** help to instruct us on how to live out

The feast of Christ the King is the last Sunday of **Ordinary Time** and of the liturgical year.

During the Liturgical Year, the scripture readings for seasons of Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas have prominent themes. During **Ordinary Time** the readings are not chosen according to a theme. Rather, they present in a continuous fashion, the life and work of Jesus Christ as proclaimed in the Gospels of either Matthew, Mark, or Luke. John's Gospel is read principally during the liturgical seasons.

our Christian faith in our daily lives.

**Ordinary Time** in the Church's year occurs in two sections. The first part begins on the Monday following the Christmas season, which ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on the Sunday following January 6. It lasts through to the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season.

**Ordinary Time** resumes after the Easter Season, on the Monday after Pentecost, and continues until evening prayer on the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. The Sundays are numbered consecutively. The last two weeks of Ordinary Time about the coming of God's Kingdom.

The liturgical colour for **Ordinary Time** is green, a sign of hope.

The Chi Rho is a Christian symbol that dates from the early Church. It is comprised of the first two letters of the Greek word for Messiah, Christos—the letter Chi looks like the letter "X", and the letter Rho looks like the letter "P." This abbreviation became a symbol representing Jesus Christ. And is often used as a symbol for **Ordinary Time**.



CHI RHO

Come to Church in **Ordinary Time**....

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH ESSENDON  
AUGUST 2011

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# FJ's reflection

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

## **RE-DEVELOPMENT**

On Sunday 10th July, the Christ Church congregation agreed that the redevelopment proposal should proceed and appointed a committee of the Vicar and Wardens to guide the negotiations. The Vestry supported this at their meeting which followed the congregation meeting.

The proposal has also been agreed to at the North West Region meeting and also the Diocese Property Committee. The Archbishop in Council's has made decision on distribution of the land sale which means we get the 3 apartments and they get the balance of the proceeds. This means that the proposal has now got the green light to proceed. We are currently waiting on the selected developer to present more detailed plans for the development which we will bring to the Parish and Diocese Building Committee for comment... See page 6&7 for early plans....

## **RECEIVING COMMUNION AT FRONT STEPS**

The committee looking into how we use our space in the church has suggested to Vestry that we should have a six week trial to explore the possibility of receiving communion at the front steps of the sanctuary. It was noted that many elderly were having trouble getting up and down the steps and it was thought that we should trial receiving communion at the steps. Fr John would love to hear comments, ideas and suggestions.

## **TO PONDER — WHERE EARTH MEETS HEAVEN**

Once there were two monks who sat together, reading out of a very old book. The book said that at the end of the world there would be one place where heaven and earth would meet and the kingdom of God would begin. So the two monks decided to go in search of that place and not come back until they had found it.

They wandered up and down the highways of the world, exposed themselves to all sorts of danger, took all kinds of risks, suffered all kinds of setbacks, and were tempted many times to give up the search. The book had said that when one got to the right place, there would be a door there, and all a person had to do was knock and it would open and there one would stand: right in the kingdom of God.

Finally, they found the door they were looking for. They knocked on it, and their hearts beat faster as it began to open. They stepped over the threshold and what did they find? They were right back in their own monastery! They looked at one another and then it dawned on them what the book had meant to say: that the place on earth where heaven and earth meet, and where the kingdom of God begins, is the place where God has put us to live.

The Lord be with you... Your Vicar

*Fr John*

**Vale**  
**EDDY SAMUEL**  
1931 - 2011



Sadly on the 14th July 2011, Eddy Samuel died after a long fight with cancer. He was 80 and leaves behind his wife Daphne and 4 children Gita, Simone, Sanjay and Vinay and their families including many grand children.

Eddy arrived in Australia in the early 1970's from India. He was an active member of this church being involved in many social activities. He regularly attended services until the last eight months when he was very sick.

Eddy love rock n roll music and dancing. Eddy was proud of his past and spoke fondly of India and his work there but also saw himself as a dinkum Aussie.

Eddy had a big personality for a small man. He was always positive, a proud, honest, passionate man. He did have an opinion on every thing and yet he was also a very humble man.

Eddy also loved his family. He was proud of his family and loved them dearly. He often talked about his children and grand children with great affection.

May he rest in peace  
and have light perpetual.

# New Ballarat Bishop



The Right Revd Garry Weatherill, who is currently the Bishop of Willochra in South Australia, has been appointed the 10th Anglican Bishop of Ballarat. Bishop Weatherill, who was elected by an Election Board, will be enthroned in Christ Church Cathedral Ballarat on Saturday, 5 November 5 at 11am.

Bishop Weatherill is an experienced and much loved country Bishop with important roles in the National Anglican Church and the International Anglican Communion. He has been the Bishop of Willochra since 2001 and was formerly the Ministry Development Officer of that diocese from 1997 until his consecration. Before these appointments, he had been a very successful parish priest in South Australia. Bishop Weatherill will continue his work as the National Chair of the Mission to Seafarers, and as a member of the General Synod Standing Committee.

Bishop Weatherill will bring expertise to the Ballarat Diocese, complementing the work on mission which has taken place during these past years.

Commenting on his election, and in a message to the Diocese, Bishop Weatherill said: "I'm very excited about coming to join the clergy and people in the Diocese as we rejoice in the abundant life that is Jesus' promise to us, and as we search for new ways to be ambassadors of hope, love, forgiveness and justice.



# Around the Parish



Please pray for our confirmees who are.....

Emily Showler  
Sarah Trezise  
Pam Cox  
Ian Brown

plus Megha Balakrishnan & Nikhil Joy (pictured left)

A confirmation service is planned for Sunday 2nd October 2011 at 3pm



Craft group recently held a morning tea for cancer (pic above) and many craft members went to Skyway's to a Christmas in July (see Margaret Pereira with Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers who provided the music)

# Around the Parish



## Men's group

Standing around FJ's spit roaster are some of the men who attended the FJ roast in June. L to R Jamie Lingard, Merv Smith (seated), Wal Tinney, George Jayatunga, Don Pereira, Fr John Mathes, Paul Miles & Ed Wilson.

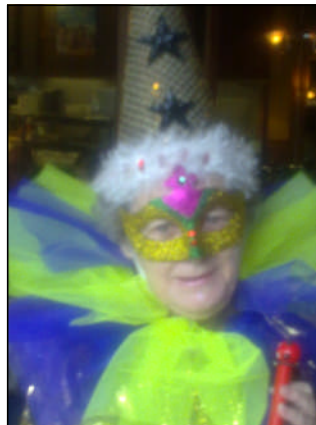


## Archdeacon

The new Archdeacon of Essendon called in for a visit recently and the women of the Church made him welcome. LtoR Margaret Elsey, Archdeacon Randall Nolan, Margaret Pereira, Sue MacMillan.



Margaret Elsey (left) was awarded a certificate of appreciation as part of the Westpac Community Treasurers' Awards for her services as our Parish Treasurer.



Recognise this clown  
Ask Vera if she knows her....

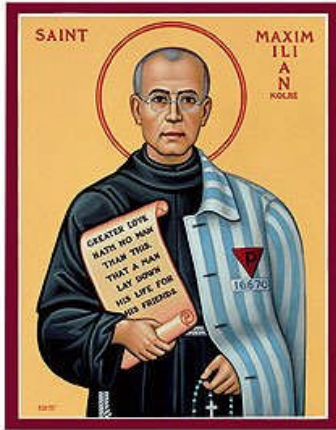
# Redevelopment

These are early plans of the new proposed redevelopment. The three apartments on the Hall land will belong to the parish. As new drafts arrive we will display plans for comment. Please talk to Fr John or the Wardens about your ideas, concerns etc Below is ground floor and on the opposite page is the first floor....





# August Saint: St Maximilian Kolbe



His Holiness John Paul II began his homily at the canonization of St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr of charity, with the words, "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13). John Paul II added that Maximilian, "was granted the grace of carrying out these words of the Redeemer in an absolutely literal manner."

Maximilian was born in Poland (January 8, 1894–August 14, 1941). He joined the Franciscan Order of Friars and his ordination to the priesthood followed in 1918. He founded the Militia of the Immaculata, a pious association in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which came to publish a monthly magazine. For his writing in the magazine, the Nazis ultimately incarcerated Maximilian as prisoner 16670 at the Auschwitz concentration camp. In order to discourage escapes, the camp had a rule

that if a man escaped, ten men would be killed in retaliation. In July 1941 a man from Kolbe's bunker escaped. The remaining men of the bunker were led out and ten were selected, including a Sergeant Francis Gajowniczek. When he uttered a cry of dismay, Maximilian stepped forward and said, "I am a Catholic priest. Let me take his place. I am old. He has a wife and children." The officer had more use for a young worker than for an old one, and was happy to make the exchange. The ten men were placed in a large cell and left there to starve. Maximilian encouraged the others with prayers, psalms, and meditations on the Passion of Christ. After two weeks, only four were alive, and only Maximilian was fully conscious. The four were killed with injections of carbolic acid on 14 August 1941.

In the words of John Paul II, "Maximilian prepared for this definitive sacrifice by following Christ from the first years of his life in Poland. From these years comes the mysterious vision of two crowns – one white and one red. From these our saint does not choose. He accepts them both. From the years of his youth, in fact, Maximilian was filled with great love of Christ and the desire for martyrdom." The feast of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe is celebrated on 14 August.

Most loving Father, whose Son Jesus Christ came to give his life as a ransom for many: Grant to us the grace, as thou didst grant to thy servant Maximilian Kolbe, to be always ready to come to the aid of those in need or distress, not counting the cost; that so we may follow in the footsteps of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever. Amen.



# Reflections on the Eucharist

This is a series of reflections on what we do each Sunday at the Eucharist so as to help us understand more what we do and why.

## PART 29 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER— FINAL DOXOLOGY

In the spirit of the Jewish *berakah* tradition the Eucharistic Prayer is always brought to a fitting climatic conclusion with a doxology.

The priest recites the Trinitarian doxology...

*Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
... we worship you, Father eternal,  
in songs of never-ending praise:*

and he elevates the consecrated bread and wine in a gesture of offering. We who have listened to the Eucharistic Prayer 'in silence and reverence' respond with a resounding '**Amen**'

By saying 'Amen' we affirm or ratify all that has been prayed in our name by the Priest in the Eucharistic Prayer.

Like all acclamations, it should be shouted and said with enthusiasm.

## PART 30 COMMUNION RITE

The practice of the early church was to proceed directly from the Eucharist Prayer to the breaking of bread and communion. As time went by, a more elaborate communion rite developed to assist the participants in their immediate preparation for the reception of the sacrament.

Today the communion rite consists of: the Lord's Prayer, the rite of peace (if not done earlier), the breaking of bread and receiving the Holy Communion.

As distractions come easily to most of us, we need to pause and remind ourselves of the purpose of this rite and enter into it as fully as possible. PART 31 THE LORD'S



## PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer was introduced into the Eucharist after the breaking of the bread towards the end of the fourth century. Its present position dates from the liturgy of St Gregory two centuries later. Originally it was sung by the priest but now it is said by the whole congregation.

The Lord's Prayer begins our immediate preparation for Holy Communion. It is an appropriate prayer for this purpose as it combines praise of our heavenly Father with pertinent intercessions. We wish to approach the table of our Lord with hearts free from sin and in a spirit of love and mutual harmony.

In what is called an *embolism*, the priest expands upon our pleas to be delivered from evil by praying that we might enjoy 'peace in our day.' The peace in question is the wholeness / holiness of the person who seeks to do God's will.

The acclamation 'For the kingdom...' is a doxology which has been associated with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer from earliest times.

## A letter from God to you

*Each of you has been blessed  
with one of God's many wonderful gifts  
to be used in the service of others.  
So use your gift well.  
1 Peter 4:10 CEV*

My Child, you are My gifted one

I have given you the gift of eternal life, but My giving does not stop there. Inside of you is a supernatural surprise – a gift that is waiting to be unwrapped... by you.

Yes, it's there. It's hidden behind dreams waiting to be pursued. Swallowed up by daily distractions and drowned by disappointment.

Let Me help you clear out the clutter and find your gift. You'll find it in that place in life that brings you the greatest joy, that place where your soul longs to be, that work your hands love to do.

But this gift that I've given to you is not just for you. I have blessed you to be a blessing to others. When you find your gift, I will take it and multiply it beyond what you could ever imagine. So ask Me, and I will help you open your gift so that you can give it away to the world – not to impress – but to bless.

Love,

Your King and the Giver of every good and perfect gift

*His Princess, Love letters from Your King,  
Sheri Rose Shepherd, Multnomah Books, 2004  
Submitted by Gail Paxman*

## THE KNIGHT



There is a story of a young knight in shining armour riding off to do "something great" with his life. In the course of his journey he came across various people in need. Among them, there was a farmer trying to pull a cart out of a bog and, further along the road, a woman struggling to carry a load of fire-wood. They all asked the young knight for help, but he said he could not stop because he was on his way to do "something great". Of course the story ended with him still riding down the road of lost opportunities.

The moral of the story is always relevant. We can all make the mistake of living in the future or in the past, instead of living in the present. "Live one day at a time" is advice frequently heard but not always followed.

Some people, like the young knight, allow the present to be spoiled by the future. As Christians we must not allow this to happen to us. We must care for our neighbour, each other and the needy right now, this very day !



# Word Play

1. The roundest knight at king Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

3. She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.

4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

5. The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

6. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

7. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

9. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

10. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

11. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

12. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, 'You stay here, I'll go on a head.'

13. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

14. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'

15. A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, 'No change yet.'

16. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

17. The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

18. The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

19. A backward poet writes inverse.

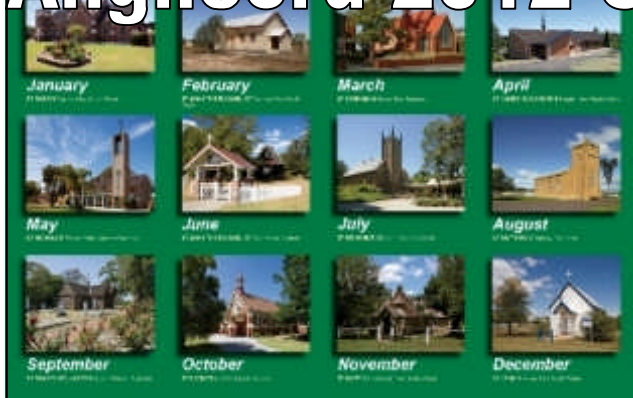
20. In democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.

21. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

# word p l a y



# Anglicord 2012 Calendars



The much loved and highly sought after Australian Anglican Church Calendar is now available to buy in its 2012 edition. Now in its 18th year, this wonderful publication demonstrates the great diversity of Anglican Churches across Australia: large, small, urban and rural. The Primate of Australia, the Most Rev'd Dr Phillip Aspinall, reminds Anglicans that the calendar raises funds for the work of AnglicORD, an Anglican overseas relief and development agency. Calendars are available for order now - order form can be found on the notice board in the narthex, or just call Margaret Elsey on 9390 9234 and she will add your name to the form. Cost is \$15 per calendar. Money would be appreciated when ordering. **ORDERS CLOSE ON SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER SO WE CAN GET THEM WELL BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR**

## MUSICAL LUNCHEON

Monday 29th August 12 noon

\$10 donation

at Christ Church Anglican Church Essendon

Concert in the Church at 12.00

Lunch in the Hall afterwards

Ascot Vale PS Flute & Clarinet Ensemble  
Victorian Flute Guild Intermediate Ensemble

Trading Table  
Lots of Door Prizes

RSVP 24th August  
Megan Rankin 93797438  
47 Richardson Street, Essendon 3040  
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A six year old boy told his father one day, "I'm going outdoors and play ball with God."

"So how do you play ball with God?" the father asked.

"Oh, it's not hard at all," the boy replied.

"I just throw the ball up and God throws its back down to me."

The pastor's five year old boy had been so badly behaved during the week that she told him his punishment would be that he couldn't go to the Sunday School picnic that Sunday.

When Sunday came, the pastor felt she had been too harsh and told her son that he could go to the picnic. The boy looked even sadder.

"What's the matter? I thought you'd be happy to go to the picnic." his mother said. "it's too late," the boy replied. "I've already prayed for rain."

Q: What happens when a cat eats a lemon?

A: It becomes a sourpuss.

### INTERESTING WEB PAGES

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IT IS WORTH A LOOK

### PARISH PANTRY

Could donations of small packets of cereal and 2 minute noodles be donated as we have run out of them. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.  
*Sue MacMillan*

### FLOWER ROSTER

We need more ladies to assist on the flower roster—if you can assist please see Sue MacMillan

### SUNDAY MORNING TEA

We need more people to assist with morning tea after church on Sunday. If you can help talk to Margaret Eley

### EssACC 2011 DATES

**Aberfeldie, Strathmore & Essendon  
Anglican Churches working together...**

#### EssACC COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 17th August 7.30 pm  
At Aberfeldie

#### EssACC DINNER

Friday 26th August 7.30pm  
Lincolnshire Arms Hotel (The Linc)  
Mt Alexander Rd / Keilor Rd  
Purchase off the menu your choice of meal  
Organised by Strathmore

#### COMBINED SERVICE

Michaelmass Sun 25th Sept  
9.30 am at Christ Church Essendon

#### EssACC COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 26th October 7.30 pm  
At Essendon

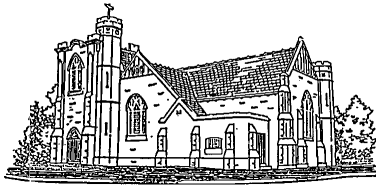
### LADIES @ LEISURE

**Sunday 28th August**

Jewish Museum  
Alma Road, St Kilda.  
\$5 Concession.  
Travelling by car pool  
time to be confirmed



## FROM THE REGISTERS



### Holy Baptism:

17.07.2011 Alice Jessica Nelson  
31.07.2011 Ryan Parker James Josef

### Marriage:

03.07.2011 Emma Elizabeth Webster  
& Adam Douglas McKenzie

### Funerals:

21.07.2011 Edwin Benjamin 'Eddy'  
Samuel Aged 80 years

## CHRIST CHURCH OP SHOP

Come and check out the gold mine of  
items available in the

CHRIST CHURCH OP SHOP  
**Tuesday to Friday 10 am-4 pm**  
**Saturday 9.30 am to 12.30 pm**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Christ Church Op Shop is looking for  
volunteers to assist in its program.  
If you are interested, please contact

## MUSICAL LUNCHEON

Monday 29th August 12 noon \$10  
Ascot Vale PS Flute & Clarinet Ensemble  
Victorian Flute Guild Intermediate Ensemble  
RSVP Megan Rankin 93797438

## OP SHOP BOOK SALE

Friday 16th September

10am to 4pm  
Sat 17th Sept  
9.30am to  
12.30pm  
All books half  
price



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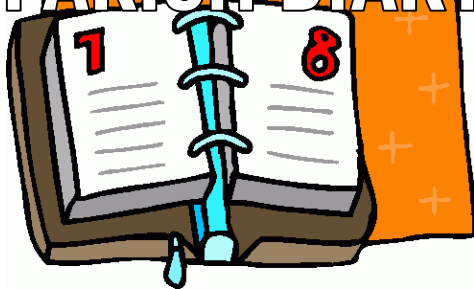
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# PARISH DIARY AUGUST 2011



## SUNDAY 7th – OS 19 A

8am Eucharist  
9.30am Sung Eucharist

Monday 8th Vicar's day off  
Tuesday 9th  
9.30 am Craft  
7pm Confirmation Prep (3)  
Wednesday 10th  
10am Eucharist  
4pm Confirmation Prep (1)  
7.30pm Confirmation Prep (2)

## SUNDAY 14th – OS 20 A

8am Eucharist  
9.30am Sung Eucharist  
11.30am Vestry

Monday 15th - Vicar's day off  
Tuesday 16th  
9.30am Craft  
7pm Confirmation Prep (3)  
Wednesday 17th  
10am Eucharist  
4pm Confirmation Prep (1)  
7.30pm NO Confirmation Prep (2)  
7.30pm EssACC Committee @  
Aberfeldie

## SUNDAY 21st - OS 21 A

8am Eucharist  
9.30am Sung Eucharist

Monday 22nd - Vicar's day off  
Tuesday 23rd  
9.30am Craft  
11am Deanery Chapter @  
Gisborne

7pm Confirmation Prep (3)  
Wednesday 24th  
10am Eucharist  
1.15pm Essendon Nursing Home  
2pm Trivi Court Mass  
4pm Confirmation Prep (1)  
7.30pm Confirmation Prep (2)  
Thursday 25th  
1pm Home Communion  
Friday 26th  
7pm EssACC Dinner

## SUNDAY 28th – OS 22 A

8am Eucharist  
9.30am Sung Eucharist  
1pm Ladies@Leisure @ Jewish  
Museum

Monday 29th - Vicar's day off  
11am Musical luncheon  
Tuesday 30th  
9.30am Craft  
7pm Confirmation (3)  
Wednesday 31st  
10am Eucharist  
4.00pm Confirmation Prep (1)  
7.30pm Confirmation Prep (2)  
Friday 2nd September  
7.30 pm Film Night (Narnia - Voyage  
of Dawn Treader)

## SUNDAY 4th – New Guinea Martyrs

8am Eucharist  
9.30am Sung Eucharist

**Please see weekly pew sheet  
for any changes in parish diary.**

