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ST PAUL'S - BAKERY HILL



*"If God is for us, who is against us?" (Rom 8:31)*

**SEASON OF CREATION 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

***A Year to challenge violence, injustice & oppression, and work for peace  
and reconciliation***

*Welcome to St Paul's! We acknowledge the Wathaurung people, the traditional custodians of this land. We gather in prayer where-ever we are. If you have found this order of service and are using it, please feel free to make yourself known. Contact Sister Elisa to be included via St Paul's email or phone number. See back page.*



**SEASON OF CREATION 1**

**Worship 9.30am [Zoom]**

Dear people of St Paul's,

Over the next 5 weeks we will be keeping the Season of Creation. This is a time when we give thanks for our wonderful world given to us by God to enjoy and to care for. We are this year thinking about a year of 'Jubilee'.

Jubilee is a custom kept by ancient Israel where every 50 years things were restored to their natural place. Slaves were set free, debts forgiven, land taken from families, returned, and the land itself rested in order to regenerate.

So in this season we are reminded to think about how we might forgive each other, how we might rest our land from damage and pollution and how we might participate in God's work of restoring our world to God's intended beauty, joy and provision.

In this time of Covid19 we have much to ponder. The land is in many ways being rested because of our forced Sabbath to ensure our protection from a terrible disease. We have seen how some environments began to be cleaned almost instantaneously. We have no idea why a pandemic starts, but it is helped along considerably by our cultures of overcrowding, over and under employment, and lack of care for our world, and thus ourselves and each other.

This is an opportunity to ponder and pray about these things.

Every blessing

Sr Elisa

## **THE SERVICE BEGINS**

### **1<sup>st</sup> week 'Love your Neighbour'**

*When all are gathered, the presider begins:*

+In the name of God: our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **SCRIPTURE SENTENCE:**

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power. For you created all things, and by your will they have their being.

### **Prayer of preparation**

**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 Penitential Rite**

‘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 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’.

*Silence to reflect.*

Let us therefore bring our sins to the one true God, in penitence and faith.

**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.**

### **Words of Assurance/ *absolution***

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2: 1-2

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY:** *(pause for silent prayer)*

Source of all life, we give thanks to you for your wondrous creation made manifest in the environment that surrounds us; strengthen us in the mission of stewardship and care towards nature, the work of your hands, encouraging us to preserve life in all its precious forms. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING Exodus 12.1-14**

A reading from the book of Exodus

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall

be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

## **PSALM 149**

1 Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

**2 Let Israel be glad in its Maker;  
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**

3 Let them praise his name with dancing,  
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

**4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;  
he adorns the humble with victory.**

5 Let the faithful exult in glory;  
let them sing for joy on their couches.

**6 Let the high praises of God be in their throats  
and two-edged swords in their hands,**

7 to execute vengeance on the nations  
and punishment on the peoples,

**8 to bind their kings with fetters  
and their nobles with chains of iron,**

9 to execute on them the judgment decreed.  
This is glory for all his faithful ones.

Praise the Lord!

## **SECOND READING Romans 13.8-14**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not

commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbour as yourself.” <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup> let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord **thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!** Owe no-one anything, except to love one another; for whoever loves another has fulfilled the Law. [Romans 13:8] **Alleluia, alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL Matthew 18.15-20**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

#### **+ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>15</sup> “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup> But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about

anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Reflection – Sr Elisa**

### **Week 1 Season of Creation.**

This year’s ‘Season of Creation’ is about coming to grips with our place in God’s world. Over the next 5 weeks, on one level, we are looking at the big picture of the God given world we enjoy, as well as bringing it back to us and to how we as Christian disciples, bring God’s kingdom into this world by playing our part towards bringing the human world into alignment with God’s will and purpose for it.

The organisers of the Season for this year, have declared it a year of Jubilee. Jubilee is a calendar event in the Jewish faith which occurs once every 50 years. Leviticus 25:8–13 states:

You shall count off seven Sabbaths of years, seven times seven years; ...forty-nine years. Then you shall sound the loud trumpet on the tenth day of the seventh month. On the Day of Atonement, you shall sound the trumpet throughout all your land. You shall make the fiftieth year holy and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee to you; and each of you shall return to his own property, and each of you shall return to his family. In that fiftieth year ... you shall not sow, neither reap that which grows of itself, nor gather

from the undressed vines. For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you.

So, Jubilee involves Sabbath rest for people and for the land, it involves forgiveness of sin and of debt, and the restoration of people and land to their right place. It is a time when slaves are freed, and people return home. It is a time when people and land are renewed and given a new start.

As we look at our world this day, we are experiencing an enforced kind of Sabbath due to Covid19 and many suffer because of it. People are suffering because they are isolated, they are not experiencing the levels of stimulation and escape that they have been programmed to expect, not enough work, entertainment, and consumerism, which they depend on to avoid aspects of life, and they are not able to feed their addiction to social interaction, so many are deeply lost and afraid.

What is needed is a kind of balance. A balance God intends for us, between enjoying having our basic needs in life met, with work, rest, the protections and joys of life, and relationships.

Within our culture, this kind of balance is extremely counter cultural because over a long time, we have been increasingly caught up with a capitalist program which is dependent on growing consumerism and a growing differentiation between the poor and the rich.



I remember when I was growing up, the shops & most businesses closed on Saturday lunchtime and wouldn't open until Monday mornings, so families had time to relax together and do things together. Then opening hours were increased, so people had more time to shop and gradually recreation time was whittled away, and people have become used to instant gratification. People had less time to ponder in their gardens or walk in the bush instead, in their time out they went shopping or something similar.

In those days, full time work was 38-40 hours a week mostly 9-5, now for many people, they work flexi hours, which is helpful for families, although sometimes it means working 70 hours a week and some people work shifts of 3-5 hours at a time, 4 or 5 days a week, for the convenience of their employers. So, there is both over employment and underemployment. Some; when they left school went on to university and got a degree and many went into trades or retail or had other less academic training which led them directly to a career and work. Now most young people are expected to study until they are in their 20's and often it is difficult to find work when they begin to look for it.

These creeping changes have in many ways made us a wealthier culture and many live very good lives because of it. There are also many who struggle to keep up. They are the ones who are unemployed, homeless, and who are depressed. Some of the toxic side effects of the way we live.

There are other toxic side effects too. The poisoning of our waterways, the pollution of our air and land, the creeping deserts, the dying reefs, and the changes to our climate.

So, this month we are seeking to hear what God is saying to us in all of this and how we might respond. By looking at the set texts in the lectionary, we will also discover that our God is entirely consistent in his call for us to live a more balanced life.

So today.

The reading from Exodus about the first Passover. On one level it is an awful story, where God is destroying all the first born of Egypt- human and animal alike and as he does this, he saves his chosen people. This Old Testament view of God, sees God as a God at war with other deities, expressed through his love and protection of a particular people. In the Prophets this version of God shifts substantially to a God who seeks conversion and peace and justice for all people. And of course, Jesus' life and teaching is consistent with this understanding of God.

One point which has been universally carried forward though, is the battle against false Gods. You see it throughout the whole of Scripture, when Adam and Eve were driven from the garden of Eden after they tried to have the power of God in the knowledge of good and evil.

You see it in the constant Old Testament stories where the Jewish peoples strive to purify themselves and cleanse the land

and the temple from idols and idolatry. Finally in the person of Jesus, the sacrificial lamb of God, God rescues us from the battle by overcoming the death caused by sin and evil and forgiving us our failings. At the same time he calls us to be stewards of this earth; for the sake of the coming Kingdom and the renewal of the whole of creation.

Part of the Good News is that on one level Jesus has done this for us and on another level, we do not have to do it on our own, we do it as community. And we do it in peace and love, knowing at the deepest possible level that Christ has already reconciled us and healed our world. That does not mean that we have no responsibility for it, it means that we have the freedom to live into that world.

In the letter to the Romans, Paul makes the point, that we are to be subject to the rule of human government. Again, that doesn't mean compromising our faith. Where our faith is undermined, we are to follow the rule of Christ, but we do not set about creating conflict, we live quietly obedient lives filled with grace and love. The command to love one another and the essential law of obedience to God is key in this.

So a response to a call to growing consumerism which is counter to God's purposes for the earth, might be to grow a vegetable garden, or even in a more missional way a community garden, which connects people and the earth together.

Matthew is building his church. It is a church coping with internal conflicts due to the introduction of Gentiles into a largely Jewish Community. The Gospel has two parts, one is the parable of the lost sheep, making the point that every life is totally precious to God.

The second part is a teaching about how members of the church should reconcile with each other when they are caught up in disagreements or when one person has wronged another.

The process described is clear cut, in a way that is idealistic. So, following these directions to the letter may not always be that simple. But there are a few things in this which are important. One is that we should work directly with the issue and not avoid it. The temptation to gossip is a sign of avoidance. So, we need to do the emotional hard yards rather than extend the conflict into the community. Only when we fail in our attempts at peace making do we seek the assistance of others to help bring reconciliation. If a person ends up being sent from the community it is a deeply sad thing and not done lightly.

This teaching is surrounded by stories which emphasise how important every individual is to God in the parable of the lost sheep. Earlier there were stories which emphasized the importance of humility and forgiveness also. In the Kingdom of heaven, we are to be like little children. Sometimes deep reconciliation requires a lot of personal effort to understand

our own motives, and to then to listen to the other person so you can understand them. Often it takes time and patience and deep trust.

As we think about these things around the season of creation, it is clear that at the core, we need to be reconciled with God through entrusting our lives in God alone and then we need to be reconciled with our world, each other and creation.

We need each other in this, so the Christian community and its wellbeing is important, we need to love each other both here where we can see and appreciate each other, and we also need to be loving our human brothers and sisters across the globe, and our children and grandchildren into the future, by reflecting on our choices and how they will affect our world both today and tomorrow.

What can we do individually and as a community to ensure justice for the world and humanity?

Love God,

Love each other,

Live simply and carefully with the resources we have.

Be involved in campaigns for third world and environmental justice.

And pray for wise discernment to enable a deep cultural change which aims at the wellbeing of all, rather than just ourselves or the wealthy and clever few. **Amen.**

*Silence for reflection.*

*Let us together affirm our faith.*

**We believe that God creates all things, renews all things, and celebrates all things.**

**We believe earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet revealing God's love and providing us with a home to share with all of Creation.**

**We believe that God became flesh and blood, became a piece of Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross for all human beings and for all creation.**

**We believe that the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of creation, reconciling all things to God, renewing creation, and filling the cosmos.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit renews life in Creation, groans in empathy with a suffering creation and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.**

**We believe that with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a new Creation.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

In our prayers today we are going use our imaginations to try and link the detailed needs of our own church with the great purposes of God for the whole of creation.

*Pause*

Imagine you are standing outside of St Paul's, looking at its familiar shape, and thinking about all it represents- the worshipping community who gather week by week, the daily prayer which no-one sees, the spiritual energy which inspires people for their ongoing lives, the groups which belong to it, its good works. All the rough edges of the wonderful band of Christians which make up our church.

*Pause*

Now try and see our church as God sees it and loves it. In silence pray for the life of the church, mentioning any special concern you have for our church life now...

*Long Pause.*

God who renews Creation

**Hear our prayer.**

Now rise above the church and see the whole of East Ballarat and Ballarat. Look on the whole of it and be aware of its vibrancy; all the myriad activities, shopping, worshipping, washing cars, arguing, maybe even crying. Plans being made over breakfast tables. Children totally absorbed in their games. Some watching TV. People sitting anxiously at bedsides or alone. Some who we know are unwell. Doctors and nurses at work. This is our place with its homes, streets, parks, schools and places of work. Also, with its stories, myths, history, and dreams.

*Pause*

Now let us look down on our parish area and see it as God sees it, and cares for it, for everyone without exception. In silence let us pray for this place, in whole or in part, holding it in the warmth of God's good will and purpose...

*Long Pause*

God who renews Creation

**Hear our prayer.**

And now let us rise higher still, and see in the eye of our imagination, this whole country, with its vitality and beauty and its cities. From Melbourne and Sydney CBD's, to Sunshine and Parramatta, from Adelaide to Elizabeth, Perth, Fremantle, and Brisbane. Darwin. Our rural towns and places: Alice Springs, the Flinders Ranges. Katherine, the Kimberly and the Pilbara, Gold Coast. The towns of the early gold rush. Its beautiful rainforests and growing deserts.

We see a nation rich in talent, loving its sport, addicted to TV, largely content to live without God. We know there are people who struggle to live well because of poverty; our institutions are creaking, it is hard to be a good politician and materialism is our major faith.

*Pause*

Look down on this land and try to see it as God sees it. Not with favoured nation status, except that every nation is at the centre of God's loving attention. See this land bathed in the love and grace of God...

*Longer pause*

God who renews Creation

**Hear our prayer.**

And now let us rise very high, and see our whole world, as if seeing it from space. A small colourful ball, blue and brown and smudged with cloud. The earth, our home. So insignificant, and yet so densely packed with life and purpose. A world of infinite riches and complexity and needing careful looking after. A world suffering a serious pandemic, and which has been threatened by wars. A world which has had its finely balanced eco systems interfered with recklessly. A world which has made extraordinary progress and yet has been immeasurably cruel. A world which has chosen to go its own way, ignoring the Maker's instructions.

*Pause.*

Try and see this bruised planet as God sees it, precious in grand design and in minute detail. See it and pray for it. The Kingdom of God is a healed creation....

*Longer pause.*

God so loved the world...that he gave his only Son.

**Amen. Amen.**

*Based on Prayers by John Pritchard from 'THE INTERCESSIONS HANDBOOK'*



## **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. Amen.**

*[We wave to each other as a sign of peace]*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*Offertory Prayer*

God of extravagant mercy, with hands outstretched you have poured out wonder and pleasure and delight, goodness and beauty and bounty.

Take these offerings, we pray as a protest against, all that is evil and ugly and impoverished, trivial and wretched and tyrannical, in our world and ourselves.

And may we and others know ourselves to be blessed.

**Blessed be God forever.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer*

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.**

...

*The preface continues...forever 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.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...

*The Eucharistic prayer continues...*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...

*The prayer concludes with ... 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 forever.**

**Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body in Christ,

**for we all share in the one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

The body of Christ broken for you.

The blood of Christ poured out for you.

**Father we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice, send us out in the  
power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

## THE BLESSING

May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your heart and mind in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 9.30am:** Exodus 14:19–31, Psalm 114, Romans 14:1–12, Matthew 18:21–35

### Diary for the next week

- 5pm. Tuesday Evening: Zoom Evening Prayer with focus on prayer for Covid19 & our Diocese. All welcome to join us
- 10.30am. Thursday: Bible Study via Zoom all welcome.  
*Surprised by Hope: NT Wright.*  
*[All welcome-contact Sr Elisa for information and resources]*
- 10.30am Friday cuppa and chat (via Zoom)
- 9.30 am Sunday Eucharist [Zoom]. *Contact Sr Elisa for the link to the service if you do not have it.*



### LEARNING AND SHARING

At a church barbeque (with yummy food) a child, not accustomed to being there, asked whether they have to pay. 'It is a gift for you' was the reply. At an after-school Kid's Club an eager boy reached out for yet another (ordinary, boring) biscuit. A leader slapped his hand and snapped that he'd had enough (in the days before safe practices). With every look and

act we are (good or bad) witnesses to God's generous love. If we get the opportunity to expound that theologically, so much the better. But all of us are witnesses and we all teach what God means to us, whether generous or punishing.

*You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; <sup>2</sup> and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. 2 Timothy 2: 1-2*

In Uganda grass-thatched houses present multiple problems - destruction by fire, loss of possessions, limited opportunity for trade. Mothers' Union members of a village grouped together and in fellowship pooled money and rotated it to benefit one family at a time. Three iron-roofed houses have been built, gardening shared with fellowship has boosted skills and food yield. Thanks be to God.

## **PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Ivor, Daniel, Vicki, David & Vera, Margaret, Bert, Mandy, Joyce, Jean, Carmel, Hazel, Heather, Ann, Stephanie, Tamara, Andrew, Aaron, Vera, Jenny, Jan, Fr Peter, Seth, Corey, Gillian, Pauline & Barrie, Hilary.

## **YEARS MIND**

Alfred Taylor, Edward Kerr, William Fenton, Emily Griffiths (6) Vera Jones, Basil Brayshaw, Beryl Nevin, Alice Peet, Avenel Perks (7) John Ellis, Eva Eveleigh, Elizabeth Benjamin, Maud Carolus (8) Eliza Lucas, Bertha Giddings, Jeffrey King, Kevin Atkins (9) Ronald Pattinson, Ernest Wall, John Tattor, Alice Edward, Albert Eveleigh, John Tutton, Zdenek (Syd) Polak (10) Irene Foote, Ethel Wemmering, Annie Levett, Albert Bromley, George Stokes, Eliza Stewart, John Bradby (11) Clara Dale, Faith Roper, Ethel Walters, Mabel Betteridge, Clarice Condon, Harry Hunt, Jean Picot (12)

## MASK FUNDRAISER



All masks are \$10 each. To order, contact Avis,  
email [avis.mason@gmail.com](mailto:avis.mason@gmail.com) or mobile 0408 801192

There are 3 styles, Fitted, Pleated or Tubes. The tubes come in small, medium or large.

Our mask sales have slowed down as there are many people also selling them so personal contact seems to be the best way to sell them. The neck tubes have many uses - as a neck warmer to replace a scarf, also as a mask and then a head bandanna -all masks are washable. It appears that we will be wearing them until Christmas so colour co-ordination with outfits is also an option.



# SEASON OF CREATION

## **Caring for the Environment during Covid19 & the Season of Creation**

It's difficult to be out planting trees or something similar when we can't gather together as a group, so instead we thought: how about expressing our love and appreciation for those aspects of the natural environment that are special to us by composing a poem or song, painting a picture, drawing a sketch, taking a photo or writing a story on that theme that we can all share. We can even put together a booklet and/or a display (on-line and in actuality in our church) to celebrate our relationship with the God-given wonders of the natural world that surrounds and sustains us.

So, thinking caps on, creative juices flowing, talents in gear and let's see what marvellous creations; Celebrating Creation that we can come up with. Contributions can be sent to: Hedley Thomson;

608 Wilson St, Canadian, 3350 or by email to:  
[hedleythomson@gmail.com](mailto:hedleythomson@gmail.com).

PS: we are looking at doing some planting at our site at the Nerrina Wetlands; keep Sunday afternoon, 27th September 2020 available on the chance that restrictions have been eased.

## **ON-LINE PLANT SALE**



Last week was very busy and between 24 -27th August a total of \$1049 was raised from selling plants. Thank you to Margaret J, Merna G, Pauline and Barrie, and Adele, a long- time supporter of our plant sales, who have provided a wide range of very healthy plants and bulbs this week for sale. Bunches of cut flowers have been popular and the hanging baskets sold in 2 minutes. Any plant with a flower sells quickly. Please contact either Deirdre or Noella if you have plants, gardening items etc that would help with this project.

## **GARDENING SUGGESTIONS**

Gardening suggestions- as the weather is trying to warm up cuttings can be propagated in a pot in a sunny area, in readiness for the November Plant Sale - one never knows what is ahead of us.

## **BOTTLE COLLECTION**

Just a reminder to keep saving your Moccona coffee jars, egg cartons, spice jars and Roses marmalade jars (all with lids please). They can be left in the box at Sr Elisa's front door. Get your family and friends onto saving these too – there are people waiting to buy!

## Parish Directory

### **Bishop**

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**Parish Priest** Sr Elisa Helen, CSC

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The Rev'd Malcolm Thomas

The Rev'd Deacon Bert Muysers

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