

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA  
**DIOCESE OF BALLARAT**  
**ST PAUL'S - BAKERY HILL**



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

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost—8<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

***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.*



**8am Holy Eucharist**

**10am Holy Eucharist**

Dear people of St Paul's,

This week we are resuming services in St Paul's and 20 people plus a worship leader will be allowed in the church, so you must book in advance. Our services will go back to 8am and 10am on Sundays and 10.30am on Thursdays.

I will be taking 3 weeks holidays, which are well and truly due from 9<sup>th</sup> November. I have spoken with Bert and he will lead services of Morning Prayer for 2 Sundays, Father Geoffrey will preach on one of those Sundays. I will be back on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. which just happens to be the first Sunday of Advent.

During Advent on the first three Wednesdays, I propose to do a series of meditative services at 5.30pm with reflections based on Advent themes.

1. Advent hope [Wednesday. Dec 2]
2. Advent joy. [Wednesday Dec 9]
3. Advent love. [Wednesday Dec 16]

These services will be both in person in the church and on Zoom. You are of course all invited.

Every blessing to each of you while I am away. My prayer is with you.  
Sr Elisa

## **THE SERVICE BEGINS**

*When all are gathered, the presider begins:*

In the name of God: Father, + Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

**SCRIPTURE SENTENCE:** Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Matthew 24.42,44

## **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 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’.

*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. <sup>1</sup> John 2: 1-2

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:** *(pause for silent prayer)* Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes we may go out joyfully to meet him, and with him enter into the marriage feast that you have prepared for all who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25**

A reading from the book of Joshua

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup> And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. <sup>3</sup> Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

<sup>14</sup> “Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup> Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup> for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup> and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore, we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

<sup>19</sup> But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. <sup>20</sup> If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” <sup>21</sup> And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” <sup>22</sup> Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” <sup>23</sup> He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” <sup>24</sup> The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” <sup>25</sup> So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

### **PSALM 78.1-7**

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> **I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

<sup>3</sup> things that we have heard and known,  
that our ancestors have told us.

<sup>4</sup> **We will not hide them from their children;  
we will tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,  
and the wonders that he has done.**

<sup>5</sup> He established a decree in Jacob,  
and appointed a law in Israel,  
which he commanded our ancestors  
to teach to their children;

<sup>6</sup> **that the next generation might know them,  
the children yet unborn,  
and rise up and tell them to their children,**

<sup>7</sup> so that they should set their hope in God,  
and not forget the works of God,  
but keep his commandments.

## **SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4.9-18**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

<sup>9</sup> Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; <sup>10</sup> and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more, <sup>11</sup> to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, <sup>12</sup> so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and be dependent on no one.

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<sup>13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup> For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL Matthew 25.1-13**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup> Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup> But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup> And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup> But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup> Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

For the Gospel of the Lord

### **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

#### **Reflection – Sr Elisa**

The parable of the wedding.

Have you been watching the US election counting? It has been painfully slow. It’s also been a really interesting study in human character, when one has to wait. Donald Trump wanting to stop the voting in counties where he’s losing, wanting to deny the postal votes because most of them are Democratic, declaring victory where there is no victory, and threatening a legal battle in the seats he loses. Joe Biden on the other hand has been mostly silent except to encourage his voters that he’s in with a chance, confirming the

democratic process and the need to wait and occasionally speaking up to refute some of the most outrageous things that Donald has said. Confession: I admit that there is a lot in life over which I am not patient, I am not good at waiting for resolutions. There are some things I am patient about as well, for example, I can be patient with change in ways many people find hard, but most of the time I prefer things to work out as expected and when they don't I find myself getting frustrated.

How we wait for things to happen and work out in life, is in part to do with character and personality, as well as a grace which can develop and grow with effort.

The parable of the bridesmaids waiting for the groom to bring them to the wedding feast is about waiting in the right manner. It has to do with the relationship of the bridesmaids to the bridegroom and being proactively ready for the coming of the groom.

We make a lot of cultural presumptions about how weddings work. Jesus in Matthew's Gospel assumes a knowledge of local wedding practises which are not the same as ours. We send out invitations to all our families and friends with details of the day, time and place and wait for the RSVP's to return so we can plan numbers etc.

But in Jesus' day weddings were arranged differently, we can't be certain of everything, but probably the invitations were sent out verbally and there were no times or dates with the invitation because the whole local community or village were invited, this included the extended family. When the preparations for the ceremony were done, people went out and called everyone to come to the do. These were no small events either, but went on for a week of festivities, so there was a lot of preparation.

The marriage contracts would be completed, but the bride and groom would not live together before the day of the wedding ceremony.



The festivities began when the groom had finished preparing a room in his father's house for the bride. Then he would ceremonially come and take her from her parents' home, to her new home, where the marriage was consummated.

The bridesmaids who were friends and supporters of the bride would wait with her for the groom. In the parable the bride seems to be in her house, and it is the bridesmaids who are waiting for the groom to bring him to the bride.

It was a bit of a game for the groom to come at an unexpected time, often in the middle of the night. He would arrive giving only a shout in the dark as the warning of his arrival. Then he would take his bride home, consummate the marriage, and the feasting would begin. There are a few things which indicate that this is a story told with a particular purpose.

1. The focus of the story is the bridesmaids and the groom, and not the bride.
2. The 5 foolish bridesmaids who are locked out of the wedding, call the groom 'Lord'. That is a title for Jesus or a ruler of some kind and would not be appropriate in this case. It also reflects Jesus' teaching in other places in Matthew's Gospel.
3. In a culture where most homes were open, a locked door is not usual and much of the partying would be happening in the street, so to turn the late bridesmaids away makes no sense.
4. The situation is not modern Australia where you can go out in the middle of the night to a supermarket and get supplies, so the direction to go to a dealer to buy oil seems a bit out.
5. Finally it would be unusual for the bridesmaids to be known by the groom as they were the friends of the bride, and yet the groom turns them away, not because they are late, but because he does not know them!

The meaning of the story is further affected by the introduction and ending used by Jesus.

Beginning: ‘The Kingdom of heaven is like this....’

Ending: ‘Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour’

Within the story itself, the emphasis is on the bridesmaids waiting for and being known by the groom.

This context of Jesus’ telling makes it about the anticipated coming of the Kingdom of God and living in expectant readiness. So, the lesson is clear and simple: we are to be ready all the time for God to come into our lives and a central part of this readiness is about being in a living personal relationship with Jesus.

This is not the first time for this to have emerged in Matthew. Within the sermon on the Mount we hear.

<sup>21</sup> “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup> On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?’ <sup>23</sup> Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; Matt 7: 21-23.

So then to be a part of the Kingdom we must be in relationship with Jesus and be ready for him in our lives.

What are some ways we do this? Well of course there is the basic: we must fully receive Jesus as our Lord and master and train ourselves to shape our hearts and minds to live according to God’s will and purposes. And how might we do that?

Prayer. Talking to God, talking to Jesus, and asking for guidance and direction, not just occasionally or in church, but often.

Bible. Reading the bible prayerfully and listening to what God may be saying to you about your life.

Repentance. When you hear and understand what God is saying to you, accept forgiveness, let go of the past, and move forward as God is calling you to! It's amazing how many people get stuck in the past and so are unable to accept forgiveness and move forward.

The primary Christian attribute is love, especially for the poor and the disadvantaged in anyway. Endeavouring to love others in humility as God loves them.

Honesty about yourself with God. When you speak to God, let God know how you feel and what your needs are. You may need to put on your best clothes to look good in church, but in your relationship with God, you need your real self, not a perceived best self, so that the grace of God can truly change you from the inside out. Anything other than that is what the Pharisees do.

These are not just keys to a relationship with God, they are keys to any good relationship.

Have no regrets in life. Is there a relationship which needs healing or forgiveness, then don't leave it, but seek to be reconciled. Say you're sorry or demonstrate your love in some way, not just for yourself but for the other.

The church cannot do any of this for you personally, you need to be working at your relationship with God according to your call, but as a community we can support and help each other with our waiting. For example: the sacrament of Baptism and Holy Communion are means through which we can join ourselves to Christ. The sacrament of confession is a place where we can hear the words of forgiveness when we find it

hard to hear. The opening of Scripture in study and worship helps to feed our knowledge of God.

Waiting is hard, and if we're not good at it, can be messy as well. It takes patience and preparedness. I have heard some say that the foolish bridesmaids would have been better to stay in the dark and to be there when the groom arrived, rather than being distracted by the lack of oil in their lamps.

Fighting against reality, which is what we see Donald Trump doing, is not a good option for the future. We need to pray, listen, obey, love and serve with open and expectant hearts, waiting for Jesus to come both in the present and in the unknown moment in the future, when all is completed for the Kingdom. **Amen.**

*Silence for reflection.*

*Let us together 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray for the world and the church.

Lord Jesus Christ, supply our lamps of faith with the light of your Word, so that on the unexpected day of your coming, we may trim our lamps with joy and expectation, and eagerly accompany you to the eternal banquet.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, we pray for your church and its leaders throughout the world and in Australia. Strengthen it in truth and unity, ground it in faith, and empower it for witness and ministry in these difficult times, that we may faithfully and courageously proclaim the good news of redemption in Christ alone through both word and action.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O Lord, comforter of the sorrowing and strength of the weak, hear our prayers for all who suffer illness and distress that, whatever their needs, they may know your help and comfort. We pray especially for those places where Covid19 is deeply impacting the life of people. For those who are sick and for all doctors, nurses, health workers and governments who are working to defeat the disease. We give thanks for the incredible progress our own state has made in reducing the numbers of people infected.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We uphold before you those from our own community who have sought our prayer and support. Ivor, Daniel, Vicki, David & Vera, Margaret, Bert, Mandy, Joyce, Jean, Carmel, Heather, Ann, Stephanie, Tamara, Andrew, Aaron, Vera, Jenny, Jan, Fr Peter, Seth, Corey, Gillian, Pauline & Barrie, Hilary. And in a moment of silence we lift those who are known personally to us...

*Pause*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We ask your mercy and help, O Lord, for all who are persecuted, falsely accused, wrongly imprisoned, and tortured for confessing your name. Strengthen them with an awareness of our solidarity with them. Grant them relief from suffering. And give wisdom to the international community in considering how to respond.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord God, we pray for all who are elected to public office around the world, mindful at this time of the American Presidential election. We pray for our Prime minister; Scott Morrison, & Premier, Dan Andrews and our Ballarat City Council, that they will turn to you for guidance and strength in their tasks, that they may, with your help, bring honour to the office and to the people who entrust it to them.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you that you have given us your holy and blessed Word, by which you gather your church. We pray that we may receive your Word with thankful hearts, live according to it, and ever increase in faith, hope, and love, and at the last obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **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*

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to share accept and use our offering **Amen.**

***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 ...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 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.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER.**

God, the source of all holiness: may we who have shared both physically and spiritually at this table as strangers and pilgrims on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.

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

### **THE BLESSING**

God give you grace to follow all the Saints in faith and hope and love; 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.**



**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 8am & 10am:** Judges 4.1-10, Psalm 123, 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11, Matthew 25.14-30

### **Diary for the next week**

- 10.30am Thursday: Morning Prayer at St Pauls.
- 10.30 am Friday, Coffee and chat at 'A Pot of Courage', 25-39 Barkly Sq. Please book with Sue Lanyon. Mob: 0429 092 205
- Sunday 8am Morning Prayer at St Pauls.
- Sunday 10am Morning Prayer at St Pauls.

*[to attend a live service you must ring or email Sr Elisa in advance to reserve your place. We cannot allow more than 20 people to attend. Which means, between Thursday and Sunday services we have 60 places. I suggest you choose a service which fits your life and make that your regular service.]*



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### **Memories**

'Count your blessings': do you remember to? Are you, perhaps, dealing with memories you would rather forget? Sometimes these memories do need to be faced. Perhaps you can see now that the criticism was kindly meant; perhaps being overlooked for one position opened another way. Reflecting on the past can bring us to understand ourselves and forgive others. Count on it. I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old. I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds. Psalm 77:11-12 In Wales, having studied MULOA, members are looking at what they have been doing for a long time in a new way. Despite facing the challenge of lack of transport and the need for leadership training, projects involving in the local community are having a profound impact on people in hospital or prison or the homeless. Blessed memories for the future.

## **MASK FUNDRAISER**

Our masks are still available for sale at \$10 each, there are 2 styles fitted and pleated. We have removed the neck warmer from sale as new restrictions indicate what the fabric and style may be, but this style can still be used as a great neck warmer and head band. All masks are washable. To order contact Avis email [avis.mason@gmail.com](mailto:avis.mason@gmail.com) or mobile 0408 801 192

## **ST PAUL'S CALENDAR 2021**

In the absence of photos and people in and around our church community this year we are going to try for a special edition of our calendar with a focus on our church community.

In the past we have gathered photos of people and events, but this year we are asking our church community to take a photo of themselves, family or a permitted group and send it to me with a one liner message.

The one liner could express .....what St. Paul's means to me/us

.....why I/we are a member of St. Paul's

..... a short phrase from the bible that inspires you.... or something else that inspires you

Locations could include home, church, garden etc.

Items can be emailed to [avis.mason@gmail.com](mailto:avis.mason@gmail.com)

## **ONLINE PLANT SALE –**

Our Online Plant Sale has commenced and is going well with plenty of orders coming through, customers are very pleased with their plants and looking forward to a "planting " weekend. Our first day plant and flower sales were \$300 so a very pleasing result. To find what is being advertised go to Facebook - Plant Sales on "Market Place" and " Ballarat Buy Swap and Sell". Lists of plants for sale will also be put on St Pauls Website. If interested in any plants from the list---Please text Deirdre 048 433481 to place an order or arrange a visit in Golden Point

## **ST PAUL'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Yes it is only 7 weeks to Christmas.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each and the prizes are --1st Christmas Hamper, 2nd Christmas Cake, 3rd \$20 Voucher, plus Multiple Mystery Prizes

To be Drawn on Sunday 13th December --- tickets and money due Sunday 6th December. Books of 10 tickets will be available next Sunday.

Donations for the Hamper and Mystery prizes would be greatly appreciated - these can be left in the box - labelled at Sr Elisa's door or in the vestry.

## **FATHER AND SON TEAM (FAST) GARDENING**

Available Mondays between 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

Mowing, pruning, weeding, rubbish removal, edges and general tidy up. \$50 per hour.

All equipment provided and work completed to a high standard. For enquiries and booking contact Sue on 0429 092 205.

## **YEARS MIND**

Bert Moncrieff, Veronica Manning, James Miller, Oz Ferres (8) Albert Clayfield, Harriet Collie (9) Alice Carr, Arthur Graves, Graeme Hudson, Robert Mitchell, John Freeman (10) Edward Broadbent, David Clements, Robert Ellis, Richard Whiting (11) Paul Bergfield, Rita Janes, Emily Berry, Lloyd Eveleigh (12) James Petrie, William Flanner, Isabella Higham, John Goodwin, Jean Blackmore (13) Evelyn Groves, Gladys Le Marshall, Harold Daw, Robert Raverty, Wong Tack, Frederick Williams(14)

# Parish Directory

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