

# HOLY TRINITY PORT MELBOURNE

NEWSLETTER NO. 1

MARCH 25, 2020

**Welcome to our first regular newsletter!**

*These newsletters will be distributed weekly (that's what I'm aiming for!) while we are not able to meet together in person.*

*Please let me know if there are any contributions you would like to include – prayer points, prayers, important information and ways we can encourage each other as we ride out this period of isolation. (Perhaps also, an anecdote or witticism that could make us smile or laugh – we all need to be able to laugh at the moment!)*

*With best wishes to you all,*

*Lorraine*



**\*\*\*Each newsletter will include details of the Bible Readings that are assigned for the following Sunday, as well as our Prayer List and Prayer Points.\*\*\***

**Father Noel** – At this moment, we are trusting that Noel is either on a flight from London to Melbourne or has actually landed in Melbourne. He had initially planned to have a one-night stopover in Kuala Lumpur but that was cancelled and he is flying direct.

Last Sunday (March 22) in Noel's absence, Bishop Philip Huggins took the 10am service at HTPM. Philip is the president of the **National Council of Churches in Australia**. He distributed copies of this prayer, inviting people to offer the prayer each evening until Easter at 7pm and at a particular focus of Prayer for the Nations, THIS Sunday March 29.

*Gracious God,*

*We give thanks anew for your providence and presence.*

*We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas.*

*We pray for those in need of healing.*

*We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving.*

*We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response.*

*We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders.*

*We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable.*

*This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts, we gather now and pray through Jesus Christ our Lord . AMEN*

## **ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL – Services that can be livestreamed**

The following services can be livestreamed through the cathedral's website ( [www.cathedral.org.au](http://www.cathedral.org.au) )

Sunday March 29 - 10am Choral Eucharist (Preacher: The Dean)

6pm Choral Evensong

## CHURCH INCOME

During this time of isolation when regular services are not being held, there is no opportunity to collect offerings through the plate. Also, due to the closure of the Op Shop and cancellation of Mini-Markets and Sausage Sizzles, the church's income streams are greatly reduced. Our regular outgoings each month are a little over \$6,000 and so the HTPM community is encouraged to still make regular financial contributions via bank transfers. Bank account details are:

Account Name: Holy Trinity Cheque Account  
BSB: 033 018  
Account Number: 101281

NB. Please add your name in the Reference section.

**MANY THANKS**



"If I send my prayer as a text message,  
will I get a faster reply?"

## SUNDAY 29 MARCH 2020 THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

### Readings:

Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14  
Psalm 130  
Romans 8: 6 – 11  
John 11: 1- 45



### PRAYER LIST:

**The sick:** Those suffering as a result of the Coronavirus, Judith, Jeanette, Sophia E., Ken B., Kate A, Peter B., Gordon C., Dick W., Nicole, Darren, Jorgia, Max, Margaret B., Jill, M.S., Marion, Liam, Beth J., Robbie P, Zac, Kate, Matthew P.

**Those in long term need, sickness:** Ken P, Peter D.G

**Those in need:** Julie

**Those returning from travel:** Father Noel

### **For your prayers:**

- Holy Trinity Port Melbourne – for our presence in the local community;
- Noel our priest, Genieve our Bishop, Philip our Archbishop;
- St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne, the Dean and staff;
- Containment of the Coronavirus and the search for a cure.

"Keep safe, follow all of the rules, ....look after others ..... Most of all pray diligently and constantly for yourselves, others, the caring professions and for those at the greatest risk, .....and for the needs of our wounded world at this time."  
*Father Noel*