

# HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH PORT MELBOURNE

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Something a little different this week in our 'catch up' section. As some of you may know, Helen's brother (Peter) lives in Thailand and Helen is in weekly contact with him. The following is some information from both Helen and Peter regarding how the lack of tourists (due to Covid 19) is affecting the elephant population from Chaing Mai.

*The millions of unemployed in Thailand due to the coronavirus includes elephants dependent on tourists to feed their voracious appetites. With scant numbers of foreign visitors, commercial elephant camps and sanctuaries lack funds for their upkeep and have sent more than 100 of the animals trudging as far as 150 km back to their homes.*

*Since April, more than 100 of the animals have marched from all over Chiang Mai to their homeland of Mae Chaem, which is dotted with villages where members of the Karen ethnic minority live and traditionally keep elephants.*

*Save Elephant's founder, Saengduean Chailert, said the project to bring unemployed elephants home was launched in response to appeals from their owners. Her group promotes settling elephants where they can live alongside villagers in sustainable eco-friendly communities*

*Sadudee Serichevee owns four elephants in Chiang Mai's Mae Wang district. He and his wife agreed to bring their elephants back to her village because they could no longer shoulder the monthly expenses of close to 200,000 baht (\$6,250) for rental of land and facilities, salaries for handlers — known as mahouts — and food. Elephants eat as much as 300 kilograms (660 lbs) a day of grass and vegetables.*

*The caravan of 11 elephants, their owners and their mahouts, set out on April 30, traveling over hills, on paved and dirt roads. They were greeted by a welcome-home party on their arrival at Ban Huay Bong on Monday May 11.*



*"These elephants have not had a chance to return home for 20 years. They seem to be very happy when arriving home, they make their happy noises, they run to the creek near the village and have fun along with our children," Sadudee said.*

*"We don't know when COVID-19 will go away," said Saengduean (Save Elephants founder), "So this is our task - to help feed the elephants that were laid off because of the outbreak."*

### \*\*\*A MESSAGE FROM NOEL\*\*\*

*"During the lockdown the church has passed yet another great feast day - Thursday 11 June marked the celebration of 'Thanksgiving for the Holy Communion', known as Corpus Christi - The Body of Christ.*

*In many parts of Europe - especially Spain, it's a great street parade. The crowds process through the village and town streets as the Sacrament in a gilded monstrance is carried in procession to honour the events of the Last Supper. Jesus, the night before his death sat at the table with his disciples and took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to his friends and said 'this is my body which is broken for you, take and eat it'. Jesus then took the cup of wine, blessed it and said to them 'this is my blood of the new covenant, drink it all of you in remembrance of me' and the faithful have followed this command of Jesus ever since.*

*The Eucharist, The Holy Communion, The Mass, The Breaking of the Bread, The Lord's Supper, The Liturgy, whatever name it is called throughout the universal church, it has been the sacrament of unity, communion and grace for its followers and continues to be so. The sadness for us all today as a result of this pandemic is that we are unable to gather and do what Jesus asked us to do - eat and drink the bread and wine and so be united with him and each other. It will be a wonderful day when we are able to open the church safely and welcome home the faith community of Holy Trinity Port Melbourne to celebrate the great mystery that is the Eucharist, which continues to sustain and comfort us through these difficult times; I continue to remember all of you in my prayers as you patiently await that happy day!"*



### HOLY TRINITY'S BANKING DETAILS

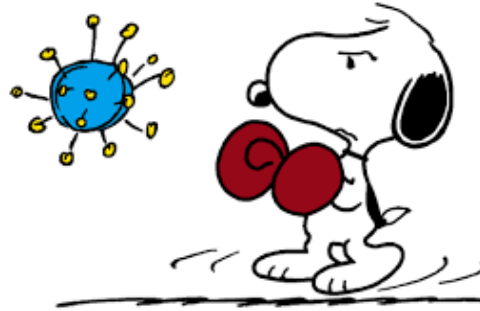


Without the opportunity to make financial contributions through the plate at this time, the HTPM community is encouraged to still make regular financial contributions via bank transfers.

**Bank account details:** Account Name: Holy Trinity Cheque Account (Westpac)  
BSB: 033 018  
Account Number: 101281

NB. Please add 'Collection Plate' in the Reference section.

MANY THANKS



*Christ be with me, Christ within me  
 Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
 Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
 Christ to comfort and restore me.  
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
 Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
 Christ in mouth of friend and  
 stranger.*

*From St Patrick's Breastplate*

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
 You taught us to love our  
 neighbour,  
 And to care for those in need  
 As if we were caring for you.  
 In this time of anxiety, give us  
 strength  
 To comfort the fearful, to tend  
 the sick,  
 And to assure the isolated  
 Of our love, and your love,  
 For your name's sake. Amen*



**SUNDAY 21 JUNE 2020**  
**THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Readings:**  
 Genesis 21: 8 - 21  
 Psalm 86: 1 – 10, 16 - 17  
 Romans 6: 1 - 11  
 Matthew 10: 24 - 39

**PRAYER LIST:**

**The sick:** All people affected by the coronavirus, Carolanne, Duncan, Nerida B., Andrew Davis, Sophie, Anne, Jeanette, Ken B., Nicole, Darren, Margaret B., Marion, Matthew P.

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

**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;
- Communities throughout the world, as we all manage and deal with the effects of the coronavirus;
- Governments & parliaments throughout the world as each makes decisions regarding isolation restrictions.

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