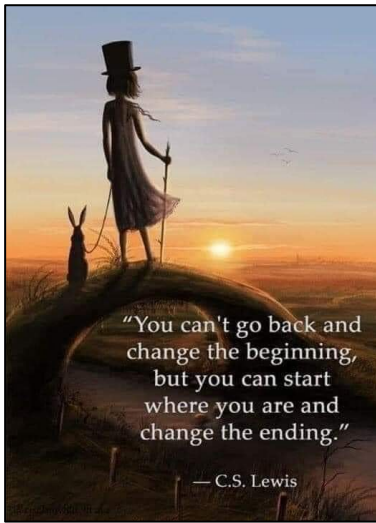


HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH PORT MELBOURNE

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Something a little different for this week – a variety of items from comical to serious, written to draw and cartoon and photo.



"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."

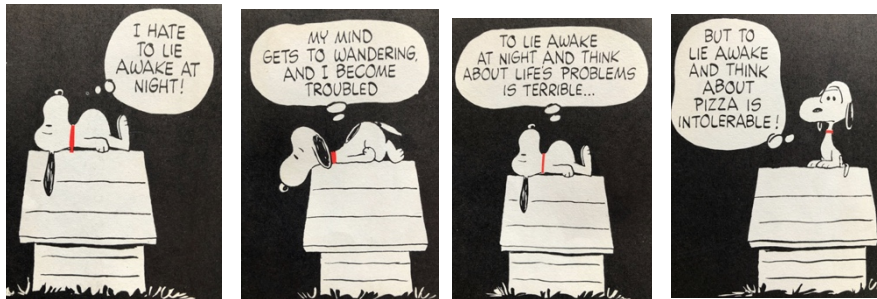
— C.S. Lewis



The collective noun for a group of ladybugs:

A *loveliness* of ladybugs! ♡ ♡

I think that when the dust settles, we will realize how little we need, how very much we actually have, and the true value of human connection.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT OR NOT:

I was pondering the problems of the world and came up with the following:

- If walking is good for your health the postman would be immortal.
- A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water, but is still fat.
- A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years, while a tortoise doesn't run and does mostly nothing, yet it lives for 150 years.

Now that I'm older here's what I've discovered:

- It was a whole lot easier to get older, than to get wiser.
- If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.
- I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.
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- If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?
- The world only beats a path to your door when you're in the bathroom.
- When I'm finally holding all the right cards, everyone wants to play chess.
- It's not hard to meet expenses . . . they're everywhere.
- These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter . . . I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm 'here after'.
- Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.

HAVE I SENT THIS MESSAGE TO YOU BEFORE - Or did I get it from you?

A MESSAGE FROM NOEL

'Like Holy Trinity Port Melbourne, the first Christian Service held on the St Paul's Cathedral site on Flinders Street was in a tent! When Charles Perry was appointed the first Bishop of Melbourne in 1847 and he and his wife Frances arrived in January 1848, there was no cathedral for him to be installed as it was still being built! Instead the Installation had to be held at St Peter's Eastern Hill.

The first permanent church in the colony was St James the Great, built on William Street and opened in 1842 though unfinished. Queen Victoria's Letters Patent of 25 June 1847 declared not only Charles Perry as the bishop of the new Diocese of Melbourne, it also created Melbourne Town as a City, and that St James would become the Cathedral Church and See of the Bishops of Melbourne.

With the fast development of the colony and large increase in population it soon outgrew the church buildings under Bishop Perry's successful ministry, and St James Cathedral could not accommodate the numbers attending. The building was in a bad state and as well as this, the city development was moving to the east. After much discussion over new sites, the design, the architect and the cost, they finally agreed on the very successful and well attended church of St Paul, on the corner of Flinders and Swanston Street. It was chosen because of its central position in the fast-growing city, its close transport hubs, rail, road and river and fast development of the city centre and other civic institutions.

William Butterfield (the noted English Gothic/Renewal architect) was appointed and presented his plans for a new cathedral, though he never visited Melbourne and was replaced part way through the construction (a familiar Australian habit!). The new cathedral without its spires was consecrated on 22 January 1891. The three spires were added in 1931, though not to the original Butterfield design which is very apparent.

In the week that we celebrate the Apostle Paul - 29 June, it is fitting that we celebrate our Cathedral Church of St Paul - dedicated to such hero of the Christian faith. '

****For further reading I recommend 'St Pauls Cathedral Melbourne' by James Grant published by Australian Scholarly 2014.****

A LETTER FROM FATHER NOEL TO THE COUNTRY FIRE
AUTHORITY

5 June 2020

Dear Officer

I am pleased to enclose a cheque for \$3792.90 which represents the proceeds of our parish – Holy Trinity Anglican Church Port Melbourne, Fund Raising Market Day and Sausage Sizzles to support the work of the Victorian Country Fire Authority.

It comes with the grateful thanks of this faith community as well as the many members of the Port Melbourne community who so generously supported our efforts to acknowledge the amazing courage and selfless service that you give to all of us at great risk to your own lives.

I would appreciate an acknowledgement and receipt of this gift for our parish records.

Yours sincerely

Noel Whale

Parish Priest and on behalf of the people of Holy Trinity
Port Melbourne

Gracious and loving God,
You call us to love you with our whole being,
and to love our neighbours as ourselves.
At this time of upheaval and distress for
nations and people across our world, may your
love hold us together.

May your love be the lens through which we
see each other and your world.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are present with us, as
one who knows our suffering, bring comfort
and peace to all those who are grieving the
loss of loved ones, work, connection and hope
for the future.

May we embody your compassion –
responding to the suffering of our neighbours,
our families, our friends, and strangers with
generosity.

Life-giving Spirit, you weave us together as the
Body of Christ, strengthen our life together,
even though we are physically separated.

Nurture us in faith and discipleship, that we
may bear witness through our living, to your
abundant grace and liberating hope for all
people, and the whole creation.

Through Christ our Life and Hope, we pray.
Amen.

Dr Deidre Palmer
President of the Uniting Church in Australia

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.

 **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



SUNDAY 5 JULY 2020
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings:

Isaiah 58: 8 - 11

Psalms 27

2 Corinthians 4: 5 - 6

John 12: 35 - 47

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