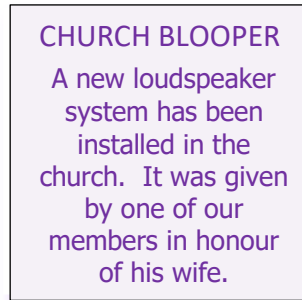
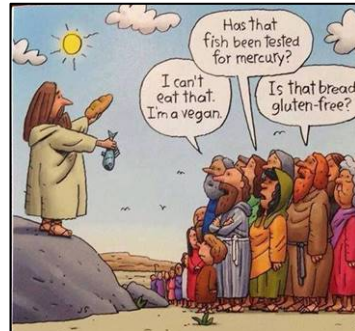
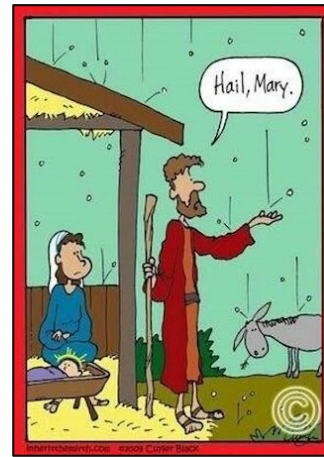
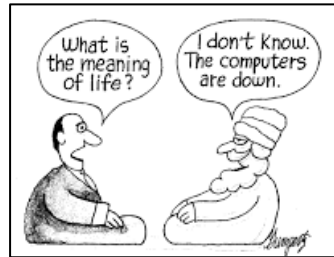


IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES, WE ALL NEED A LAUGH AND TO SMILE .....

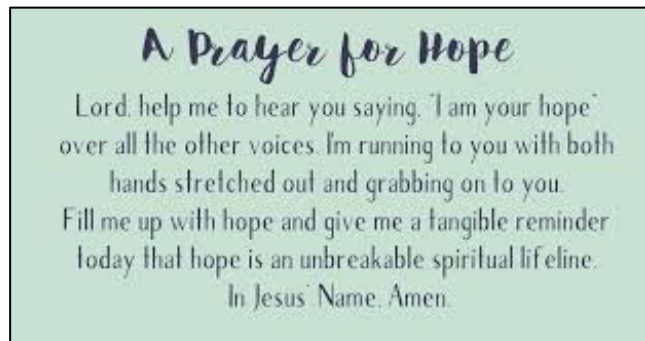


\*\*\*A MESSAGE FROM NOEL\*\*\*

From its earliest beginnings the church has always been a community. We read in the Acts of the Apostles that the disciples and the followers of Jesus gathered regularly on the Sabbath in the homes of leading people to break bread at the eucharist and to pray. From that time on the 'church' - the people of God, have gathered for worship in places ranging from the most majestic of cathedrals to the most modest structures, a tent as we did at our beginnings at Holy Trinity Port Melbourne in 1854. In fact the first recorded church service in the Port Philip Colony 'Melbourne' was held under a gum tree on the corner of Flinders and Swanston Streets, later to become the site of the first Church St Paul.

The present lockdown that we are going through as a result of the deadly pandemic has caused all churches to be closed for worship, and that has caused great sadness and grief for us all. We are trying to be the 'body of Christ' but in absentia and that's hard to do! The church is the company of believers - local, national and worldwide and the solidarity that we share as a result is fundamental to our spiritual journey. I suggest that we try and offer the 'Greeting of Peace' to each other from a distance! We must practice Social Distancing outside so I call this 'Spiritual Distancing'! We must keep our faith community of Holy Trinity Port Melbourne together and we are doing all kinds of things to make that happen. I invite you all to make a regular call to someone in HTPM and offer the greeting of peace. Choose someone you sit near, met at morning tea, someone you're not sure of their name; Lorraine has a full list of our members so contact her for details you need so you can ring, text, email, or write with your greeting for -

**We are the Body of Christ. His Spirit is with us.**  
**The Peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.**



### **PRAYER LIST:**

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

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

### **For your prayers:**

- Ruth and Paul Chew
- 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 26 JULY 2020 THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

#### **Readings:**

Genesis 29: 15 - 28  
Psalm 105: 1 - 11  
Romans 8: 26 - 39  
Matthew 13: 44 - 58

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