



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
25 October, 2020

Parish Link

The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our online Eucharist liturgy today. A special welcome to Father Alasdair who is our preacher. I also want to extend a thanks to all who have contributed to the ongoing life of our faith community in these challenging times. We give thanks to God that while the restrictions in Melbourne have been a burden to bear – the end hopefully is in sight and we can look forward to meeting in person for Christmas. Today's Gospel has Jesus reply to the question about the greatest commandment with 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart mind soul and strength'. The radical thing however that Jesus does is also say, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' And there it is: the heart of Christian faith – LOVE. I am reminded of what others have said about love –

"In the evening, we will be judged on love." John of the Cross, 16th century

"Knowing the heart of Jesus and loving him are the same thing....The mystery of ministry is that we have been chosen to make our own limited and very conditional love the gateway for the unlimited and unconditional love of God."
Henri Nouwen, 20th century

"I have decided to stick to love...Hate is too great a burden to bear." Martin Luther King Jr., A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches, 20th century

"I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, he will not ask, 'How many good things have you done in your life?' rather he will ask, 'How much love did you put into what you did?'" Mother Teresa, 20th century

Mission Statement

Sharing the Good News
Telling the story afresh
Expressing God's love
Nurturing and sharing faith
Equipping to serve
Serving the community

Vision

To ensure that there continues to be a living, committed, communal Anglican presence of liturgical celebration, nurture and outreach in Box Hill.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FIRST AID KIT – Located in the office and kitchen.

TOILETS – Located in the Church Hall and in the church building through the church doors front right.

WHEELCHAIR – Located in the toilet for the disabled upstairs.

FIRE & EMERGENCY – Please make yourself aware of the nearest escape route in the event of an emergency or fire.

OH&S – Please ensure that any incidents/accidents are reported to the Vicar or Wardens and incident report completed.



SUNDAY SERVICE (Control and click) [here](#)

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tp_w12a73Uo&feature=youtu.be

Sentence

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Matthew 22.37–40

Prayer of the Day

O God, whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law: stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love, so that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy Chapter 34, Verses 1-12

¹ Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ² all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³ the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. ⁴ The Lord said to him, ‘This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your descendants”; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’ ⁵ Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. ⁶ He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷ Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. ⁸ The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. ⁹ Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. ¹⁰ Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. ¹¹ He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹² and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

Psalm: 90.1-6, 13-17

- ¹ Lord, you have been our refuge:
from one generation to another.
- ² **Before the mountains were born
or the earth and the world were brought to be:
from eternity to eternity you are God.**
- ³ You turn us back into dust:
saying 'Return to dust, O children of Adam.'
- ⁴ **For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday passing: or like one watch of the night.**
- ⁵ You cut them short like a dream:
like the fresh grass of the morning;
- ⁶ **In the morning it is green and flourishes:
at evening it is withered and dried up.**
- ¹³ Relent, O Lord; how long will you be angry?:
take pity on your servants.
- ¹⁴ **O satisfy us early with your mercy:
that all our days we may rejoice and sing.**
- ¹⁵ Give us joy for all the days you have afflicted us:
for the years we have suffered adversity.
- ¹⁶ **Show your servants your work:
and let their children see your glory.**
- ¹⁷ May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us:
prosper the work of our hands,
O prosper the work of our hands!

Second Reading: first letter to the Thessalonians, Chapter 2, Verses 1-13

¹ You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵ As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷ though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸ So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own

selves, because you have become very dear to us. ⁹ You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. ¹¹ As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹² urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. ¹³ We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew, Chapter 22, verses 34-46

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' ³⁷ He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' ⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' ⁴³ He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' " ? ⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

For the Gospel of our Lord, praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Hymn

How can we stand together
if we don't agree to meet?
Why should we walk in circles
if no fetters bind our feet?
How dare we talk of losing
when defeat is far from sure?
How can the Lord be neutral
when the privileged fleece the poor.

'Stand up,' says God, 'and see the crime
which subtly stalks the land.
Integrity is not a word
the powerful understand.

The mansions of the rich are blessed
by state and sinecure.
And shall the Lord be neutral
when the privileged fleece the poor?

'The sound of empty praise and prayer
which drowns the cries of need;
the masquerade of charity
which covers up for greed;
the lust to do what's "proper" -
these are things I won't endure.
Shall I, the Lord, be neutral
when the privileged fleece the poor?'

Because he came among us,
washed our feet and broke our bread;
because he sat with beggars
and ensured that all were fed;
because he dared to question laws
which caused more hurt than cure,
we see God can't be neutral
when the privileged fleece the poor.

So, let us stand together
as in Jesus' name we meet;
no longer treading circles,
we'll walk close behind his feet.
Nor shall we talk of losing
since the faithfulness is sure
of Christ, the King of Heaven
and the Saviour of the Poor.

Years Mind

Marie Marshall, Des Ebbs, Ken Holmes, Leonard Wilson, Ivy Hobba,
Phyllis Yong,
whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer Points

The Church: Pray for the Church in Wales (Abp John Davies); Diocese of Brisbane (Abp Phillip Aspinall, Regional Bps Jeremy Greaves, Cameron Venables, John Roundhill, Clergy & People); Ministries to Youth; Parish of St Peter's, Murrumbidgee w. Holy Nativity, Hughesdale (Lawrence Anbalagan); All Souls' Sandringham – Confirmation Service (Bp Paul Barker); St Margaret's Eltham – Pastoral Service (Bp Kate Prowd).



The Parish: Give thanks for all those who are supporting our parish life.

The World: Pray for Christians persecuted for their faith.

The Nation: Pray for all health care workers and those in hospital.

Names of those in our parish who need our prayer:

Emma, Eric and Bev, Miriam, Phil and Sandra, Joan, Alistair, Freya, John, Lauren, Mark, Sue, Christine, Nola, Lorraine, June, Gayle, Nigel, Nancy, Kate, Russ, Betty, Jessie, Don, Jim, Alma, Muriel, Faye, Eileen, Nola W, Margaret, Bishop George, Fr. Philip Newman, Reverend Betty and Dianne.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, give to us the increase of faith, hope and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us to love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer in time of a pandemic

Lord Jesus Christ, healer and friend, come and care for all of us through the danger and uncertainty of the coronavirus pandemic. To people who are sick, bring healing. To people who are displaced, isolated, or cut off from family, friends or work, bring comfort and companionship. Work with medical staff as they care for the sick, and protect them from harm. Give skill and fruitful research to scientists as they search for treatments, prevention and a cure. To public health authorities, give wisdom to decide the best ways to manage both this crisis and our anxieties. When communities are fearful, give a calm spirit, and kindness to neighbours and strangers. Through this testing time, and through all the risks we face together, teach us once again how we can love one another as you have loved us. Amen

Daily Readings

Monday	Ephesians 4.32-5.8	Ps 1	Luke 13.10-17
Tuesday	Ephesians 5.21-33	Ps 128	Luke 13.18-21
Wednesday	Ephesians 6.1-9	Ps 145,10-13	Luke 6.12-16
Thursday	Ephesians 6.10-20	Ps 144.1-8	Luke 13.31-35
Friday	Philippians 1.1-11	Ps 111.1-6	Luke 14.1-6
Saturday	Philippians 1.18b-26	Ps 42.1-7	Luke 14.1-11



*If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing **before** Thursdays or email the Vicar or cecilia_joyner@hotmail.com*

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS NOW CLOSED but the work goes on!

ALL SOUL'S DAY

If you would like to add any names to the All Soul's book, please send the names to the office by Friday, 30 October. If you are not sure if the names are on the list already, ask Cecilia to check for you. Email: anglicans@bigpond.com



Would you welcome a chance to shop from home while providing a little profit to our parish? We have used Prospect wines in Nunawading for our wine fundraisers for a few years now. They offer us their quality wines and some Australian goods which will be delivered directly to the address that you nominate. Delivery costs are included in all prices. Please contact me with any queries: 0400 635 600 or cchrb@hotmail.com Hilary.

- All orders are to be in **packs of six or multiples of six**. However, anyone who does not need six items can piggyback onto someone else's order, let me know so we can coordinate this.
- This is mostly an online order system however if you chat to me, we can organise another payment system in house with a cheque or cash.
- Online orders are parcel deliveries to any Australian address (yes, that includes Tasmania). However, you must order a minimum of 6 items from any of the listed goods.
- Orders can start now and finish at the end of November.
- Local addresses can have deliveries including early December.
- Anyone who orders twice will receive a free 375 ml bottle of Rutherglen Muscat.
- All orders are entered into a raffle free of charge for mystery prizes.

HOW TO ORDER:

1. ORDER ONLINE at Prospect Wines [here](#)
2. Email Cecilia for a copy of the order form anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com. Forms can be sent directly to the address on the form or discuss with Hilary.
3. Pick up a form from the U'croft on Sat mornings during the Food Bank collection and proceed as above.
[Questions? Talk to Hilary](#) 0400 635 600 or cchrb@hotmail.com



Good News. Great Joy.

SAMARITAN'S SHOEBOX SUNDAY

Some 50 shoeboxes will be blessed before being sent off for distribution. Many thanks to those who contributed and to Jan for all her hard work in organising this.

PARISH BOOK

The parish is planning to produce a book about our experiences and the life of the parish during the COVID time. If you would like to contribute some personal reflection (about 300-500 words), you may like to use the list of questions to guide you. We are hoping the book will be available for sale in the future.

COVID-19 VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE

to the FIVE CATHEDRALS of the ANGLICAN PROVINCE of VICTORIA

There is still plenty of time to support Father Shane's virtual pilgrimage as he walks daily, recording the kilometres on the map from St Peter's to the Anglican cathedrals in Victoria and back to St Peter's.

The pilgrimage is also a fundraiser for the Whitehorse Community Centre. Details of where donations can be made and further information can be found by emailing him: vicar@anglicansboxhill.org.au Ph: 0432 681 177

Pledges can be made into the following account:

BSB 033-135 Account Number: 535329

Find out more on the blog about the pilgrimage weekly at: <http://fathershane.org>

WHERE IS HE NOW?

This week Fr Shane is on his way (virtually) to St Paul's, Sale

ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDARS FOR 2021

Last orders for the 2021 Anglican Church Calendar must be in by the end of October. The cost is \$12 each and orders can be given to Michele Mitchell either by phone 9890 4387 / 0408 531 045 or email, themitchells01@bigpond.com

DIARIES and CHRISTMAS CARDS

Mothers' Union diaries and Christmas cards will be available to order soon. Let Jan know if you are interested. Ph: 98906528 or 0425 75 7 778.

BREAD DELIVERY AND FOOD DONATION

Groceries are being collected and passed on to St Thomas' Burwood who have a food bank for in-need international students.

Drop off time: 10.00-11.00am Sat morning, Undercroft

Many thanks to Fr Alasdair for carrying out this work.

The following items have been requested:

Cooking oil (*not olive*), **Long Life Milk, Tea & Coffee, Cereal, Breakfast Spreads:** *Jams, Honey, Vegemite, Pasta & Pasta Sauce, Rice, Lentils, Chick peas, Tinned Meals* (*ring top preferred*), **Tinned Vegetables/Fruit** (*ring top preferred*), **Toiletries, Toilet Paper, Tinned Tuna** (*ring top preferred*), **Washing Powder, 2 Minute Noodles, Tinned Soups** (*ring top preferred*).

MOTHERS UNION RAFFLE – **Drawn November 8!**

Tickets in the Mothers' Union raffle for \$2 each.

Four prizes with choice of rugs or shawl or scarf. Thanks to all who have bought tickets already. Don't forget that all **proceeds will go towards our current Australian projects.** Donations welcome.

Raffle money or donations can be transferred via the Parish bank account with the reference MU donation or raffle. Tickets will be done for you or talk to Jan on 98906528 or 0425 75 7 778.

Thank you. Jan Gunst, MU Leader.



JOURNEYS AT HOME

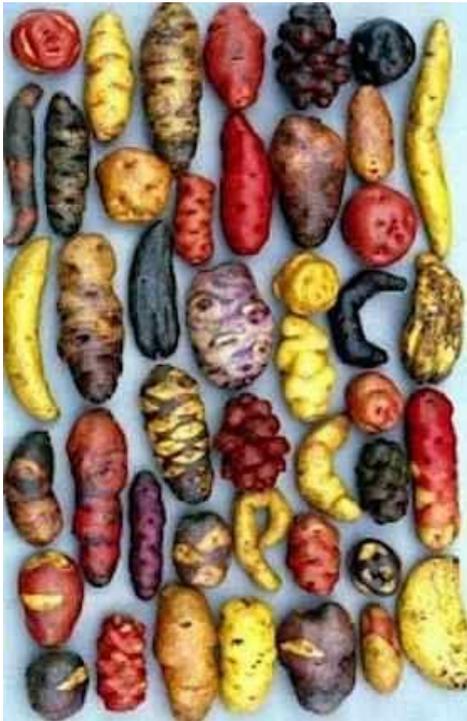
The Humble Potato

Q How did JFK come to be President of the United States, and Paul Keating Prime Minister of Australia?

A Potatoes

Potatoes are now so ubiquitous in menus worldwide that it can come as a surprise to realize that, like tomatoes, corn and chillis they are very recent additions to international cuisine.

The potato is technically a tuber of the large and diverse genus *Solanum* – thus related to both poisonous Nightshades, and to both tomatoes and eggplants. It originated from a single wild species in Latin America, but has been domesticated for at least 7000-10,000 years, so that there are now some 5000 cultivars of which around 80 are in significant commercial cultivation. They can be large or small,



beige, red, purple or yellow, smooth or knobby. They were a principal energy source in southern Peru and Bolivia, where they could be grown at high altitudes and were preserved by freeze drying for year-round consumption.

Westerners first encountered potatoes in 1537 in Peru, but it would be around sixty years before they were taken to Europe, being grown first in Spain and then in Italy, but it would be over 200 years until they were generally accepted. But while they were generally used as cattle feed, in Ireland they became a food crop relatively early, certainly by 1620.

The cool and damp climate of Ireland in the historical period makes it unsuitable for growing wheat for breadmaking; the substitute, barley, is less palatable. Moreover, Ireland lacked good supplies of iron, and ploughing was generally done with wooden ploughshares, considerably less efficient at breaking up heavy soils.

Finally, the Irish social system was based on a relationship to an overlord or King, not to specific sections of land. While the feudal system in other parts of Europe tied the population to the land, and hence to its ability to support them in food, the Irish system, which was also one of constant petty warfare, produced a situation of high population reproduction.

These conditions were only exacerbated by repeated attempts by Norman and English invaders to subdue the country. Without land rights the poorer inhabitants were forced into agriculturally marginal areas – areas in which only potatoes would grow. As well as surviving in poor soils and low temperatures, potatoes have the advantage of being able to be cultivated without animals, and consumed without elaborate threshing, grinding and baking. During the havoc caused by Cromwell's treatment of Ireland between 1640 and 1680 only the potato allowed people to survive; nevertheless the population probably halved in that period. A method had been evolved of growing the crop in a "lazybed" – a half acre patch of cultivation could sustain a family for a year, supplemented with some meat and milk even when there was no supplementary work to be had. It was a virtually cashless economy, unable to participate in the Western European grain trade.

Between 1760 and 1840 the population increased from 1.5 million to 9 million. Increasingly there were periods of food shortages, including, between 1800 and 1824, nine years of “distress” and five classified as “famine”. In the worst of these, 1821, probably 250,000 people died. From at least the 1750’s a succession of potato diseases – dry rot, curl, botrytis – reduced outputs.

Then in 1845 a new disease appeared in Europe – Potato blight, *Phytophthora infestans*, a fungus which killed the entire growing plant within two weeks, and caused any harvested potatoes to rot. It had then no known cure and could be prevented only by methods unavailable in the type of cultivation practised in Ireland.

For two years no potatoes were harvested anywhere in Europe and as a result the price of all types of grain more than doubled – grain which was inaccessible in a cash-poor economy. In Ireland, up to a million persons died of starvation and disease over the next seven years. Around 1.5 million migrated as a direct result of the Famine, and this pattern continued up to WW 1 with a total migration figure around 5.5 million.

Little surprise, then, that many families in Australia and America can be traced back to Irish ancestors. Whereas the total Irish migration to America was 100,000 between 1800 and 1840 in the later 1840s 100,000 entered each year, often settling in their port of entry, generally Boston and New York. Politicians soon



recognized them as a voting bloc of influence; within several generations some would themselves become leading politicians. The first Kennedy elected to public office was Patrick Joseph (“P J”) in 1884; the descendant of a migrant who had arrived in 1849. Seven Australian Prime Ministers have been of Irish descent. In 1993

Paul Keating visited the village of Tynagh in County Galway, from which his great-great-grandfather had migrated, and spoke to a group of around 3000 people, including 150 Keating relations, specifically recalling the terrible circumstances of the Irish diaspora.

Van Gogh made unusually detailed preparations for his painting *The Potato Eaters* (1885), working on it for months and regarding it as his first major painting. He drew inspiration from his time as an unsuccessful evangelist among workers in

the poor mining areas of Belgium. He had hoped to follow in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, both pastors in the Dutch Reformed Church, but his gifts were not those of an evangelist, and after 18 miserable months he ended up being dismissed.

The name of the potato in Dutch is *aardappel* – “earth apple” and van Gogh wrote that in his painting he wanted to convey the idea of the identity between the people and the land – hence the “earthy” colours – the colours of an unpeeled potato -- and to show that they ‘have tilled the earth themselves with these hands they are putting in the dish ... that they have thus honestly earned their food’. It is a far cry from their basic sustenance to the proliferation of modern potato “products” which are often “snack” foods rather than the bedrock nourishment which the tuber provided both in its original homeland, and for impoverished Europeans in the 19th century.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

One night a lady came home from her weekly prayer meeting, found she was being robbed, and she shouted out, "Acts 2:38: 'Repent & be baptized & your sins will be forgiven.'" The robber quickly gave up & the lady rang the police. While handcuffing the criminal, a policeman said, "Gee mate, you gave up pretty easily. How come you gave up so quickly?" The robber said, "She said she had an axe and two 38's!"



“Bless me, Father, Padre, Vicar, Priest, Pastor, Minister,” said George, “for I have synonymed.”



This Week

SUN 25.10.20

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am Streamed live service

(Go to our website for services and reflections.)

MON 26.10.20

TUES 27.10.20

Office closed

WED 28.10.20

THU 29.10.20

Office closed

FRI 30.10.20

SAT 31.10.20

Food drop off and bread collection
Between 10 – 11.00am

SUN 1.11.20

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am Streamed live service

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