

Voice from the Vicarage, March 11th 2021

Dear All,

Sunday promises to be a feast!

I have always had a soft spot for Mothering Sunday. I often tell the story (sorry those of you who have heard it!) of Sunday school days at St George's, Mont Albert when we would be given a piece of simnel cake to take home to our mother. It's a lovely tradition that goes back centuries. This meant a veritable feast for her since there were probably four of us bearing the great gift the 500 yards (yes it was yards in those days..) to 50 Windsor Crescent.



Of course, such is the nature of original sin that the cake never quite made it. My mother, being the person she was, never seemed to resent our gluttony, and if she was disappointed, hid it well. Of course, as I look back it might be argued it was her own fault. She should have been in church to collect it herself rather than packing us off to Sunday school in order to have a couple of hours of peace..

Well, traditional simnel cake will be offered to all who attend mass this Sunday with a few pieces left over to take home to others. I will assume a greater discipline and piety in those who do so than I had in my wayward childhood!

And there will be posies as well.....It's all give, give, give here at CCB!

Make a palm cross kits!

And as if your hands weren't full enough you'll have the opportunity of taking away a 'make a palm cross' kit in readiness for Palm Sunday on the 28th March. The palms come from the vicarage garden, and it may be the last year that we can source them from that particular tree, since that bit of the garden will be leased to the Community School.



A vicarage garden of biblical proportions? Figs and palm branches and olives.....tares (or the Melbourne equivalent) as well...

We shall be welcoming brothers and sisters from other churches nearby for a little procession led by Francesca and then a short time of worship together in our church garden. For a good number of years now we have made the crosses as a gift to them all, so we need some help!

Palm Cross aficionado Mary Harris will be on hand on Sunday with little parcels of 25 with a simple instruction sheet. It's a little exercise that provides a lovely opportunity for meditation on the Cross...

Sunday is a great opportunity for thanksgiving ...for mum, for Mother Mary, and for our 'mother' the Church.. Come along!

'Lambs' will be meeting during the Ministry of the Word...

There will be a little bit of bubbly after the 10 a.m. mass as during the service Fr Robert Holland and Jennifer will make their wedding vows. For those who might be anxious, this ceremony within the mass will take the

place of the Creed and intercessions so our service *and the sermon* will be its normal length!!



Behind the scenes.....

Every church survives with a number of folk who work behind the scenes. We have a small team of folk who volunteer to do a spot of cleaning and dusting each week. Known as the 'altar guild' we could do with more to join the rota. In addition we employ our Javi who proves himself as good with a mop as he is with the camera. He will be returning to his native Columbia at the beginning of July. We shall surely miss



A little change about....

You may have noticed that the furniture in the side chapel has been rearranged. This is the place where the Blessed Sacrament is now reserved, while the holy oils are kept in the aumbry in the sanctuary. The chairs are arranged for the offering of morning and evening prayer and for private prayer, as the daily eucharist is now celebrated at the nave altar.

The chapel has always been a lovely place to pray, but even more so now with the reserved sacrament there.

An eye for a bargain!

Meanwhile, I am secretly rather pleased with myself. I picked up some excellent stools for \$10 each from a sushi bar via Facebook Messenger! They are well made and are useful for setting down books in the chapel, and for servers. Take a look next time you're in church...



And finally....

A reminder of a few opportunities coming up:

THURSDAY MARCH 25th Mass @ 7 for the Feast of the Annunciation and a glass afterwards..

SATURDAY MARCH 27th A couple of hours in the morning inside/outside 'The Lamb and Flag' giving away Easter cards and hot cross buns.

SUNDAY MARCH 28th Holy Week begins in company with Francesca!

With love from us here. Hope to see you Sunday.



+Lindsay