

Voice from the Vicarage April 22nd 2021

Dear All,

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, one of my favourite titles for our Lord found of course in the New Testament. In the early church it was much loved and some of the earliest art on catacomb walls is of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Of course, as most of you might know, I belong to a religious order that has devotion to Jesus as Good Shepherd at its heart. Whenever I see OGS after my name or sign my signature which includes it, I try to remind myself of the 'chief shepherd' whose life is supposed to fill mine. I'd be grateful if you would pray for the 'Oratory of the Good Shepherd', and if you want to know a little more about us, have a look at our website! (www.ogs.net)



Good news!

I was delighted to be able to announce last Sunday that the Archbishop is entrusting another curate to our care for his early formation in the ordained ministry. How blessed we are, to have had Deacon Katie, and to have Deacon Russell, and in July we will welcome Jack Lindsay to our life together. Well, actually he is already a familiar presence in the daily rhythm of worship since he lives nearby, although his parish placement is currently at Christ Church, South Yarra, and he also works in the diocesan registry. From July Jack will be in the parish half time as he also undertakes a Masters degree. There will be opportunities to learn more about him, but in the meantime for those who have not met him, this is what he looks like! Please pray for him.



Jack Lindsay...soon to be 'our' Jack!

Your **parish council** met last night and had the opportunity to hear from our architect, Jake Kelly about the plans for the adaption of the current vicarage into the 'parish house' in readiness for the October hand over the Bardin Centre to the Education Department as a new site for the Community School. We will put some plans up in the foyer so you can see for yourself what we are intending to do. It's all starting to feel very real!

It's all go at 264...



Works in progress.....



Meanwhile, this week 264 Sydney Road, soon to be known as the 'Lamb and Flag' has been a hive of activity. Concrete is being laid for access to the back yard and loo for the disabled; the sorting out of complicated electrics to keep Citipower

happy (I won't even go there!); the re-making of the bathroom in the accommodation upstairs and the decorating of the downstairs.



A delightful discovery....

A lovely 'revelation' has been the discovery of an old frieze around the top of the walls in the main shop, which seems to be original to the building. Parish 'sleuth' Colin Reilly has discovered that from 1890 the shop was an underwear emporium run by a Miss Mahoney. If the frieze is anything to go by they must have been fancy undies! We are going to see if we can find out more about its origins as we intend to leave it as a feature...it looks a bit like an exposed medieval wall painting...well not quite, but really interesting and very 'Brunswick'!

Thanks to our painter Craig who has been painstaking in removing the layers of paint to expose it all.

Meanwhile, you can never quite know what donations will come in to the **Op Shop!** Last Saturday morning, a delightful elderly chap turned up during after mass breakfast with a collection of *Vicarage minimalism.....?* statues. He just thought we should have them...they may come in handy as we seek to create a Brunswick ecclesiastical 'vibe' in the 'Lamb and Flag'! At the moment they have joined our Javi's little home shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe in the vicarage kitchen....



If you're at a loose end on Saturday night, the Divisi singers are offering an hour long concert of madrigals, new and old. There is CCB discount of 30%. Go to www.eventbrite.com/e/14841261939/?discount=CCB2021

You'll recognise a cantor or two among the singers. How good it is that the church be used in this way.

THE CHOSEN' Sundays @ 5



For the next few weeks on **Sundays @5** we will watch episodes of this widely acclaimed series about the life of Christ. I reckon it's excellent and thought provoking... We will simply watch the episode then have some informal discussion over cheese and wine.

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As well as the important matters relating to building and development, at the parish council meeting we heard reports about two important ministries at CCB—the Thursday lunch providing food and friendship for around 40 folk each week, and 'The Lambs' providing an opportunity for children to hear about the Lord during the 10 a.m. mass. I'm writing this in the parish office and I can hear that the team in the kitchen are calmly getting on with their preparations, and the banter and chatter of folk waiting for a feed. From the aroma, chicken today I think...

As I hope you do, how I love to see the children come up past the altar as they go to the vestry and then welcome them back at the Offertory. Not sure how good I am at the 'show and tell' slot during the notices though....perhaps I'll get better at it...

And finally, take a look at our website. The parish council passed a motion of thanks to Jesse Lattarulo for the work he is doing on the site. But he needs some partners in the task...

Much love from us at the vicarage + Lindsay