

Back to Church Sunday!

Dear All,

With the easing of restrictions, it is now possible for us to return to 'mask to mask' (though not too close!) worship in church. There will be a mass at 8 a.m. according to the Book of Common Prayer and the 10 a.m. Sung Mass.

Signing in....

It's necessary to be very careful about the 'signing in' procedure and preferable that everyone goes through the QR system. We now have sign in places at the front of the church and at the Lady chapel entrance. If you do not have a phone that can work the system, then enter by the main door, and there will be someone to assist you using their phone.



Sign in, just like a restaurant, but here the 'ordinary' food is out of this world.....

This is all now so very mainstream and part of our lives wherever we go, and a small thing for the opportunity to worship. Maybe get here a little earlier than usual....

It will be necessary of course to wear masks.

At the 8 we will have a couple of hymns this week. Some of you may wish to give that service a try!

And I hear that our two 'Shepherds' for this Sunday @ 10 have good things planned for the LAMBS as they look at the problem of sinking ships...and playdough disciples! Here's one they made earlier....



Even the wind and the sea obey Jesus...pity about we disciples tho'. Seems to take us a little longer to learn

Last Sunday our Mass theme was 'Heaven in ordinary' and those of you who tuned in will have heard me include the lovely quote from George Herbert in my sermon, 'Church bells beyond the stars are heard.' (The Service is still up online by the way) Let's pray that our bell may be heard and heeded in 'ordinary' Brunswick, as well as in heaven!

Just to say, that for various good techno reasons we will not be recording the service this Sunday.

It's been very good to be back in church for the daily rhythm of prayer.

Thursday is a day of double blessing in the mornings. We have the scheduled Morning Prayer @ 9, (six of us this morning) and then at 10, the lunch team arrive for their own Morning prayers before last bits of preparation in readiness to greet those who come for a good feed..

Talking of prayer...I have just come off the phone to **Heather De Viell - Richter**, who as you will remember from my extra email last week has had some very major surgery. Keep on praying. It's tough to be in hospital and not be allowed any visitors and her recovery is going to be a

slow process. The knowledge of our prayers is one of the things keeping her going....

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Meanwhile, in the continuing journey at 260/264 Sydney Road, thanks to **Geoff Ryan** for getting out his paint brush and giving the outside loo a much needed coat of paint. It now matches the loo for the disabled next door..



Geoff does the very necessary.....

A high point in the week!

You don't generally expect a conversation about Augustine of Hippo's 'Confessions', John Henry Newman's theory about walking to heaven backwards, and the meaning of life, with the lino man! But so it was with Nathan, who with Travis turned up to do some work in the café area. Such an interesting and thoughtful guy. Wasting no time, Nathan has already sent me a link to the preacher whose sermons he listens to, one every morning! (He was, I have to say, just a bit impressed that I have been on TV with Ali G and Gordon Ramsey....and might even watch one of my sermons....)



A sermon a day....Nathan stands by as Travis bangs in a few nails....

Enter his gates.....

Because the ground level on 260 is higher than the churchyard, there will be some steps down as you come through the new gates...which is good because it means the fence is higher on our side helping to create a bit of a difference between to two 'lands'. And we will have a welcoming message from Scripture at the bottom of the steps...



'Enter his gates with thanksgiving'

If you'd like to add a little something to the donations so far towards the cost of this message which will be inlaid in terracotta marble, commissioned from our friends at Cameo (they rescued the statue of Jesus if you remember), it would of course be welcome.

And finally..... next week I shall be having a few days away. Thanks to Fr Chris and Bishop David Farrer who will maintain the daily mass and to the team that keep the Evening Prayer and intercession ministry alive every day... I will be miles away, but I don't suppose I'll be able to get you out of my head.....and heart, of course...

Love from us at the vicarage.

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