

Dear All,

*Someone made new...*

Tomorrow evening Jack Lindsay will be made Deacon Jack. The word 'made' is instructive because it signifies that something new is being created. Actually we might say, *someone* is being created anew. With prayer and the laying on of hands, the bishop will call down the Holy Spirit to animate a new gift in Jack's life. From tomorrow night until his mortal life's end it will no longer make sense to think of him without thinking of the servant heart and life of Jesus, a share of which is granted to him through this sacred life giving ritual.



The 'making' takes place at Christ Church, South Yarra at 7.30 and our churchwardens will be present to represent the parish. If you want to watch to that parish's YouTube channel. You might want to read the description of the deacon's ministry found in the Ordinal (the services laid down by the Church for ordinations) I've added it to the Voice as an attachment.

Jack's challenge will be to continually stir up that gift that will be within him. Our privilege and task, to encourage him in the life to which he has been called.

I will say more of this life of a deacon in my sermon on Sunday when we welcome him to our life together at Christ Church. I hope many of the parish family will be present on Sunday to greet Jack.

Meanwhile, pray for him.

Jack has now moved into the newly refurbished flat above 'The Lamb and Flag'. **On Sunday, after each mass there will an opportunity for you to have a bit of a squiz at what we have done so far both in the downstairs of 264 and in Jack's flat too.**

**Talking of 'The Lamb',** this morning was a little nail biting as we had our final inspection for Food Registration. I think it's fair to say that Clare, the Moreland Environmental health office was impressed with the work we have done to the building. She had a couple of useful suggestions going forward, but is happy to grant us food registration which should come through fairly quickly. Thanks be to God and to those who have worked so hard to get the place up to more than scratch!



Thanks to Keith O'Donnell, sometime churchwarden who has designed this logo for the L&F

*Signs of the Spirit at Christ Church...*

Those of you who were present at the 10 a.m. Mass last Sunday will need no convincing about the evident presence of the Spirit at work among us. To be present and have missed the joy would indeed be a mark of spiritual blindness.

**Dominik Lukas** was clearly mesmerized by the baptising minister. (just saying) I have always been grateful to the advice of my boss when I was a curate in South London all those years ago. *Don't let the baby know*

*you're frightened of dropping him or her. Always rest the baby's head on your shoulder so it doesn't wobble, and hold the left foot very firmly. On Sunday it t worked a treat!*

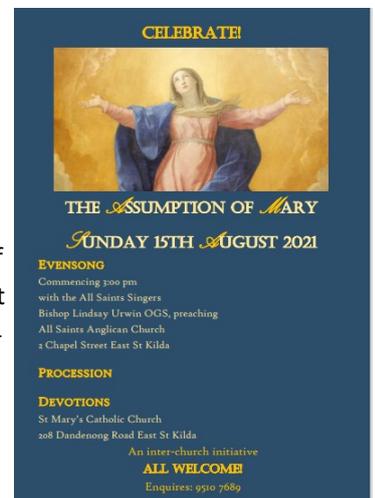
And how good was it to have Karen's family in Malaysia 'there' on zoom, and afterwards of course to have real champagne flowing with Malaysian and Czech culinary treats. The joys of a multi cultural congregation..

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Presenting the newly baptised to his new brothers and sisters is a lovely European tradition, but best not with adult candidates!

**SUNDAY WEEK** is the feast of the Assumption of Mary. We have been invited to share in the afternoon celebrations at All Saint's St Kilda. Our own image of Our Lady of Walsingham will take part in the ecumenical procession. All are welcome!



These continue to be strange days requiring adaptability in us all. **Fr Chris and Barbara** have been away visiting family in Queensland. They tell me they had a great time, but unfortunately they have been sent into quarantine until the 17th August. We send them our love. On the matter of Covid rules and regulations, the churchwardens have asked me to attach a note from them with the Voice, which of course I am very glad to do.

**At present, and assuming we do not go into a Victorian lockdown our usual pattern of worship continues with Sunday masses at both 8 and 10. (with Lambs) A few more were present at the 8 than usual last week, and it does allow for a bit more distancing. Refreshments after the 10 will be offered in the large hall.**

*And finally,* in a few short weeks we will begin in earnest the clear out of the Bardin Centre halls in readiness for the Education department 'takeover' on 1st October. I reckon we will be looking for a bit of help! Meanwhile the Council are celebrating the launch of the 260 park next Saturday with high jinx between 2 and 6. It's all happening..... Much love from the Vic... *+Lindsay*