



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

10:00 a.m.

*Before the service, speak with God; during the service, let God speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.*

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St Bartholomew's,

Christ is Risen.

**He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

As we do each time, we gather on this land for worship, we respect and acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

I want to begin my letter this week by expressing my thanks to everyone who assisted in our Easter Worship, Jonathan our sacristan, Daniel and the choir members, Helen for the beautiful flowers, Anne the cleaners on the Saturday and those who served and provided hospitality. Although our numbers are small they were far greater than in previous years. Well done to all.

Several people have asked for a copy of the sermons for the Easter period. I have not distributed them but if you would like a copy, please let me know via SMS text or email. I am happy to provide them.

“The readings for the second Sunday of Easter feel like a bit of a time warp between two distinct periods in history. The Gospel of John is told in real-time, as we witness the disciples on the evening of Easter Day holed up in an upper room in great fear. In the Acts of the Apostles, the writer provides a historical account of the resurrection of the Lord to inspire future generations of his great witness and presence among us so as to grasp the Lord's presence following the crucifixion, human senses must be employed, followed by a great dose of faith.

As we continue to celebrate these great fifty days of Easter, we are encouraged to leave our rooms of fear, wrap ourselves in the love of the risen Christ, and boldly proclaim that Jesus is alive and will be with us until the end of the ages. Alleluia!”

Today we welcome Tim and Lindsay, with family and friends for the baptism of Ruth Alison Dart-Zhou. We are delighted they are with us for this occasion and to share in our gathering.

I remind parishioners and friends of St Barts that today is the final day for Synod nominations. Please hand or email [ray@cleary.au](mailto:ray@cleary.au) your nomination form into me by 5pm.

Fr. Ray

### **INTROIT HYMN All things Bright and Beautiful**

*Refrain:*

*Diverse and different made He all,  
Yet in His image still.  
So we can grow in faith and love,  
Amid peace and goodwill.*

No normal can encompass or comprehend the range  
Of all the kinds of people that God created strange.

*Refrain*

God’s house has many mansions, each different in design  
So each may find their refuge within the love divine.

*Refrain*

From Jesus we learn riddles; he said the last are first.  
He tweaked received religion with roles that he reversed.

*Refrain*

In Christ the false divisions of gender, class and race  
Can never separate us from God’s abundant grace.

*Refrain*

The many parts that form us each serve a different role;  
In Christ we are one body, made holy, good and whole.

*Refrain*

### **Sentence**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Peter*

*The priest says*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires  
known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the  
thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ  
our Lord. **Amen**

#### **PENITENTIAL RITE**

Risen Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

*Silence is kept*

Lord, like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind closed doors, we fear to be seen as your followers. Christ have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe and to trust in you. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

*The Absolution said by Fr Ray*

*Kyrie eleison sung*

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy Lord  
have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy**

*The Gloria is sung*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God,  
heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you  
for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father. Lord God, Lamb  
of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our  
prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are  
the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.            Amen.**

**The Collect For Easter Day**

Almighty God,  
Whose son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of all  
who put their trust in him:  
raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life  
of the righteousness:  
that we may ever seek the things which are above, where  
he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*At the time of choosing an incumbent {we say together}*

Bountiful God,  
give to this parish a faithful pastor  
who will faithfully speak your word  
and minister your sacraments.  
An encourager who will equip your people for ministry and  
enable us to fulfil our calling.  
Give to those who will choose, wisdom,  
discernment and patience,  
and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus  
Christ's sake. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my  
heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.  
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let  
your Holy One experience corruption.  
You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence

Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his

throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,  
“He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

*Acts 2:14a, 22-32*

**Reader** Hear the word of the Lord

**ALL** Thanks be to God

### **HYMN Be Present in the stillness of the Lord**

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here;

Come bow before Him now  
with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found,  
we stand on holy ground;  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;

He burns with holy fire,  
with splendour He is crowned.

How awesome is the sight,  
our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place;

He comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister His grace.

No work too hard for Him,  
in faith receive from Him;  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.

## A reading from Ephesians 6.10-18

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; <sup>11</sup> put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, <sup>12</sup> for our<sup>[a]</sup> struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present<sup>[b]</sup> darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.<sup>[c]</sup><sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness <sup>15</sup> and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these,<sup>[d]</sup> take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.<sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.<sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

### Gospel Acclamation

**ALL**            **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing and marvellous in our eyes.

**ALL**            **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Reader**        The Lord be with you

**ALL**            **And also with you**

**Reader**        The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**ALL**            **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are

forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. *John 20:19-31*

**Reader** For the Gospel of the Lord

**ALL** **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Baptism of Ruth Alison Dart-Zhou

*Fr. Ray invites Tim and Lindsay and the Godparents to present Ruth Alison Dart-Zhou for Baptism.*

God Parents **We present Ruth Alison Dart-Zhou to be baptised.**

On behalf of Ruth and before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins.**

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false?

**I reject them all.**

Do you renounce all evil?

**I renounce all that is evil.**

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Will you, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

**I will, with God's help.**

*All stand*

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

All **We will.**

#### BLESSING OF THE WATER

**Holy God, at the beginning of creation your spirit moved across the waters, bringing forth life; through waters of danger you have led your people to safety; through the waters of danger you have led your people to safety; through the waters of birth you launch us into sunlight; and in the waters of your tears you cleanse us with your forgiveness. Thank you for this gift of water, this symbol of life, this refreshing sign of your presence. And now we give you thanks that you have called Ruth to birth through the waters of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that those who are Baptized in it maybe one with Christ, united with God now and fore ever. Amen**

*The service continues with the profession of Christian faith, the presiding priest says:*

I now ask the parents and sponsors along with the congregation to affirm the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?  
All **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
All **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**  
This is the faith of the Church.  
**This is our faith:  
We believe in one God:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Tim and Lindsay, do you ask for baptism in this faith for Ruth?  
**we do.**

*Fr. Ray baptises Ruth saying:*

I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
All **Amen.**

*After Ruth has been baptised, the priest makes a cross with oil of chrism on the forehead, saying:*

I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

*After Ruth has been signed, the priest then says:*

Live as a disciple of Christ:  
fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.  
All **Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection,  
look for his coming in glory.**

*A lighted candle is presented to the newly baptised, the priest then says:*

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.  
All **Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

God has called you into his Church.  
All **We therefore receive and welcome you  
as a member with us of the body of Christ,  
as a child of the one heavenly Father,  
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

A poem for Children

For children who are a gift from you, Loving God  
We thank you and Praise you.  
For the laughter and smiles of your children  
We thank you and praise you.  
For the sleepless nights and endless washing,  
We thank you and Praise you.  
For the tearful nights and morning hugs,  
We thank you and praise you.  
For all the love your children show us,  
We thank you and praise you. **Amen**



We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## HOMILY

### PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the world and the Church.

Let us pray to the Lord,  
who is our refuge and stronghold.  
For the health and well-being of our nation,  
that all who are fearful and anxious  
may be at peace and free from worry:

Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the isolated and housebound, that we may  
be alert to their needs,  
and care for them in their vulnerability:

Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our homes and families, our schools  
and young people,  
and all in any kind of need or distress:

Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For a blessing on our local community,  
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship, where  
all are known and cared for:

Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the  
mercy and protection of God.

Almighty God you have promised to hear our prayers,  
**grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive,**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.  
**His spirit is with us**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you**

**OFFERTORY HYMN AM 468** Thee we adore O Hidden Saviour

During the singing of the Hymn a collection will be taken. Electronic giving is available at the  
entrance to the Church.

## THE EUCHARIST

*We now lift up to God the world and the church as we offer prayers and thanksgiving.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, faithful God, always  
and everywhere,  
for with your only begotten Son and life-giving  
Spirit,  
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing a  
universe of beauty and splendour, bringing light  
from darkness  
and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in your image, and  
endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.  
You called us by name and searched us out, making a  
covenant of mercy,  
giving the law, teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,  
joining with your faithful people of every time and place, singing  
the eternal song:

*sung*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and  
earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in  
the highest.**

When the fullness of time was come,  
you sent your Son to be born of Mary.

Bright image of your glory,  
he learnt obedience to you in all things, even to  
death on a cross,  
breaking the power of evil,  
freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.

You raised him from death, exalting him to  
glory  
and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed  
your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends, his  
companions on the way.

While at the table he took bread, blessed, and  
broke it,  
and giving it to them, said: 'Take, eat;  
this is my body.'

He took a cup of wine,  
and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, 'This is my  
blood of the covenant,  
which is poured out for many. Do this in  
remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

*Sung*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command, we  
remember his life of obedience to you, his  
suffering and death,  
his resurrection and exaltation,  
and his promise to be with us forever.  
With this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and  
send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration that all  
who eat and drink at this table  
may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood to serve  
you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,  
may we proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus  
Christ our Lord,  
through whom, with whom, and in whom, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and forever.

*sung*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are  
yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.**

The bread which we break, alleluia,  
is the communion of the body of Christ.

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.**

We are one body, alleluia,  
for though many we share one bread.

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.**

*All who wish to come are welcome for this is the table of the Risen Lord.*

*The words of administration are:*

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Living God,

**make us apostles of the risen Christ.**

**Give us joyful hearts, words of hope,**

**and grace to recognise the Lord Jesus when he meets us,**

**wherever we are on the road.**

## BLESSING

The blessing of the Living God, who brings light out of darkness, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the risen Christ, who sends you as apostles into all the world be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the Holy Spirit, who fills the church with joy and praise, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of our God, the holy and glorious Trinity, be upon you and remain with you now and forever. **Amen.**

## INTERCESSIONS

*FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD:* Peace in the Middle East, Sudan, Congo Venezuela and Ukraine for the Jewish community for the Richmond Churches Food and for all organizations that provide safety and relief during this summer season and all those in need.

*For the Leaders of the world that they will end conflict and seek to bring harmony and justice to the whole of creation.*

*FOR THE SICK, RECOVERING, AND THOSE WHO GRIEVE* Bruce, Jack, Nanette, Liam, Craig, Helen, Marilyn, Alan and Lee

*FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:*

*FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK.* George Buzza, Marjorie Foggie, Margaret Martin, Graham Bailey, Joseph Docker, Mary Cox, Olive Pegg, Robert Presley, Christine Merrill, Robert Chambers, Evelyn Cahoon and Ronald Willams.

**Offertory Hymn: AM 339 We bring our children Lord to thee**

**Recessional Hymn: AM 200 Christ the Lord is Risen again**

### Rosters

<b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>19<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>1st Reading</b>	Prue Borthwick	Greg Scott
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Greg Scott	Michael McGirr
<b>Intercessions</b>	Michael McGirr	Sandra McMahan
<b>Euch. Assistant</b>	Kim Ricketts	Jonathon Harrison
<b>Welcomers</b>	Kathy Kozlowski & Ann Czech	Megan Harrison & Ann Czech
<b>Hospitality</b>	Evan Costello, Andrew & Lee	Helen McDonald

# Centenary Year Plans

## St Bartholomew's Burnley parish events update for our centenary year .

### April 2026

Plans are well underway by a committee of the Parish Council to observe and celebrate the dedication of the current Church on the corner of Burnley street and Boyd Lane on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2026. The church was relocated to the present site in 1925 from the corner of Swan street and Burnley street. It was decided that the church should be more centrally located. In retrospect the decision at the time may not have occurred today if events as they were to unfold over the years as the centre of Burnley is now arguably where the church was first established.

A number of events are being planned for the year including the following. Others will be added as they are finalized including a concert and parish dinner.

May 9<sup>th</sup> Melba concert at the church, a regular event each year

May [30<sup>th</sup>@11.30am](#) Launch of Centenary appeal for \$100000 for future outreach, worship, prayer life and engagement work in the area. The celebrations are about the past present and future

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Choral Evensong for St Bartholomew with Bp. Kate Proud as preacher.

September 13<sup>th</sup> Creation and environment Sunday with Jo Knight from Anglican Overseas Aid including a seminar on Climate change

October 25<sup>th</sup> Choral Eucharist to celebrate the 100 years

Please mark these dates in you diary now. I am also wanting to develop a list of past parishioners to invite to the various events. If you have any names you would like to pass onto me please send them to my email address [ray@cleary.au](mailto:ray@cleary.au)

Further details will be listed on our face book page, web site and parish news as they are finalized.