



# Richmond Parish News

Sunday 30 June 2019



**Theme:** Conflict: when two kingdoms collide  
**Priest in Charge:** Revd. Ian Smith  
**Preacher:** Micah Did-Dell  
**Readings:** Luke 4:1-13, Luke 9:51-62

**Sentence:**

Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."  
- Luke 9:62 (NRSV)

**Collect: today**

Sovereign God, we have no good apart from you;  
gladden our hearts in following your radical call  
So that in your presence we may find the fullness

of joy; through Jesus, the Christ, our Lord,  
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever. **Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## Reflections...



### From the Priest in Charge:

A very warm welcome to our combined Holy Communion service this morning at Holy Trinity and especially to Micah Did-Dell who is our speaker today! I was delighted to be at St Alban's last week, where despite the frosty start, around twenty gathered to celebrate Te Pouhere Sunday. I heard too, that at Holy Trinity Jeff delivered a very well crafted tale on race and difference! Thank you Jeff!! I'm sure Micah will be adding to this discussion with his topic today...

A very lively vestry meeting was had this week as a significant drainage problem was encountered by the contractors redoing our parking space and an acoustic problem with our new hall having to be remedied means we could be facing an increase in costs of around \$50-80K. We always, in big building projects, expect some overruns but as final accounts have yet to come in, we are uncertain as to how much this might be. Vestry was asked if funding from the Gaming Trusts could be applied for to cover this potential shortfall. This raised a level of concern from some in vestry which led to me stall tabling a motion

until we ascertained some feedback from the parish, which we will do today.

There are a couple of points to consider here. The major one is 'Can we use 'tainted' monies for the work of God'? The simple answer, I think, is yes. Throughout the Old testament the spoils of war were, beginning with Abrahams time, tithed to Melchizedek (Gn 14:17ff & He 7:1-2) or assimilated into the armies of the victors. So too was the gold and silver taken from Egypt and used to 'finance' the construction of the tabernacle. Jesus also had no problem with the alabaster jar (most likely gained from unholy activity) being unsealed and used to anoint his feet.

The real issue is whether God has the inclination to sanctify that which is unholy and make it perfectly clean as he does with the food we eat, all the offerings we present, and indeed, each of our individual lives, after we ask his blessing! I'm more than sure he does. Of course he may not approve of war, Pokies, Lotto, excessive drinking, prostitution and such like, but still he seems to delight in sanctifying damaged and broken people and goods! I hope you will respond graciously to this request!

Every Blessing

*Ian*

**Preserves** - There are some jars of lemon curd for sale, just egg yolks, lemons butter and sugar ... lovely. Please keep in the fridge. Also some plum jam. The money from these goes to missions.

**Morning tea and coffee in church** - We have a new insulated jug for the hot water. The lid unscrews to fill. When filled, use the red button to enable you to pour. Wash with warm soapy water and dry after use.

**Prayer** - The Church is open for prayer Monday morning 9.00am - 2.00pm. All Welcome.

**Honey** - Building Fundraiser. 500gm \$7.50/1kg \$15.00 /2kg \$25. Contact Anne Askin Ph.542 3284.

**Christianity in Europe – dead, dying or reviving?** - We will be hosting Chris Wigram who is International Director for ECM International on Thursday 18 July at 7.00pm in the church. Chris is well placed to give us an excellent overview of Christianity in Europe at present. ECM International is the missions organisation that Féy Cotter is associated with. We don't have many specific overseas missions evenings and this promises to be a very informative meeting, so we would love to see you there. John Palmer Ph. 544 4275 on behalf of the Missions Action Group.

**Carpark** - While the carpark construction continues over the next few weeks there is restricted access into the church grounds from the northern entrance off Dorset St and the ramp access to the church. The Trinity Lane gate is permanently opened which allows for limited parking spaces on the south side of the church. Please park on the major streets around the church if your mobility allows this! Access to the church and office is through the church via the Vestry, which has a lockbox attached to the Vestry door knob. The code for the lockbox is the same as the Church ramp door. (Please return the key to the lockbox once you leave the church. You need to use the same code to lock the box as you do to open it.) Please be patient with us as this final piece of work to get our hall open, is completed!

**Church Security** - The side and main doors have been left unlocked on several occasions over the last few weeks. Please make sure all the bolts are engaged for the front doors and the foyer doors locked. Also please check the side door is locked before leaving by pressing the "H" & "C" buttons.

**2019/20 Parish Directory** - Get your copy from the back of the church.



## **WARNING** Burn Hazard

Under seat heaters are on during services. Please do not touch - *they are hot!*

## **Prayers for the Week**

**The World** - We continue to pray for political stability, peace, real freedom and justice in Venezuela, Sudan, Yemen, Libya and Syria and also in the Persian Gulf region where armed conflict is increasing. Raise up leaders we pray who are wise, and seek the welfare of all their peoples, not just one class, grouping or tribe.

We continue to pray for those suffering persecution in the Sahel region of West Africa, especially in northern Burkina Faso, south eastern Niger, Mali, Northern Nigeria and Cameroon where jihadists have closed schools, health centres and churches, and perpetrated indiscriminate killing. Help Christians to know how to respond in a godly way to such persecution and help Christians worldwide stand beside their fellow believers in prayer and support. Turn the hearts of their persecutors to the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We pray for the UK as it seeks to clarify its position on Brexit and as the Conservative Party elects a new leader who will become the new Prime Minister. We pray that you will overrule in these affairs of state and that the UK may get strong, godly and wise leadership.

**Missions** - We pray for Féy Cotter in her work with ECM. We give thanks for their new grandson and that Féy can be with her daughter over the next week. May the ECM Aus/NZ annual conference the following week in Sydney be a very productive time. Bless the visit of the International Director Chris Wigram to New Zealand as he speaks at a number of events in Wellington, Christchurch and Nelson. May these meetings bring a new awareness of opportunities for the gospel in Europe.

**Diocese** - We pray for the ministry of the Victory Community Church with Greg and Jacqui Holmes and their team. We especially pray that you will lead Greg and Jacqui as Greg steps down from leadership and seeks other ways to serve you. Help the church as it moves into a period of interregnum and begins the search for a replacement. Help the church to maintain its witness, its unity and its purpose under God. Provide, we pray your choice for a new vicar for this church.

**Local Church** - We thank you for the ministry of the local Roman Catholic church in Richmond. We thank you for the recent contacts with them and pray that you will bless their ministry in this area. Help them as they grapple with the lack of ordained clergy.

**Parish** - We thank you for all the Staff Team and pray that you will continue to equip them for their service, and encourage unity and fruitful interaction among them. Help them to see where your Spirit is working within and outside the church walls and to see how we can, as a church, join in your mission.

Raise up we pray, someone with a God inspired passion for working with children and families that we might see growth in this area.

We thank you for the recent progress on the new building and the car park. Guide the Vestry as it considers how to grapple with the latest unexpected issues. Lord this is your project and we pray that you will supply our needs so that this facility can be used to foster community both within this church and in the town at large.

**Those in need** - For those we know who are suffering at this time, may they know your peace, comfort and healing. We pray especially for those who have recently lost loved ones and for those recovering from falls or sickness, which when you are older, can take longer to recover from. All these prayers we ask in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

## This Week...

### Monday 1 July

9.00am Church open for prayer  
9.30am Friends 'n Fun

### Tuesday 2 July

10.00am Fortnightly Women's Group (B Page)  
10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)  
11.30am Lunch on the Hill (Salvation Army Hall)  
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frenley)

### Wednesday 3 July

10.00am Holy Communion  
12.00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Group (J South)

### Thursday 4 July

9.30am Friends 'n Fun  
12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)  
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)  
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

### Sunday 7 July

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Holy Communion

## Coming up...

### Sunday 14 July

7.00pm Taizé Service

*For more information about services or groups  
contact the office Ph. 544 8844.*

## St Albans' Appleby Services

**10.30am Sunday 23 June**

Morning Worship

**Leader** - Revd. Ian Smith

**10.30am Sunday 14 July**

Holy Communion

**Leader** - Revd. Matt Beech

If you wish to give financial support to Holy Trinity Church, our bank account number is -  
03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

## Roster for 7 July *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Ian Smith	<b>10.30am</b>	Shirley Jackson
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	A Heslop, W Wilkinson	<b>10.30am</b>	L Summerfield
<b>Sidesperson:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	B Page	<b>10.30am</b>	B Cheyne
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	G Thomas	<b>10.30am</b>	K Cheyne
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	E Erskine, B Lash, TBA	<b>10.30am</b>	TBA
<b>Tea:</b>		E Erskine, G Thomas		
<b>Flowers:</b>		D Martin		

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Wolves, demons and leprosy encountered; all in a days work in the Lord's harvest

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Friday 10.00am - 5.30pm

Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm