

## St John's Cranbourne & Christ Church Tooradin

### Pews News

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*Growing People, Building Community*

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### Lent

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday with services at St John's at 10am and 7pm. Simon has planned a special sermon series for Lent, to help us learn from the experience of the post-Pentecost church as reported in the Acts of the Apostles, and the Sunday readings have been adjusted over this period (see revised readings list under the noticeboard). A discussion/reflection booklet based on these readings is available today. It will be suited for use in small groups or by individuals

### Weekly Sunday Evening Services, and Tooradin service time change

From 4 March we are going to conduct a third public service at St John's each Sunday. Please refer to the pamphlet prepared by Simon and distributed last Sunday, and share it with all who might find this time and the concept appealing.

At the same time, the weekly service at Christ Church will move from 5pm to 9am. Christ Church is planning a community promotion to support this change, and hopefully attract new involvement from Tooradin people. Pamphlets are being delivered around the Tooradin district this week.

### St John's Letterbox Drop – last call!

There are still about 3000 of the 25,000 flyers to be delivered. If you can help, please collect some flyers and a map from Reception today. Thanks to all who have assisted with this enormous undertaking. The local Guides took quite a few, and we are indebted to them.

### **Transfiguration**

2 Kings 2: 1-12 p290; Psalm 50: 1-6 p272;

2 Cor 4: 3-12 p939; Mark 9: 2-9 p820

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Coming Week and Month

Wednesday, 10am and 7pm: *Ash Wednesday* services

Fri 23 – Sun 25 Feb, Phillip Island Adventure Resort: St John's Residential Weekend

Tues 27 Feb, 7.30pm, St John's: First monthly St John's Prayer Gathering

Wed 28 Feb, St John's, 7.45pm: *Where did Christianity come from? (enquirer's course)*

Wed 7 Mar, 7.45pm: *What are the essentials of Christian belief and behaviour?*

### Coming Readings

Sun 18/02	Genesis 9: 8-17 p6	Acts 1:1-11 (p884)	Mark 1: 9-15 p812
Sun 25/02	Genesis 17: 1-16 p11	Acts 2:37-47 (p886)	Mark 8: 31-38 p820
Sun 04/03	Exodus 20: 1-17 p58	1 Cor 1: 18-25 p926	John 2: 13-22 p863

## Commit to Casey

You are encouraged to take and act on the card supplied today (take as many as you can hand around) if you want to make sure that Casey's infrastructure problems are taken seriously in the next State election. The objectives of the campaign are to upgrade roads and extend the rail, as detailed below. Alternatively you can just go straight to

<http://www.caseyconversations.com.au/committocasey>

*The road upgrade* will deliver a combination of new links, widening works, duplications, intersection upgrades and level crossing removals (see map on the noticeboard), including:

- Southern Dandenong Bypass through to South Gippsland Freeway and South Gippsland Freeway / M1 Freeway
- Pound Road – Greaves Road – O'Shea Road route
- Narre Warren – Cranbourne Road, from Thompsons Road to South Gippsland Highway
- Berwick – Cranbourne Road Route from Thompsons Road through Pattersons Road to Narre Warren Cranbourne Road
- Glasscocks Road from South Gippsland Highway to Dandenong - Frankston Road
- Thompson Road from Clyde Road to Cardinia Road

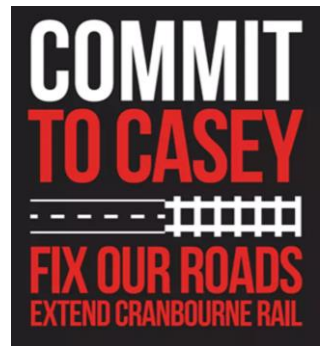
*The rail upgrade includes:*

- Duplication of the Cranbourne Rail line from Dandenong
- Extension of the Cranbourne Rail Line to Clyde North

## J Kids signing in and out

Primary school children's parents, thanks for arriving in time to sign in for *J Kids* before 10.30am, and for being in church for the children's song, so that your children can move out for prayer on their way to the program. Our duty of care requires that you sign your children in (at the *J Kids* Table) and out. The book for signing out will be on a small table beneath the *J Kids* name labels board each week after the service.

Food Truck: ring pulled tinned tuna, tinned veggies, 2-minute noodles. Thanks.



## St John's Residential Weekend – 2 weeks to go

We've been upgraded, with no change to our charges! We will have the use of 'Colonnades' at PIAR. This is the motel-like section designed with business conferences in mind (see photos).

This fantastic weekend is fewer than 2 weeks away, with final bookings and payments due next Sunday.

Please see Jo, Peter or Joseph at the table in the foyer today, to register, make payments or ask questions.

There are forms in the pews, under the noticeboard and on the welcoming table too. If receiving a subsidy would make it possible for you to attend, please ask.

This will be a lovely time of recreation, fellowship and making new friendships. The dates and location will be the *Phillip Island Adventure Resort* from after dinner on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 'til after lunch on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Day attendance will be possible for the Saturday (\$40/adult including lunch and dinner), and people could be part of most of the program if they drove down very early on Saturday and returned home late that night.

The program will be recreational, providing for all ages, and the timing should be great for capitalizing on the warm weather.



## Simon is keen to catch up

Now that Simon is a little more settled, he is wanting to get around and catch up with members of St John's and Christ Church – to hear an idea, to discuss a question, or just get to know people. If you'd like him to phone to make a time to visit, or for a coffee, in the coming weeks, please put your name on the noticeboard. Alternatively email him on [simonfromsjac@gmail.com](mailto:simonfromsjac@gmail.com). His contact details are at the top of Pews News. His day off will normally be Thursday, and he has made his office at St John's.

## Play Group for 2018? – last call

There are several families from outside St John's interested in having a St John's Play Group in 2018. Separately there is an idea to explore the possibility of having a *Mainly Music* group at St John's. Play Group would normally resume this Friday, so David would like to hear in the next day or two from any willing to lead or be associated with Play Group. There is support available through the Anglican Playgroups Network.

## January 2018 Vital statistics:

The average weekly (Sunday) attendance at St John's was 186. The number for the same month last year was 243.

The total average weekly giving was \$4189. The reduced 17/18 budget calls for average total weekly giving of \$4626. It is hard to see how this budget could be further reduced.

Over the first third of the financial year total giving (General, Building and Dinka ministry) totalled \$84097, 35% of the amount required, but we have no reserves, and our facilities income is tracking well under budget. Our financial situation is more challenging than it has been at any time in the last 10 years. All who care about St John's are called to prayer and practical response as they are able.

**FOR NEWCOMERS** *If you are new, and  would like a visit,  to be listed on the roll, or  to request nametags, please complete the following, ticking suitable boxes above and then put it in the offertory bowl, give it to one of the clergy, or leave it at Reception.*

Christian names and surnames \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Comments \_\_\_\_\_

### Short Notices

- This is the last week for people to step forward willing to work towards continuing Dinka-language ministry at St John's, but under the new Parish Council guidelines. If there are not sufficient numbers of willing people, regrettably these ministries will be discontinued. If that does occur, it is the sincere hope of all that many Dinka people will nevertheless participate in the general life of St Johns into the future.
- Several parishioners have now made submissions to the Federal Review into Freedom of Religion. The deadline is this Wednesday, and the committee is keen to receive electronic submission, or scanned ones – it is now too late to post submissions. There is a sheet available today to assist others who would like to send a submission on this vital matter. Alternatively, 'Google' 'Religious Freedom Review' or go to <https://pmc.gov.au/domestic-policy/religious-freedom-review/submission>
- Displayed today is our accumulated lost property from the last 4 or so months. Anything not claimed by its owner will be disposed of.
- The 2018 Parish Directory will be issued in late March. Every year it includes wrong details, so please watch out for opportunities to check your details, or if you are not in the directory but would like to be, to add yours.
- Have you noticed that what is threatening recycling in country Victoria is that some of us are not very good at putting rubbish in the rubbish, and recycling in the recycling? We try to do the right thing as St John's, part of which is never to put plastic bags, let alone food, into recycling.
- The vicarage has had to have 9 hard-wired LED light installed under the Federal Government scheme 3.5 years ago replaced, as they have been failing, and new replacement LEDs are not available. This means that David has 7 used but working LEDs with that particular socket available to anyone facing the same problem.
- Also, see David if you could use some Canon 521 inkjet cartridges which were for a earlier model Canon printer.
- The St John's Mowing Roster for 2018/9 is being finalized. Adrian Serpanchy (0449 884 146) would be delighted to hear from people willing to help mow 4 or so times over the next year. Numbers of our key mowing team members are now in their 70s. Mowing takes place on Saturday mornings from 9am to about 11am, and equipment is supplied.

### Last Week's Giving.

We require \$4626 on average each week to cover all our commitments, including servicing our loans. Last week \$3942 was received.