



St Paul's Cathedral

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Sung Eucharist

The Birth of John the Baptist • 21 June 2020 • 10 am

WELCOME

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral, the home for worshippers from more than two dozen nations, the home church for Anglicans in Melbourne and Victoria. We are delighted that you have joined us for our streamed service this morning: come and worship with us again.

The cathedral is situated on the traditional lands of the Kulin nation and we acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit ourselves to the ongoing work of reconciliation in our nation.

Please join us in singing the hymns and saying those parts of the service printed in **bold** type.

Offerings We rely entirely on your gift. During the Covid-19 pandemic, congregational giving has dropped significantly. Please be generous. You can also donate online via our website www.cathedral.org.au/donate or by EFT BSB: 083-088, Account: 53-728-8315.

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LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE

The Dean

The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe OStJ

Associate Priest:

The Revd Canon Rosemary Maries

Chaplain St John Ambulance Geelong and

Canon of St Paul's Cathedral

Musicians:

Mr Philip Nicholls

Director of Music

Mr Mark Slavec

June Nixon Organ Scholar

THE GREETING

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

We meet in the presence of Almighty God to worship him in spirit and in truth; to give thanks for the work and ministry of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem and its Foundations; to pray for members of the Order past and present; to ask his blessing on its continuing work for all in sickness and distress; and to dedicate ourselves afresh to the service of God and our fellows.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who by the ministry of Saint John the Baptist prepared your people to behold the splendour of your Incarnate Word; grant that all our labours on behalf of our fellows, may serve to bring them to that perfectness of faith in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

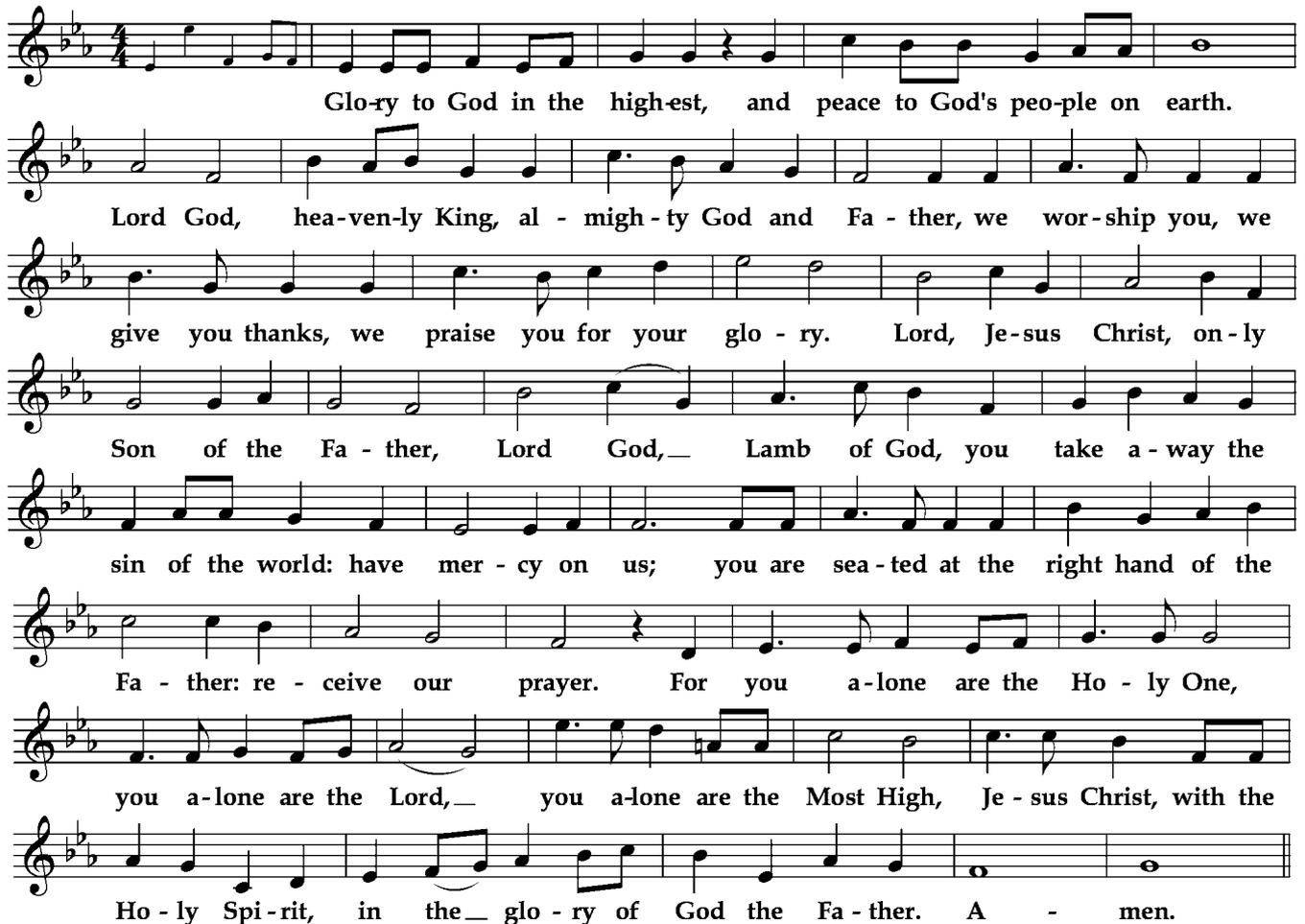
John the Baptist proclaimed, 'Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' Let us turn to the Lord in penitence and faith and humbly confess our sins.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Sung by all



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, — Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are sea - ted at the right hand of the
Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, — you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the — glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Parish Eucharist – Michael Dudman (1938-94)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way for your Son our Saviour by preaching a baptism of repentance: make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent, and, following his example, may constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The people are seated for the readings and psalm.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 49.1-6

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He

made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' ⁴But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' ⁵And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — ⁶ he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel. I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 139

Please sing the response as indicated



- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
you know when I sit or when I stand,
you comprehend my thoughts long before.
- 2 You discern my path and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways. *Response*
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue: but you, Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You have encompassed me behind and before:
and have laid your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot endure it. *Response*
- 6 Where shall I go from your spirit: or where shall I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I ascend into heaven you are there:
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also. *Response*
- 8 If I spread out my wings towards the morning:
or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 even there your hand shall lead me:
and your right hand shall hold me. *Response*

Chant: Transposed Tone I.8
Response: Geoffrey Cox

¹⁶ Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: 'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. ¹⁷The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. ¹⁸ For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. ¹⁹ After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance ²⁰ for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. ²¹ Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. ²² When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." ²³ Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; ²⁴ before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵ And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet."

²⁶ 'My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Please stand

Luke 1.57-66, 80

Please repeat the Alleluias after the Cantor, then as indicated



I have set the Lord always before me:
he is at my right hand and I shall not fall.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁷ Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸ Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

⁵⁹ On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. ⁶⁰ But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' ⁶¹ They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' ⁶² Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. ⁶³ He asked

for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. ⁶⁴Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁸⁰ The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

For the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe OStJ
Dean of Melbourne

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit or kneel

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

After each petition

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayers the presider concludes
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

Please stand

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

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

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

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1 Sing we the prai - ses of the great fore - run - ner,
tell forth the migh - ty won - ders of his sto - ry: so may his
Mas - ter cleanse our lips and make them fit to ex - tol him.

2
**Lo, God's high herald, swift from heav'n descending,
gives to thy father tidings of thy coming,
telling thy name, and all the tale of marvels
that shall befall thee.**

3
**Oft had the prophets in the time before thee
spoken in vision of the Daystar's coming;
but when he came, 'twas thou that didst proclaim him
our holy Saviour.**

Paul the Deacon (730-99) trans. C. S. Phillips (1883-1949)
Hymns Ancient and Modern New Standard 315 alt.

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation: through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings to your glory and for the service of your kingdom: **Blessed be God forever.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT 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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks because
you have called us into the fellowship of John the Baptist all your saints,
and set before us the example of their witness
and the fruit of your Spirit in their lives.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The first two staves are in 4/4 time, and the last two are in 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est."

Merciful God, we thank you
 for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,
 and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
 we who eat and drink them
 may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
 and when he had given you thanks
 he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
 and again giving you thanks
 he gave it to his disciples, saying,
 'Drink from this, all of you.
 This is my blood of the new covenant
 shed for you and for many
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
 proclaiming his offering of himself
 made once for all upon the cross,
 his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
 and looking for his coming again,
 we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
 his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
 for the sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
 unite us in the body of your Son,
 and bring us with *John the Baptist, Paul our Patron Saint* and all your people
 into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 with whom, and in whom,
 in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 we worship you, Father,
 in songs of never-ending praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray,
 each in our own language,
 Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser..., 我們在天上的父...,
 Bapa kami..., E to matou Matua..., 天の父よ...

**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 for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
 We who are many are one body, **for we all share in the one bread.**

LAMB OF GOD

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Je-sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us. Je - sus, bearer of our
 sins, have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-deem-er of the world: grant us your peace.

THE INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
 Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.**

After communion, the cantor sings

THE MOTET

Übers gebirg Maria geht – Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

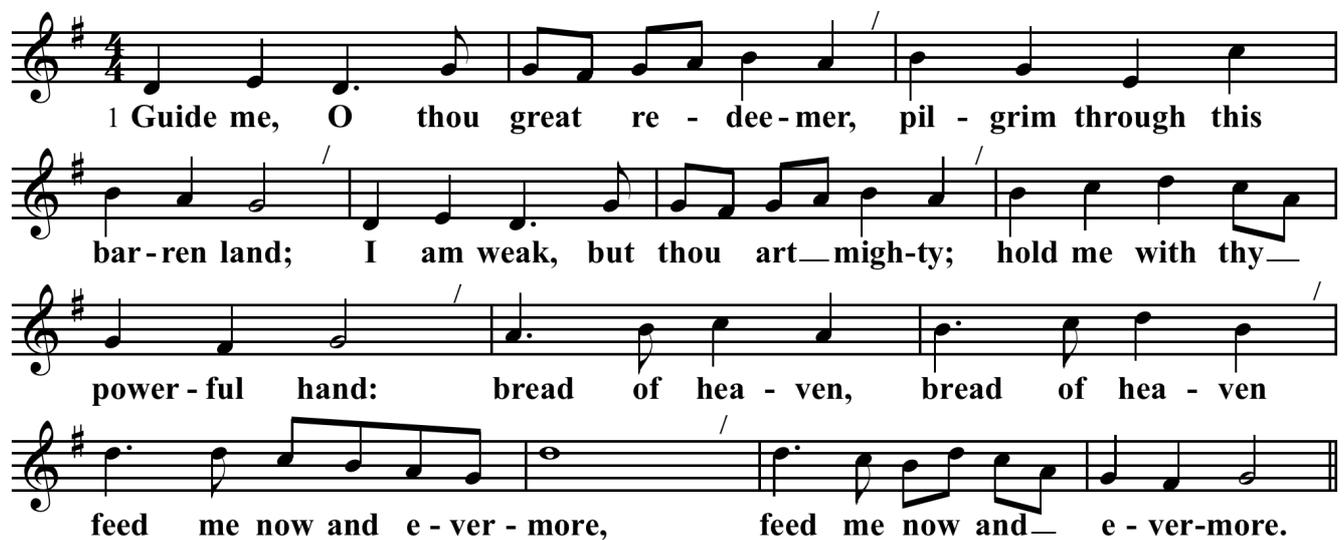
Mary arose and journeyed far in haste to greet Elizabeth, whose babe did leap within her womb. The Holy Spirit gave her breath to hail the mother of the Lord, and Mary with joy did sing, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit hath rejoiced in God who is my Saviour, merciful to all who fear his holy name.'

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Said by the president and people*

Merciful Lord, whose prophet John the Baptist
proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world:
grant that we who in this sacrament have known
your forgiveness and your life-giving love
may ever tell of your mercy and your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE DISMISSAL HYMN



1 Guide me, O thou great re - dee - mer, pil - grim through this
bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art — migh - ty; hold me with thy —
power - ful hand: bread of hea - ven, bread of hea - ven
feed me now and e - ver - more, feed me now and — e - ver - more.

2
Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3
When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's
destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-91)
Together in Song 569

Members of the Venerable Order of St John are invited to pray together:

FOR THE FAITH

Pro Fide

May God the Father preserve us in the number of the faithful; may Christ the Son grant us means and opportunity to do good; may the Holy Spirit grant us resolution to persevere in faith: as God's love has united us on earth, so may the mercy of God unite us with the faithful in heaven, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

God give you grace to follow John the Baptist and all the saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

Carillon de Westminster, Op.54, No.6 – Louis Vierne (1870-1937):
Mr Mark Slavec, June Nixon Organ Scholar

PRAY WITH US

The ministry team of St Paul's Cathedral has been meeting electronically for morning prayer, during which they remember each member of our electoral roll and other parishioners by name over the course of the week. Know that we are holding each and every one of you in our prayers.

And we invite you to do the same. Share your prayers with us at parishprayer@stpaulscathedral.org.au

The World Political will in our country to address the issues facing our First Nations people, and act for the benefit of all Australians; meaningful response to the outcry against racism in the US; protection of and provision for refugees around the world as many are exposed to second waves of COVID-19 infections; peaceful and just resolution of the political tensions in Hong Kong, and safety for protesters; wisdom for those responsible for determining our community's response to COVID-19.

The Anglican Communion Church of Nigeria (Bp Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba)

The Australian Anglican Church Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short, Asst Bps Stephen Pickard, Carol Wagner, Clergy & People)

The Diocese of Melbourne Social Responsibilities Committee (Gordon Preece, Chair); Bellarine Parish (Robert Myers)

Those in Sickness or Need Joan Woodhouse, Simon, Beryl Coombe, Robyn & David Forbes, Judy and Frank Clift, Andrew, Lucilia & Carlota Soares, Janet Marsden, Pam Sullivan, Martin Devine, John, Evonne Paddison, Mark Rostoks, Henri-Felix Vinson, Sum Vita, Maria Vonn, Brian, Rose, Kathleen & Samuel Hodgson, Nancy Paterson, Naomi Nayagam, Paul Jeya Sorga Kumar, David Ormerod, Helen, Graeme Giles, Eleanor Peeler, Murray Seiffert, Jennie Carolane-Balks, Simon, Christopher Ellis

Year's Minds

- 20 Walter Roy Shepherd (Former Chorister) 1987
- 22 Ada Marguerite Donohue (Friends of the Cathedral) 1962
- 23 Leonard Terry (Architect) 1894
- 24 Henry Lowther Clarke (Archbishop) 1926
- 25 George Goodman (Canon) 1908
- 26 Violet Augusta Hiscock (Congregation) 1997
- Charles Herbert Murray (Canon, Bishop) 1950
- 27 Bob Balderstone (Congregation) 2009

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