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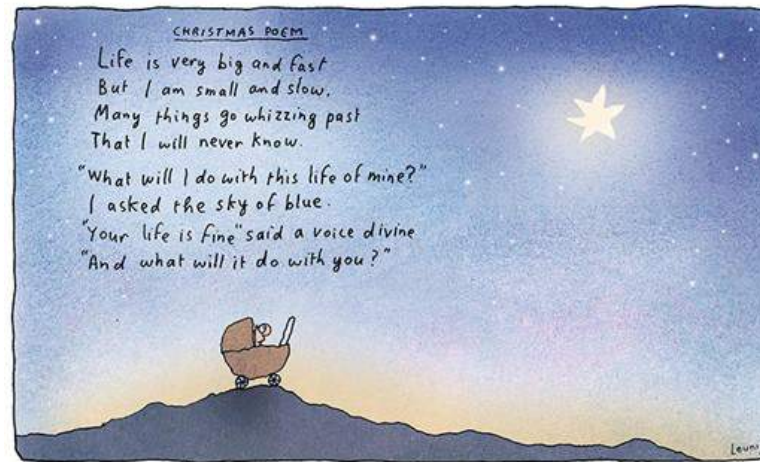
PARISH OF ALBURY

*In the heart of Albury
Welcomes all people*

DECEMBER 2017

Fr Peter writes :

Dear People of St Matthew's



Christmas 2017 - "No room at the Inn" for opponents of equality, compassion and "a fair go".

The real Christmas message is heard clearly this year in the bracing atmosphere of marriage equality, refugees, Adani, Indigenous recognition and environment but those reaching for the nativity dress-ups are likely to have lost their audience.

The real Christmas story is inhabited by Rodney Croome former Tasmanian of the year arrested for campaigning against discrimination, by MP Warren Entsch, Qantas high flier Alan Joyce, Rev Dr Keith Mascord refusing to be silenced, Michael Kirby consistently calling for equal treatment under the law and actress Magda Szubanski in her finest role conquering the bigotry of Archbishops with the shining logic of her humanity. The same story is discovered in the voice Gillian Triggs and Julian Burnside and locally Penny Vine, the Murray Valley Sanctuary Group and Rural Australians for Refugees, Tracey Esler, Lauriston Muirhead and those challenging the Adani mine, Aunty Nancy and those working for indigenous recognition.

In every community there are quiet heroes of a grass roots revolution in which our elected leaders are now racing to catch up, being hampered by calls for rich religious prerogatives to supplement the already impressive girth of religious freedoms that have compromised the health of the nation.

Like Herod, many continue to plot the destruction of what looks like “good news for all people” instead of preparing an apology for imposing an antiquated social navigation system consistently leading to wheelie bins instead of justice and compassion.

Archbishops may have blown this year’s Christmas club in opposing equality and keeping silent in the face of injustice, but they have also invested in a product recall on qualified acceptance and attitudes that create refugees within our own families under a cloud of carol singing.

Despite the financial and prayerful investment in “dreaming of a black and white Christmas just like the ones we used to know“, the purple of advent looks about to explode in a rainbow of opportunities.

The message of outsiders being valued and welded into a rescue story has been plucked from the liturgical landfill offered by dying institutions and placed again at the heart of our community -sounds like good news for sharing.

Thankyou to the wonderful community of St Matthews who daily care for the homeless, needy and refugees within our own society. Thankyou to Member for Farrer Sussan Ley whose support has given permission for many others to think differently and thankyou for all who have been part of our Christmas appeal and for those who reach out to friend and stranger.

Fr Peter

Teacher Dr Allan Beavis with a couple of his students,- Thomas Summerfield and James Flores

Christmas Hamper packing with Barbara Hoodless



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Choir gallery security. It was suggested that a security door would be placed at the bottom of each stair case to prevent unauthorised people going up to the choir gallery

Financial records are with the auditor.

Giving cards to be available for people who direct debit their offering to put into collection bag.

Electricity costs for the last twelve months were \$14,500. Looking at installing solar panels subject to getting a suitable quote.

Hoping to put the calendar of events onto the website.

Pastoral Care. Annette and her team doing a great job. Every meeting they come up with new ideas.

Peace of mind. The Pastoral care team have come up with the idea of having a leaflet called Peace of mind. This leaflet will enable you to write down the details of what you would like for your funeral service. This will also be put on the website

A Christmas tree is to be placed near the votive candle stand for people to put an ornament on to remember the departed.

Anglican food room. 31 hampers were given out in October.

2,500 Paper cups that are used for tea and coffees every year. These cups are not recyclable

Op shop takings for October \$508.75. John Schuberg would like to open the shop 5 days a week.

Christmas Carol service to be on the 17th December. Members of Carevan to be invited.

Carevan would like for paving from the fountain to the front verandah.

World Aids Day on the 8th December. Michael Kirby will be at the service

The weekend after Easter Gillian Triggs and Julian Burnside will be attending the service.

Finances Balance at end October \$1733.82

Kaye Kennedy Secretary



Evening Group News

Our AGM was held on the 16th November at Adamshurst commencing with the Eucharist led by Fr Peter followed by the AGM when Margaret Shearer was elected President, Dell

Jenkins Secretary and Veronica Robertson Treasurer.

At the meeting several ideas were put forward as to how the group could raise money to help the church. They included a garden party and a progressive dinner.

Also, it was decided that the pascal candle needs to be restored. Fr Peter has offered to get a quote for us. It will depend on the quote as to whether this happens.

We won't meet again as a group until the 15th February. The time and venue are still to be decided.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy & Holy Christmas and New Year

Kaye Kennedy

CAROLS AND LESSONS

17th December at 5.00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

9.00am Morning before Christmas Eve Service

4.00 pm Toddler Crib Service

6.00 pm Family Christmas Mass

10.30 pm Carols

11.00 pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00 am Family Christmas Mass



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We have now finalised a successful Christmas Tree display of very creative Christmas Trees. Fifteen trees, all different, were entered and much admired by those visiting the event. Although the weather was against a good attendance, we still had very successful craft sales on most days. The display was open from Wednesday 29th Nov. to Sunday 3rd Dec. and while some days were quiet, it was nice to have a social chat with the helpers, and those who came to vote for the trees and buy from the selection of craft.

I would like to thank the ladies who are on the church sitting roster, who helped with extra hours, as well as those parishioners who agreed to fill the gaps on the roster. Your cooperation was appreciated. A very special Thanks to the members of the Embroidery/Craft Group (Jill, Helen, Fran, Lola, Joan, Julie,) who meet once a month to make the gift items that sell well. Without their dedication we would not have made \$1,200 from craft sales during the 5 days of the festival. The small raffle won by George Cocks raised \$146. Total funds raised for the church \$1,346. \$910 was made for Charity from the votes, this is \$230 less than last year, but considering the weather over that weekend, it is more than was expected. I am also very thankful for the support of Gill our "Money Counter" who was prepared to do a daily count, and the new Jill who is in "training" and is prepared to help in organising the event in future. "Many hands make light work" as the saying goes, and at times I certainly need many hands.

Thanks to all those St. Matthew's parishioners who helped in any way to make the festival a success.

Sadie Moffitt—Coordinator.





Children's Church in NOVEMBER

The last Children's Church for 2017, (was held concurrently with the Music Festival Mass held in the church), in the Rectory, and the theme was "Getting ready for Christmas". Catherine Dawson took the service in the front room, as the sunroom was set up for craft and party later on, and the children really enjoyed her upbeat and cheerful style of teaching. Originally we were not planning to have music, but Rowena Ginns stepped in with her electronic organ, and taught the kids a new song. Later, the 17 children, 18 parents, carers, and Grandparents went out to the sunroom where the kids decorated cardboard Christmas baubles, with Christmas pictures. These were for the Christmas tree, two young Children's Church Mums collaborated to make for the Christmas Festival, Kirsty Coyle prepared the decorations, Gerard, Kirsty's husband made the star for the tree, and Lillian Slattery made the wooden tree. Come along to the Festival and vote for the tree!

After the decorating, the kids had party food and drinks, and the parents had tea and coffee. It was a great and successful end to the year. **Please see this publication for Christmas Service times for children.** We thank all our helpers, and look forward to another positive new year!

Julie Scott

Children's church spokesperson for M.U. Albury.



Albury Chamber Festival



Albury Chamber Festival





AMELIA BALLARD

"It was with much pleasure we welcomed back to St Matthews Amelia Ballard as member of the Australian Chamber Choir (Alto) who sang at the Albury Chamber Music Festival Service on Sunday 19 November.



The music was a delight to listen to. Amelia started singing as a junior chorister at St Matthews around the time the choir was reformed and robed. We are proud of her achievement."

David Luxon on behalf of the St. Matthew's Choir members

★ **FOR THE KIDS —**

★ Good King Wenceslas ordered a pizza from Dominos—
★ Salesgirl asks- "Same as usual ? -
★ Deep pan, crisp and even" ?

★ One boy says "We had Grandma for Christmas dinner"
★ Another says "We had turkey".

★ What do lions sing at Christmas? Jungle bells.

★ What does Santa call a lazy reindeer? Dinner.

★ What is the word for a fear of getting stuck in a chimney?

★

Happy
Holidays!



HUMOUR



RETARDED GRANDPARENTS

(this was actually reported by a teacher)

After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school.

One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa.

They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Batemans Bay where everyone lives in nice little houses, and so they don't have to mow the grass anymore!

They ride around on their bicycles and scooters and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore.

They go to a building called a wreck center, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now. They do exercises there, but they don't do them very well.

There is a swimming pool too, but they all jump up and down in it with hats on. At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out, and go cruising in their golf carts! Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night - early birds.

Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked center for pot luck.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too.

When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren.

Did you hear about the optometrist who fell into a lens grinder and made a spectacle of himself?

Doctors tell us there are over seven million people who are
oveweight. These, of course, are only round figures.

What is the purpose of reindeer? To eat the grass, silly!

There were two ships. One was painted red. One was painted
blue. They collideded. At last report, the survivors were marooned.

The other day I sent my girlfriend a huge pile of snow. I rang her up and asked,
'Did you get my drift?'

Where do you find giant snails? On the ends of giant's fingers.

Christmas: The time of year when everyone gets Santamental.

What is a webmaster's favourite hymn? Oh, dot com all ye faithful!



ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

4 November	Marcel Wolfhard BOWEN Joshua James RUTHERFORD
5 November	River John HARTWIG Elizabeth Leigh ROBINSON
12 November	Finn William McFARLAND Grace Charlotte WILSON
25 November	August Xavier Cole HAMILTON



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

No Weddings for November



Funerals

We pray for those who have died and extend our sympathies to those

who mourn

1 November	Derek BEVERIDGE
2 November	Keith Frederick THOMAS
6 November	Claudette Marie MURRAY
10 November	Bruce Frederick AVERY
14 November	Colin George HORSBURGH
24 November	Albert Haydn BRUMM
30 November	John Traugott FAYLE



Years Mind – December / January

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

December

Marjorie 'Joan' FYFE (4th), Bert WINSTANLEY (4th), Sydney William YOUNG (4th), Alan Barton FOSTER (6th), Shirley-Ellen TUCKER (7th), James SCOTT (9th), Gerald DIGBY (10th), Walter Alfred MORAS (11th), George JARDINE (13th), Teresa May NIEHUS (13th), Emily GLANVILLE (15th), Ivan Rex PIKE (15th), Stella Apphia POWELL, Kathleen JARDINE (15th), Betty Lorraine SULLIVAN (16th), 'Max' Maxwell Isaac JONES (19th), Clifford Harold MOREY (21st), Dolly YEOMANS (21st), 'Roddy' Roderick Broun DAVIES (22nd), Irene BREY (23rd), Maria WHITE (24th), Richard CRAMBROOK (24th), Nora DAVENPORT (25th), Annie BROOKS (26th), Ronald BRADDY (27th), 'Dick' Albert Alan EISENHAUER (29th), Shirley BOWTELL (29th), 'Fred' Sidney Frederick THORMAN (30th), 'Harry' Henry Samuel DYE (30th), Laszlo LADI (30th)

January

Donnie DUGAN (2nd), Dorothy Jean STORES (2nd), Shirley RUTHERFORD (3rd), William Hamilton LESTER (4th), Olive WILSON (5th), Eric COLEMAN (7th), Katarina Vasilja FILIPOVIC (8th), Clarence Leonard RICHARDSON (9th), Frank BLACK (9th), Kevin CURNOW (Priest) (9th), Lucy MAGRATH (10th), Harold SCHNELLE (12th), Ilma LESTER (12th), 'Les' Leslie BLEASDALE (13th), Kenneth Edwin CALLAGHAN (14th), Belle SHORT (16th), Henry HODGSON (17th), Shirley BULLIVANT (17th), Reginald PIPER (19th), Viva GABRIEL (20th), David DUNWOODIE (20th), Dorothy HEPPNER (20th), George EISENHAUER (21st), Jean Roberta HABERECHT (21st), John Lester ROACH (21st), Bernard Joseph STORES (22nd), Elsie Evelyn FORBES (25th), Colleen SAMPSON (28th), Reg PIPER (30th), Johannes 'Reinhard' Wilhelm BEIER (31st)



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10:30 am. Eucharist

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No services

FRIDAY

10:00 am. Eucharist at Riverwood (except 2nd Friday). All welcome

SUNDAY

9:00 am. Sung Eucharist

10:30 am. Children's Church 3rd Sunday every month

5:00 pm. Evensong (only 1st Sunday of every month)

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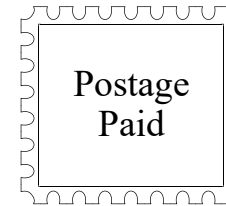
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