

HEARTFELT FOOD DONATIONS TO ANGLICARE

St Mark's Templestowe

Parishioners have been donating non-perishable food; been knitting beanies; giving socks and jocks at Christmas; and are the last parish still giving individual size serves of frozen casseroles that are very popular with clients from the Anglicare's Homeless Men's Program at St Mark's Fitzroy. When the last load was taken in as the isolation policy hit it was very gladly received as the cupboards were almost bare - for the first time in over 40 years they had even run out of Baked Beans! That created a fresh idea to garner ongoing support. On Anzac Day, between 11 and 12noon, donations of non-perishables and frozen casseroles were received by drive-by, drop off, and wave at the front door of the church. The appeal really touched the people of St Mark's Templestowe and St Timothy's Bulleen with 25 cars rolling by - the volunteer driver's vehicle was packed to capacity! The response from the Anglicare worker who gave up some of their Anzac Day to receive the donations was heartfelt. He said one of his co-workers would be in tears on Monday when he saw the gifts, especially the Baked Beans. 😊



P.S. Happy Birthday to the Parish – turning 45 on Easter Day!

COVID-19 and Family Violence Webinar Video

Crises like COVID-19 create additional risks for people experiencing family violence. [Click here](#) to watch the *COVID-19 and Family Violence* webinar recording and find out how to safely provide pastoral care to people in our church communities and where professional support is available.

Richard Trist (Ridley College) and Youna Kim (Eastern Domestic Violence Service) provide expert advice and answer questions to help church leaders and communities think about what they can do.

Questions are included in [this link](#) so that you can get a group together in your church to discuss this further.



The Inner North Community Foundation is a community foundation which Churches can apply to: Darebin, Moreland and Yarra Local Government Areas. There is an Inner North Covid-19 Fund that supports local groups working to respond to the emerging crisis.

Their current focus is on pathways to employment with grants of up to \$15k. To stay informed about upcoming grants and applications [please sign up here](#) to their newsletter. There are two types of grants now open: 'Emergency relief vouchers for existing service providers'; and 'rapid response grants of up to \$1500 for local groups' – for more information [click here](#).

Applications will be under the auspices of the Melbourne Anglican Foundation for DRG status - please contact Bishop Brad Billings [via email](#).



[Click here for this weeks' video message from the Archbishop](#)

*Please keep sending your stories to inspire...
+Genieve*

Prayer for Easter Week 4:

Gracious Father,
who in your great mercy made glad the
disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such awareness of his presence with
us that we may be strengthened and
sustained by his risen life, and serve you
continually in the righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

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WEEK ENDING 3 MAY 2020

LENDING MORE THAN A JIGSAW PUZZLE

St John's Toorak

The Reverend Dr Peter French shares with us the following: We physically mail out weekly our liturgies, resources and Parish news, along with gifts of flowers and books to those who need them – and jigsaw puzzles! We connected with nursing homes through Easter cards and handwritten notes to those isolated and without technology. Over Easter we had a board out the front of the church wishing everyone a happy and healthy Easter, with a prayer – and an email address to receive prayer requests.

The Reverend Dr Peter French also [appeared on Channel Nine on Good Friday.](#)

LITTLE PANTRY

Christ Church St Kilda

The Reverend Turi Hollis shares with us the following:
Christ Church Mission's 'Little Pantry'

The Christ Church Mission in the Parish of Christ Church St Kilda has a cupboard, called the 'Little Pantry', attached to the gate of the vicarage on Acland Street. The Mission, supported by the Parish, neighbours and the community try to keep the 'Little Pantry' stocked with food that people can help themselves to. During COVID-19 the demand for food has grown significantly but so has the response from the community. Last week it was necessary to add three plastic containers to the gate to hold fresh bread and buns that a local bakery has been donating through one of our valuable contacts in the community. Donations of food are always welcome!!



KEEPING CONNECTED IN MANY WAYS

St Mark's Fitzroy

The Reverend Stuart Soley shares with us the following: Saint Mark's has been transitioning to a flexible and responsive approach to all aspects of its ministry – other than worship – and keeping parishioners connected and in touch.

Our Community Centre, run in partnership with Anglicare Victoria, continues to provide Emergency Relief and case management but its other services have been restricted for the time being. Because our op shop, St Marks RECYCLED, is closed it is helping the Centre provide help to the homeless but at a distance. In addition, our resourceful shop manager has been making many sales on eBay and keeping in touch with volunteers by regular emails to keep them connected.