



PARISH NEWS – Sunday 14th July 2024

Wednesday services 17th & 24th July at 10.00am

Parish Prayers Peter, Jill, Julie, Carol, Judith and Caroline, Nola and Brenton, Malcolm and Mary, Colin, Tony and Margie and Mark

'Receptive Ecumenism' and Non-Violence... A Vision of Peace, from David

Michael Leunig wrote this simple but profound reflection

*There are only two feelings. Love and fear.
There are only two languages. Love and Fear.
There are only two activities. Love and Fear.
There are only two motives, two procedures,
two frameworks, two results. Love and fear. Love and fear.*

Towards the end of the New Zealand Wars (1845-72), the government troops were camped at Waikato without any provisions. The Māoris were firmly entrenched at Meri-Meri. The troops feared an overwhelming attack. Suddenly several big canoes appeared and the soldiers went out to defend their position. They discovered that the canoes were loaded with goats and potatoes. "We heard that you were hungry" the Māoris explained. "The Book says, 'If thine enemy hunger, feed him'. You are our enemies. We feed you. That is all". This story is only a part of the great legacy that George Augustus Selwyn left in the Pacific as the first Anglican Bishop of New Zealand. This was the Gospel in action, changing lives, changing attitudes, changing guns and spears into potatoes and goats.

The basis of Receptive Ecumenism is, to put it strongly, 'enemy-love', or more softly, 'other-love'. In Receptive Ecumenism we are drawn to the other, we receive the other, we listen intently and intentionally to the other, that we may be blessed and be made more whole than we would otherwise be. We are open to the Spirit of continual renewal and conversion at the heart of Christian life across religious denominations

From 2007 to 2022, I represented and promoted the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome as National Convenor of The Friends of the Anglican Centre in Australia. It is an 'embassy' for Christian dialogue. In the local Adelaide context, I have been engaged in dialogue with Roman Catholic 'others' as a member of the Anglican Ecumenical Network and we entered into the Receptive Ecumenism model. The experience of being 'received' and 'receiving' was truly sacred ground, an amazing privilege to speak openly about our felt strengths

and weaknesses, and to be heard so generously. I have since attended the Fourth International Conference on Receptive Ecumenism in Canberra in 2017.

University of Durham Professor Paul Murray, at that Conference observed, 'Receptive Ecumenism represents an ecumenism of the wounded hands, of being prepared to show our wounds to each other, knowing that we cannot heal or save ourselves; knowing that we need to be ministered to in our need from another's gift and grace.' Antonia Pizzey described "Love, Hospitality, Humility and Hope" as the hallmarks ('Virtues') of Receptive Ecumenism. It is my dream that such hallmarks could also be the catalyst for world peace. Can we dare to imagine and pray for such a miracle in the Holy Land and Ukraine? There are many other scenarios: In marriage, families, corporate business, local government and the all-too-adversarial halls of parliament, the model of Receptive Ecumenism could work wonders.

Violence is deeply embedded and legitimised in our socio-cultural conditioning and universal patterns of personal and collective behaviour. Jesus grew up in this same environment and yet he was so attuned and faithful to the non-violent way: "Blessed are the peacemakers...love your enemies...turn the other cheek...put down your sword!" Ironically, he was crucified because he did *not* retaliate. He laid down his life in the cosmic battle of love versus fear. His was the 'greatest love'.

A nonviolent Jesuit prophet, John Dear, was here some years ago for a 'Prophet School', which I attended in Nunyara, Belair. Dear was so inspired by the Trappist monk, Thomas Merton, who called upon Christians everywhere to become contemplatives, students, teachers, apostles, and prophets of nonviolence. John Dear has also literally *laid down* in front of warplanes and tanks and gone to prison for it. Brendan McKeague, a member of the peace movement, *Pace E Bene* observed, "It is important that the connections between the peace within and the peace we seek in the outer world, are named, understood, and nurtured. The resulting spiritual growth has the capacity to contribute significantly to the already awakened global shift towards a new paradigm of sustainable nonviolent peace on our planet."

EVERY TIME WE DRAW A LINE

Every time we draw a line
the good guys and bad guys we define
we distinguish friends from enemies
invent us-and-them categories

We erect a fence, make our defence
show disregard and give offence
discriminate, castigate and alienate
exclude, dismiss and denigrate

We state what's wrong and what's right
all simply a case of black and white
You're in or out, no shadow of doubt
one size fits all; just figure it out

Or condescend to tolerate but
the body language says: eliminate
go back to where you came from mate
or at least get legal then migrate

We marginalise and sanitise
protest our case and ostracise
while God waits on the other side
every time we draw a line

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Diary Dates:

- 28 July 2024 - St Lazarus Day, 9.30 am Service, All Souls Morning tea please bring a small plate to share.
- 15 September 2024 - St Theodores' Patronal Festival. Reciprocal event with St Theodore's. All Souls 8am Service only.
- 24 November 2024 Archbishops' visit, "Christ the King" 8am service and Brass Ensemble in attendance at 9.30am
- 3 November 2024 All Souls' Patronal Festival 9.30 am Service. St Theodores' to be invited

Winter Food Collection

From Emma Robinson: A sincere and warm thank you to everyone who helped with this years' food collection. Without this wonderful team effort, we wouldn't have achieved such a resounding result. Thank you once again.

from Jill Rivers Anglicare Magdalene Ctre to Emma Robinson

OH MY GOODNESS!!!

What an absolutely incredible result. I do not know how to express a THANKYOU, for all you and the community, in and around, All Souls St Peters, have done.

The food items you have provided are much needed and will go far in restocking the food shelves in our food room and Basement.

Again, a BIG thank you to you ALL!!

With warmest regards, Jill, Coordinator, Emergency Assistance



Thank you email received from Jack Monaghan, an Anglicare worker, for the wonderful donation from our Annual Food Drive to the Magdalene Centre. He will



be coming to thank us in person after the 8am Service and at Morning Tea following the 9.30 Service on Sunday 21 July.

News from St Theodore's

On Sunday 14 July, we are taking our Soup to a new level, with ABM Wine-tasting, hosted by Peter Burke. Please join us after the service for this important fund-raising event for mission.

The ABM Encounter Program supports newly ordained clergy, mainly from the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and the Church of the Province of Myanmar. Participants spend three months in a mutual learning project. One is planned for later this year, across the Anglican Province of South Australia.



Parish lunch: Christmas in July



Rezz Hotel, 20 Hamilton Terrace, Newton
12.15pm Sat 13th July 2024

Fr. David can be contacted on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, he will also be available outside of his usual working hours in the case of emergencies

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Parish of All Souls St Peters - BSB: 105 169 - Account: 759 245 140

Songs of the Jesus Music Pioneers

A concert of songs and stories from the pioneers of contemporary Christian music. The Jesus Movement of the 60s and 70s created a legacy of Christian music, pioneered by artists including Barry McGuire, 2nd Chapter of Acts, Keith Green, Randy Stonehill, Terry Clark, Jamie Owens Collins, Matthew Ward, and Andrae Crouch.

Saturday July 27th

at 7pm

St Martin's Anglican Church Campbelltown

thejmusiccollective@gmail.com

Concert proceeds supporting Pastoral Care Workers with
Schools Ministry Group
in the Outer NE Region

This is a ticketed event,

Go to Humanitix and search for the event or use the link below in your browser:

<https://events.humanitix.com/jesus-music-pioneers>