

NEWS FROM ST NIC'S 25-08-2020



Good morning

Thank you, everyone who contributed in any way to last Saturday's stall at Poynter Market; those who baked, sewed, set up, packed up, sold and bought! It was a really good morning and even the weather smiled on us. The proceeds amounted to over \$1,000, so a fantastic effort from all.

Raffle tickets for the jewellery are still available if you have people you can sell them to. We do need to be mindful that some people do not like raffles, or may have a religious or philosophical objection, or may simply be counting the dollars & cents and don't have spare money to spend; so please be sensitive when offering raffle tickets to friends.

Kerry and Marian have been working hard on the next **Roster**: it is certainly a tricky task, and I am grateful to Kerry for taking it on. There are quite a few gaps that need to be filled, so please prayerfully consider if you can offer to fill one. If more people are available to do the various tasks, each person is on less frequently. What would be really helpful is to have totally new people added to the roster, not just the same people offering to do more. The same people offering to do more actually makes doing the roster even harder than it already is!

In this time of global pandemic cleaning is a vital part of keeping us all safe, as well as fulfilling government health requirements. We must ensure Covid cleaning is done between Sunday services and afterwards. This simply entails spraying with disinfectant solution and wiping all hard surfaces that have been touched in the church, bathrooms, kitchen, and / or hall. It does not take a long time but is essential, and we only have a couple of volunteers currently. Can you help?

We also need someone to operate the sound desk at the 7:30 service. It isn't difficult, as any of those who do it will tell you! And we need some more sides-people, which is just helping people to come for Communion in an orderly fashion. Training/guidance is always available.

If you were at St Nic's on Sunday you would have received the first paper newsletter we've had since lockdown. We will trial having a monthly newsletter to see whether it works for us. Is there someone who would like to take on the task of **Newsletter Editor**? It can be done in the comfort of your own home (and computer). Please talk to me if you are interested.

This Sunday is the 5th Sunday in August so at 9:30am we will have the first **All-Age service** we have had for some time. Please come along and bring your kids, grand-kids, the neighbour's kids, and anyone else who might enjoy something a little different to our traditional service. The 7:30 service is also happening as normal.

You may have heard on the media that a couple of senior Australian clergy have raised what they perceive to be ethical objections to the conduct of research and development for a Covid-19 vaccine. You may like to check out this information:

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2020/aug/24/australias-deputy-chief-medical-officer-dismisses-church-objections-to-promising-covid-19-vaccine>

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-08-25/fact-file-vaccine-development-smallpox-polio-ebola-sars-covid-19/12574204?nw=0>

If this is an ethical issue that concerns you I am happy to pursue it further, for discussion.

A number of people have told me recently how much they appreciate the church gardens, and how lovely they are looking. Thank you, gardeners, for your loving care of God's creation in this special place.



This is the Collect Prayer for this week, and one of the loveliest (in my humble opinion!)

*Creator God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you:
teach us to offer ourselves to your service,
that here we may have your peace,
and in the world to come
may see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

God bless,

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