

# *Fanfare* de Dieu



## Communication and Communion



## Prayers and Intercessions



Requests for prayers for each and every parish will be found in this space of every future edition.

It would be appreciated that we be advised also when the particular problem or illness has been resolved, the list can tend to become tedious for everyone if requests for the resolution of an illness [as an example] has been cured and we have not been advised of the happy proof of our prayers.

We request the prayers of the Faithful, Clergy and Friends of the Church on behalf of::

Father Ben Stroet  
Fr Robert Burn  
Fr Peter Edwards, R.I.P.  
Fr, Warren Wade R.I.P.

Fr. Rick Williams  
Julie Hannigan  
Allen James Ryan  
Marion Gray R.I.P.

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#### Special points of interest

- RIP Father Peter Mark Edwards
- Sunraysia plans for Lent
- Mothering Sunday
- We give you another inspirational poem from Andrew Pell
- Happy and Glorious—an item on HRH Queen Elizabeth II
- Again, some humour to lighten your load



## Snippets to Ponder on:

### FRIENDSHIP

Beauty is all around us and blessed is he who sees,  
The beauty in sunsets and mountains, and starlight and flowers and trees  
And the beauty that is friendship is the greatest life can bring,  
I know this to be true because our friendships a beautiful thing.

To truly appreciate the beauty and dignity in an old face,  
you have to read between the lines.

You know you are mature the day you have the first real laugh at yourself

CHILDHOOD: That time of life when you make funny faces in the mirror  
MIDDLE AGE: That time of life when the mirror gets even.

It really doesn't make much difference who wears the pants in the family  
just as long as there's money in the pockets.

What is a Senior Citizen?

A Senior Citizen is one who was here before the pill, before television, frozen food,  
credit cards and ball point pens.

For us "Time Sharing" meant togetherness, not computers and a chip meant a piece of  
wood.

Teenagers never wore slacks or jeans. We were before: pantyhose, drip dry clothes,  
dishwashers, clothes driers, electric blankets and metric.

We got married first and then lived together. - How quaint can one be!

Girls wore Peter Pan collars and thought "cleavage" was something butchers did.

Boys got their hair cut and didn't wear earrings.

We were before Batman, Vitamin pills, disposable nappies, Jeeps, pizzas, instant coffee  
and Kentucky fried wasn't thought of in our day.

Cigarette smoking was fashionable. "Grass" was for the mower, Pot was something you  
cooked dinner in.

A gay person was the life of the party and nothing more. While "Aids" meant beauty  
lotions or helping someone in trouble.

We are today, Senior Citizens, a hardy bunch when you think how the world has changed  
and the adjustments we have had to make. Yes, indeed.....



## The Triumph of the Spirit

We have the ability to conquer everything in life.  
 Walking away from heartache, illness and strife,  
 The God given human spirit knows no bounds.  
 It is God's creative energy in us that we can fall back on.  
 We can turn a situation into a beautiful song.  
 Say goodbye to sadness and ill.  
 Be proactive in doing God's will.  
 Live every moment of each and every day.  
 See the golden sunshine even in days of grey.  
 Make time to talk to friends and family.  
 You no longer need to be spiritually weary.  
 Or at times feel down and teary.  
 Life is there to be enjoyed and have fun.  
 God gave us as a life that is a gift till day is done.  
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## Parish Assessment Bank Account

The bank account details for any donations/deposits to the Church should be made to the following account:

Bank: Westpac  
 BSB: 032-555  
 Account number: 23-3517



The Bishop reminds all readers that donations to the Church are gladly accepted. Make contact with Marek Stupalsky on [stupalsky@gmail.com](mailto:stupalsky@gmail.com) and he will advise you on the tax benefits of your donation.  
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I saw a child who couldn't walk  
 Sit on a horse, laugh and talk  
 Then ride it through a field of daisies  
 and yet he couldn't walk unaided  
 I saw a child no legs below  
 Sit on a horse and make it go  
 Through the woods of green and places he had never been  
 To sit and stare  
 Except from a chair  
 I saw a child who could only crawl  
 Mount a horse a sit up tall  
 Put it through degrees of paces  
 and laugh at the wonder in our faces  
 I saw a child born into strife  
 Take up and hold the reins of life  
 And that same child was heard to say  
 Thank God for showing me the way

## Lent in Sunraysia



*The preparation for lent is already underway as we work our way through the “gesimas”. Our Deacon Richard is flying out to Melbourne on the morning of Ash Wednesday for work, we will have a Mass in the chapel of St Alban on Tuesday night, with the blessing and imposition of ashes. We are invited after our service to attend a Shrove Tuesday pancake night at the Merbein Uniting Church.*

*During Lent each Monday we will participate with other churches in Merbein in a Lenten study. We take it in turn to lead the study and Fr Peter will lead the first one. Our study this year produced by the Catholic*

*Archdiocese of Brisbane is “ Rich in Mercy” with reflections from Archbishop Mark Coleridge.*

*On Friday March 3 we will participate in the World Day of Prayer hosted this year by the Uniting Church and we will learn something about the Bahamas, the baton will be handed to ourselves and the Merbein Anglican congregation to jointly host the following year on Cuba.*

*We will hold a Mass at St Alban on Maundy Thursday, with Stations of the Cross and the Reservation of the Sacrament and stripping of the Altar with a vigil.*

*On Good Friday we will join with some 300 other Christians in the Community to walk the Way of the Cross from Sacred Heart Catholic Church through the city of Mildura to the banks of the Murray River. This is an Ecumenical Stations of the Cross and each denomination will read one or more stations*

*We will celebrate Easter with a Dawn Service at 6am at the Chaffey Park lookout in Merbein. This is an ecumenical service led this year by Fr Peter and Deacon Richard, this will be followed by a fish breakfast at the Uniting Church Hall.*

*We celebrate a High Mass with the lighting of the New fire and Paschal Candle at St Alban at 10:30am where Fr Peter will celebrate and Deacon Richard will preach*

*God bless*

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## Mothering Sunday

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March will be the Fourth Sunday in Lent – Mid-Lent Sunday. One of the names for this day is “Refreshment Sunday” - the Gospel for the Day is the account in John of the feeding of the five thousand and traditionally a partial relaxation of Lenten discipline has been allowed on this day.

In the Anglican tradition, another name for this day is “Mothering Sunday” (often called “English Mother's Day”) and it is the Day when we give thanks for our mothers. We give thanks for the Church, for our heavenly home (we think of the words in the day's Epistle : “ ....Jerusalem which is above is free; which is the mother of us all.”) and for the prayers of our Lady, the Mother of God.

Traditionally, Mothering Sunday is a day of family celebration; one of the many customs which have come down to us is the making of a rich ornamental cake called the “Simnel Cake”. (My trusty OED informs me that “simnel” is derived from the Middle English “simenel”, related in some way to Latin “simila”, meaning “finest flour”). The cake is blessed in church. At St. Aidan's, the cake is cut into pieces, and then presented at the Offertory. At the conclusion of Mass, the pieces are blessed and distributed to the people.

Humour, laughing, smiling are acknowledged as a relief of depression and sadness.

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother,

"Mom, I've decided to become a minister When I grow up."

"That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?"

"Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen."

Now this one can be considered relevant to me!

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?"

I mentally polished my halo while I asked, "No, how are we alike?"

"You're both old," he replied

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A man stopped by the local church to talk to the Pastor. He told the Pastor "I stole a turkey this morning on my way home from work". The Pastor told him "That was a terrible thing to do". The man replied "Yes, I know that now, do you want it?" The Pastor replied "No, take it back and give it to the man that you stole it from." The man replied "I tried to give it back but he refused it". The Pastor told him "In that case you keep the turkey". The man thanked the Pastor and went on his way.

When the Pastor arrived home later that day he discovered that his turkey had been stolen!



## Item received from reader



### Item

BECAUSE I LOVE YOU

My absence is not to be dwelt upon.

I have only slipped away; into the next room.

I am myself, as you are you.

Whatever we were to each other; that we remain.

Call me by my old familiar name.

Speak to me in the easy way, which you used.

Put no difference in your tone;

wear no false air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as you always laughed, at the little jokes;

and joyous times, we often shared together.

Think of me, smile, Love, pray for us.

My name should ever be the heartfelt word it always was;

Let it be spoken without effect, or as you often did,

freely and with Love.

Life means all that it ever meant,

it's the same as it ever was; there's unbroken continuity.

I need not be out of mind, I'm only out sight.

I am waiting for you, in an interval; very, very near,

just around the corner - a time for us.

All is well, trust in God.

Celebrate life,

today and tomorrow;

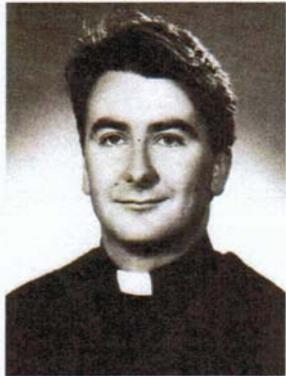
howsoever you see it to be.

Be at peace....I love you still.





## Father Peter Mark Edwards RIP



It came as a bit of a shock that Fr Peter had been carted off to Frankston Hospital on Tuesday, February 20 with shortness of breath, I rang him there and he told me all was well and that he expected to be out “by Friday”. He was ! But was returned there on Sunday - we had agreed that it would be foolish to try to drive up to S Mary’s for the 9.30am Mass, better that he get rest - instead, his condition deteriorated and he was taken in again.

This time there were extensive tests which discovered blockages and heart valve malfunction which needed surgery - an option which the specialists deemed fatal because of Father’s physical condition, and on Thursday his step-mother rang to say that he had been told that there was nothing that could be done other than to make him comfortable and that he had days to live. Friday, I visited him and he asked that I give him Communion and administer Extreme Unction. After telephoning him daily I again took him the Sacrament on Tuesday and met several of his family who had come to Melbourne to be with him as he was lapsing into unconsciousness.

He died on Sunday morning. The machinations of family, undertaker, bishop, dean, organist and the Caulfield South Community House processed the funeral arrangements and all was planned for February 16 at 11.30am.

There were about 75 who joined together to offer the Requiem Mass for his soul, Bishop Michael preached, Lawrence Allan sang Schubert’s *Ave Maria*, Rowan Kidd was at the organ, Fr Graeme celebrated the Mass and Fr Christopher Seton led the versicles and responses of the prayers as the Bishop performed the *Absolutions*, censing and sprinkling of the coffin, Father Christopher pronounced the committal prayers. A faithful priest was laid to rest (his ashes are to be buried with his mother in Queensland) and the mourners ventured to the hall for a mountain of food - prepared by the family and a network of others.

Father Peter’s father, Gus, pronounced the verdict - “Peter would love it” (The Mass and the ‘wake’).



## Happy and Glorious

Written by Malcolm Scott FRGS to mark Her Majesty the Queen becoming Britain's longest reigning Monarch on September 9th, 2015. The title well summarises Her Majesty's Reign.

Long may she continue to reign, although I hate to remind you she is "getting on," having been born on 21st April, 1926. In spite of Handel's Coronation Anthem "Zadok the Priest," proclaiming "May the King Live Forever," she won't. She took her Coronation vows very seriously, and I believe she has no intention whatsoever of abdicating.

There is not a "snowball's chance in hell" of Australia becoming a republic while she is on the throne, such is her charisma, so monarchists rest easy. It will, however, be a different matter when Charles ascends the throne as King George VII. I believe he likes that style. We will have to wait and see.

It is also worth stating that if King Edward VIII had not abdicated, it would highly likely to have the present Duke of Gloucester as our king and Head of State. Prince Albert [King George VI] would have died before Edward. When he did it would have bypassed Princess Elizabeth and gone to the elderly Duke of Gloucester who would have been king for a few months, and it would have then passed to Prince Richard, the present Duke of Gloucester.

I am a great admirer of the Queen, I think she is wonderful, but more than that, she is a thorough professional at her God given vocation. It is a "job" that requires precise knowledge, intellectual vigour, and rigor and great patience in what at times can be very boring situations, She is no fool. Hosting a State Banquet for a visiting head of state and 150 other notables is no easy task. She inspects everything before the banquet. She even pronounced Launceston correctly when she made a speech here at a State welcome. She always look immaculate and choosing outfits must take a long time and be quite demanding.

The State Papers [red boxes] follow her everywhere and she meets frequently with her Prime Minister. I believe she certainly exercises her right to be "Consulted, Warn and Advise."

She is also directly responsible for appointing and making members of the Order of the Garter, the Order of the Thistle, and for lesser mortals, the Royal Victorian Order which is greatly prized. Each year she attends a service in St George's Chapel, Windsor for the Order of the Garter, installing new knights into the Most Noble Order. It is preceded by a robing and luncheon. Then the magnificent procession on foot to the chapel.

She is head of the Church of England and always attends a Sunday service. On her first visit to Australia she attended a service in a tiny church in Victoria's high country, the first hymn was: "At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow". She has personal involvement in the two ROYAL PECULIARS - St George's Chapel, Windsor and Westminster Abbey. If the Archbishop of Canterbury attends a service at either, he processes side by side with the Dean. The Dean takes precedence. She often chooses hymns and organ music, checks the order of service for special occasions and appoints the Dean and Chapter personally.

On a personal note, she often visits the Royal Geographical Society Headquarters in Kensington Gore. Two notable occasions being the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its foundation and for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Conquest of Mount Everest in 1953. She personally approves the two Royal Medals awarded each year.

I have never met her personally in spite of having been to two Buckingham Palace Garden Parties. People who have, tell me that for her, YOU are the ONLY person in the room



## Happy and Glorious continued

or at the reception or at the garden party.

She loves the Commonwealth and has visited EVERY nation in it. She always attends the Commonwealth Day Multi-Faith Service at Westminster Abbey held each year.

For me, one of the highlights of my year is the Queen's Christmas Day message. I have never missed one since it has been televised. She of course, writes the script herself and in production terms she only requires "one take".

For all of us, she has been with us "through all the changing scenes of life" and there have been many of them. We have seen her many times either in Australia, London or elsewhere. Probably the most impressive for me have been the Royal Concerts at Royal Festival Hall in London. The audience stands, the Queen appears alone in the Royal Box, the National Anthem is played and then her entourage move in around her and the concert begins.

When she visits we see her manifest an aura, that someone so important in the social political and historical events of the world is in OUR midst. When Sir Robert Menzies said his famous "I did but see her passing by yet will I love her till I die" speech, the Queen nearly choked and fell off her chair, and even though it is "over the top" by today's standards, there is SOME TRUTH IN IT.

I remember well as a child travelling from Swan Hill to Bendigo and waited for 3 hours to see her pass by. I can remember going to the "Picture Theatre" to see COLOUR films of THE CORONATION. I actually have a VCR of the Coronation and might play it on September 9<sup>th</sup> at home. We all probably recall where we were on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1953, Coronation Day. I listened to the service on my 'one valve set' and tried to decorate the tower of Murray Downs homestead.

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, which is a Wednesday, she eclipses her great, great grandmother Queen Victoria's 63 years, 232 days on the throne. I think we could on that night just pause and say a little prayer to god in thanksgiving for a wonderful life and example.

I have an English Five Pound coin issued to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her Coronation, it simply states:

"TO REIGN AND TO SERVE A VOS MADE GOOD."

Thanks be to God for Queen Elizabeth the Second, Head of the Commonwealth

*We thank Assistant Bishop Father David Roberts OAM for this article.*





## Thought for this Issue



But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him

JOHN 2:5 KJV



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## From the Editor

Easter in a short while, may every one take comfort from the services put forward during this solemn period.

A Happy Easter to All.

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