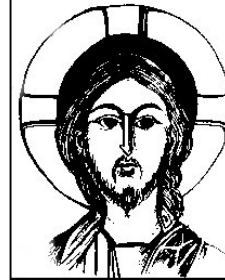




**ANGLICAN PARISH OF ESSENDON
CHRIST CHURCH ESSENDON**

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SUNDAY 8am EUCHARIST
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 followed by morning tea
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CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER CELL
Anglican Parish of Christ Church, Essendon

St Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 5:17..... "pray without ceasing..."

Jesus said in Matthew 6:6.... "But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

A PRAYER FOR THE PARISH

God our Father, send your Holy Spirit upon the people of this Parish. May we seek to be your disciples by loving you and our neighbor. Grant us forgiveness of sin, growth in faith and the blessings of your love. Heal the wounds of the world and make us compassionate to the needy. May we share God's love in the community and be renewed in mission and ministry. Gather us with all your Saints into your eternal Kingdom, we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

WE PRAY FOR OUR PRIEST

God of love, we pray for our Priest (Fr John) and his family, for all Bishops, Priests and Deacons and for Christians everywhere, that they may put God first and allow the Holy Spirit to guide them in every aspect of their lives...

WE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

God of hope, we pray for this Anglican Parish of Christ Church Essendon, that it will continue to grow in faith, love and understanding.

We especially pray for...

- MONDAY:** For all churches in this region and the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne.
 EssACC - St Andrew's Aberfeldie and St Aidan's Strathmore.
- TUESDAY:** Groups within the parish including the Craft Group, Christ Church Opportunity Shop (Committee and Volunteers).
 For those who hire our facilities.
- WEDNESDAY:** Fresh Expressions Committee and for renewal within our Parish & Church. Archbishop's Vision and Strategic Directions Group.

THURSDAY: Men's Dinner Group, Ladies Fellowship (Ladies@Leisure), Social Committee and Pastoral Committee of our Church.

FRIDAY: Families, young people and children in our community.

SATURDAY: Vestry and Wardens, sacristan, lawn mowers and gardeners, maintenance people and flower arrangers.

SUNDAY: Lay Ministers, Servers, Chalice bearers, Acolytes, Readers, Welcomers, Morning tea helpers, Choir members, and Organist.

WE PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

God of love, we pray for the people of the world especially those who suffer injustice. We pray for the poor, the hungry, the homeless and the frightened, as well as the vulnerable and those who have been abused...

WE PRAY FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

God of reconciliation, we pray for families and friends. We give thanks for family to love, for friends to share and love to give...

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

God of healing, we pray for the sick and those in pain that that may be given inner strength and healing. Be with the anxious, the sad, those in hospital and for those who care for them.

We pray especially for...

WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO GRIEVE

God of the resurrection, we join with Mary and Joseph and all the saints in praying for those who grieve..., for the recently departed... and for those whose anniversary of death occur at this time... Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them.

WE PRAY FOR OURSELVES

God of forgiveness, we pray for ourselves, that in the midst of all the trials and uncertainties of life we may set our heart on pleasing God and seeking his kingdom...

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

OR

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

OTHER PRAYERS

Teach us good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and to ask for no reward, save that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *(St Ignatius of Loyola 1491-1556)*

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
(Benedict 480-550)

O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart, that so desiring, we may seek and find you; and so finding you we may love you; and loving you we may hate those sins from which you have redeemed us; for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.** *(St Anselm 1033-1109)*

Lord Jesus Christ, the Master Carpenter of Nazareth, on a cross through wood and nails you have wrought our salvation; wield well your tools in this your workshop, so that we, who come to you rough-hewn, may by you be fashioned according to your will; for the sake of your tender mercy. **Amen.**
(C.I.T.C School, Nairobi)