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The Abbey Church Epistle

Welcome to The Abbey Church. We are a welcoming, inclusive community where questions are encouraged and everyone has a place at God's table.

A message from Fr George... On this Peace Sunday we pause for a moment and ask ourselves that difficult question "How do we find that elusive thing we have named Peace?" And indeed "What is it?" "What is Peace?"

Before we can go on that Quest to find this treasure we must know what it is we are looking for. For the real gift of Peace is not to be found in external things. The Peace for which we seek is found deep within our own hearts and souls, already there, waiting to be discovered.

I am reminded of the old stories, where the hero or heroine follows a map to difficult, dangerous places, only to find as the clues unfold, that they had been led back to where they started. That the real treasure is buried in our own spirits, and is already there. It is a journey without distance and is available to everyone who sets their minds and hearts to that Inner Quest.

To describe that Peace is the "quietude of the loving heart" the deep down current of the will directed towards God. Although the storms of life ruffle the surface, we are held in the safe haven of God's Love, which never falters and never fails us. It becomes accessible to each person, once we fully recognize we are truly God's loved children and always will be no matter how difficult things may be.

Perhaps at this time in our lives, when we face not only our own personal difficulties, but the challenges of the pandemic in our world today, we need to find that Inner Peace, the gift of the King of Peace given freely, no strings attached.

His words – "Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give unto you"

**Peace be with you
Fr George.**



**Our Eucharist Service on 5th
September** will be outside in the
gardens.

Please come along and enjoy
celebrating the wonderful
season of Spring with us.

The present moment is the only moment available to us, and it is the door to all moments - anon

Why not come along to the **Morning of Prayer on 11 August**? Edie has prepared a lovely program for you to enjoy and participate in.

You are welcome to come, bring your friends and be part of this Morning of Prayer. Share your thoughts about your own spiritual journey with others of like mindedness. There's a lovely morning tea afterwards on the verandah of the Abbey.

Starts at 9.30am Please bring a plate to share.



We hope your time with us is special and that you are able to join us after the Service for tea or coffee and some morning tea. If you are visiting from another Church or tradition and you wish to do so, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us this morning. Children are welcome to come up for a blessing as well.

Church News

On **Sunday August 1st**, we are holding a Sing a long time

in the Church Hall for those who love Music and would like to participate in some singing and fun.

We will start with our usual morning tea and then move into shared pot luck lunch in the Hall. Then we'll start the Sing-a-long!!



Please bring along something to share for lunch if you're coming!

A note from Nancy..... Nancy wishes to thank each and every person who supported her and visited her the last time that she was in hospital. and helped in any way during that time especially sending her your thoughts and prayers.



On 16th July the Community celebrated 56years since their arrival to this property. At that time there was only an underground well and a small farmhouse tucked in amongst 313 acres of bushland.

We thank God for His abundant blessings to us throughout all these years and to St Michael for his protection.

AUGUST

- 1 Sing A Long & Pot-luck lunch
- 8 Church BBQ
- 11 Morning of Prayer

14 Anniversary of Fr Thomas' Ordination to the Priesthood. Thanks Fr Tom for all your love, time and spiritual energy you give and share with us all.

- 28 If you enjoy Trivia come along to the Trivia Night at the Hall organized by Libby for the Abbey Museum Friends.

SEPTEMBER

- 5 **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**
- 5 Spring Eucharist (Outdoor Service)
- 12 Church BBQ
- 19 All Souls Sunday
- 26 All Saints Sunday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We extend our well wishes to all the congregation members who celebrate their birthday in August / September.

Sunday Services during Aug/Sept

9.30am Eucharist Service

If you are visiting from another Church or tradition, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion if you wish.

6pm Evening Service

Seek more opportunities to put love into the world - Marianne Williamson

In our Church during September/October we celebrate three important Feast Days - All Souls, All Saints and Michael and All Angels. There are many panels depicting angels in our Church. On either side of the High Altar are two beautiful stained glass windows called the censing angels.

These panels are English and date to the 1880s. They were made by the famous Victorian English glass makers firm of Clayton and Bell. From the 1850s, a number of young designers, including John R Clayton and Alfred Bell, worked with [Gothic Revival](#) architects to provide stained glass for new churches and for the restoration of old.

The angels are classical in design and exquisitely executed.

Below each angel is a shield, on the right the shield is divided in two. One side with a red background shows a portative organ- the symbol of St Cecilia. The other side with a blue (azure) ground has the wheel of St Catherine of Alexandria.

The shield on the left widow depicts an equal-armed cross in red with a white background. We chose this emblem in 1983, as the badge representing St Michael's College.



All Souls Sunday, 19th September

Please give the names for your loved ones who have passed away to Higher Realms to Sr Anne so that we can pray for them on this special day when we remember them and thank God for them in our lives.

During the Eucharist Service there will be an opportunity to light a candle in their memory. You are invited to bring along a photo to be placed on the Remembrance tables which will be in front of the side Altars. This will be a very special part of our All Souls Eucharist Service on Sunday 19th September.

This is the little grocery/fish and chip store in Caboolture which Fr Francis demolished so that the wood could be used to construct the original Church which was completed and consecrated on 9th September 1967.



READINGS FOR
August and September
COMMUNION SERVICES

DATE		EPISTLE	READING
1 Aug	Peace Sunday	Rev 3 v7-13	John 14 v27-31
8 Aug	1st Sunday after Festival of Peace	Acts 10 v1-8	John 9 v1-38
15 Aug	2nd Sunday after Festival of Peace	Acts 10 v25-35	Mark 12 v1-12
22 Aug	3rd Sunday after Festival of Peace	Kings 19 v2-8	Matthew 13 v24-30 & v36-43
29 Aug	4th Sunday after Festival of Peace	Genesis 28 v10-19	Matthew 14 v22-33
5 Sept	Spring Outdoor Eucharist		
12 Sept		Acts 8 v26-40	John 11 v1-45
19 Sept	All Souls Sunday	Peter 3 v18-20 & Corinthians 15 v35-44	Maccabees 12 v39-46
26 Sept	All Saints	Rev 7 v9-17	Matthew 5 v1-12
3 Oct	Michael & All Angels	Heb 1 v1-10 & Chapter 2 v5	Rev 12 v7-12

**Listen to the Inner Light - It will guide you.
Listen to the Inner Peace - It will feed you.
Listen to the Inner Love - It will transform you.**



Thinking of ALL the Dad's on Father's Day.

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*When does a joke become a Dad Joke?
When it becomes apparent!*

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I gave away all my old batteries today...free of charge!



“Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, story-tellers, and singers of song.”

PAM BROWN

Thank you for remembering these people in your Prayers



Rob Bettridge, Rosa Wort, Cecilia Goos, Marlene Kronk, Brian Newell, Sally Ann Chardon, Nancy Foreshow, Tonia Selman, Br Charles, Malachi Carmichael, and Claudia Barraud.

We also send Light and Peace to all those who in the world who are affected by floods, fires and famine, the homeless, disadvantaged, sad, lonely, depressed, disillusioned, hungry, displaced and those suffering from the pandemic.