

Zoom Church this week

Wednesday 6 October- 10am Communion

Leader	Bible	Prayers	Sermon
Ken R	Carmen N Jonah 1 Luke 11:1-13	Russell K	Gospel in Life 8 - Eternity

Sunday 10 October - 9am Communion

Leader	OT Bible	NT bible	Prayers
Bili M	Margaret K Jonah 2	Glenda C Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31	Carmen N

To join our Worship

- Click on the link button on the front page of our website, **OR**
- paste this link into your internet browser on your smart Phone, tablet or PC
<https://adcg.zoom.us/j/93204140807?pwd=dC9ZWDR3aUNicmxLanhoZ0pjbzBBdz09>

If you have found it difficult to connect call Ken 0455 324 449 for a test run

Your Parish Council

St Pauls Parish Council next meeting will be on Oct 11.

As we head into the last quarter of the year we are starting to discuss some important issues, including:

- 2022 ministry plan and associated budget
- Support for external Missions
- Future Ministry to Families and children.

If you have ideas, questions or recommendations for St Pauls in 2022 then talk about them to any member of your Parish Council (David Graham, Janine Lewis, Robin Den Hartog, Greg Hollings, Heather Morley, Sally Harris-Leys, Bili Malek, Janet Stone or Rev Ken).

ACT Covid Pathway Forward.

The following is an extract from the ACT Health website...

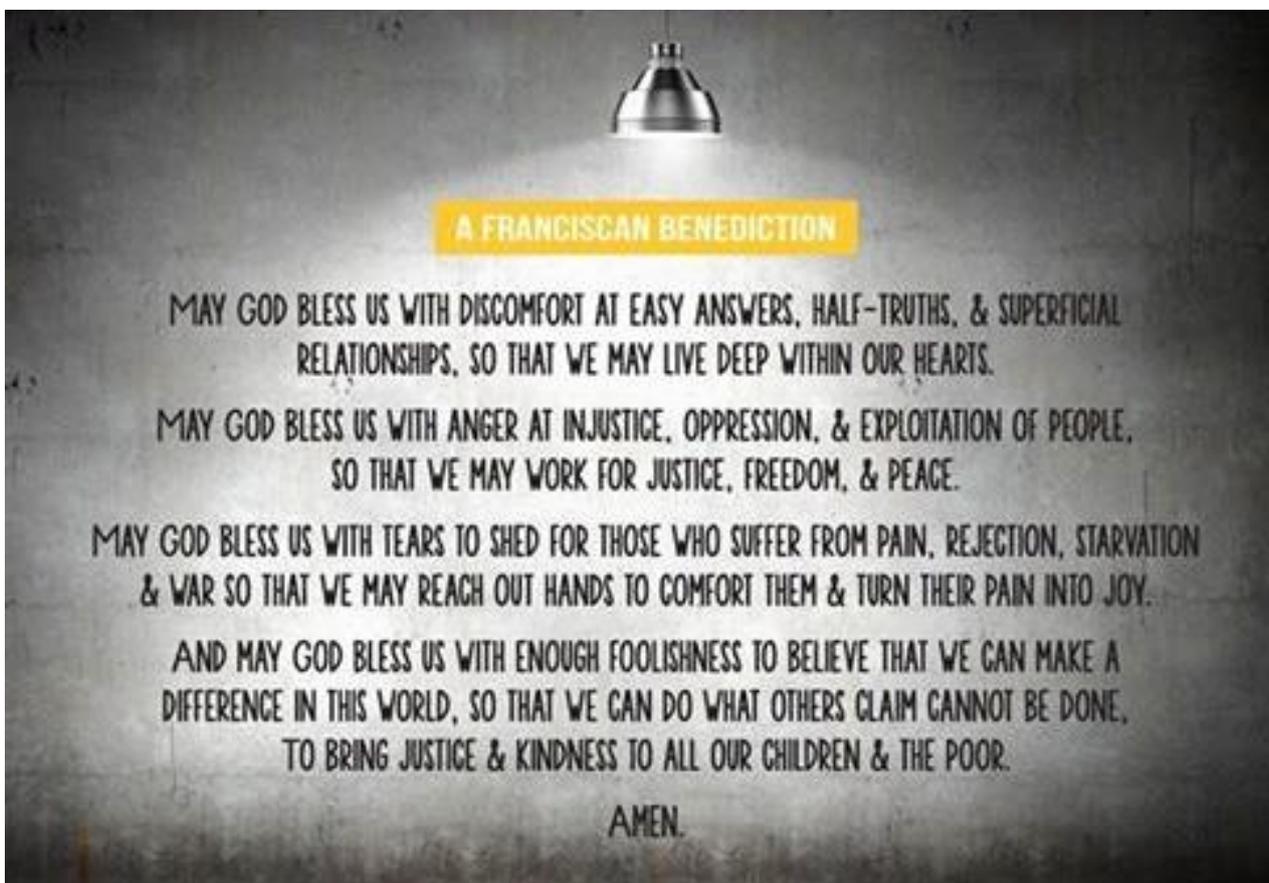
Lockdown will be lifted on 15 October when we expect our community will have reached 80 per cent full vaccination and the nation is expected to have reached 70 per cent.

By 29 October our surrounding region will likely have achieved the 80 per cent vaccination threshold and the nation will likely reach 80 per cent soon after. This may enable further easing, if the public health situation allows.

Before we take each step we will consider:

- our vaccination rates, including in our vulnerable communities;
- our health system capacity, including the impact of COVID-19 in regional NSW;
- case numbers and current trends;
- testing rates and turnaround times;
- the levels of community transmission, especially the proportion of cases infectious in the community;
- our ability to quickly test, trace, isolate quarantine (TTIQ); and
- how well the community and businesses are complying with the restrictions.

You can read the complete document which is available on our website or from https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1861621/ACTs-Pathway-Forward-270921.pdf



Behind the Hymns:

Many of the beautiful songs of worship that we sing have quite a story behind them, reflecting much of the life of the composers. There is a glorious book by Randy Petersen, "Be Still My Soul: The Inspiring Stories behind 175 of the Most-Loved Hymns" (1973)

Below are some links to some of those stories - some visuals, some descriptive.

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)

A hugely prolific composer, she used over 40 different pseudonyms and wrote more than 2000 hymns, about 60 of those came into common use. Her achievement is all the more amazing when we know that she was blind from about 6 weeks of age.

A biography https://hymnary.org/person/Crosby_Fanny

The story behind "Blessed Assurance"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zEdMkxh4NI>

Stuart Townend (born 1963)

A modern hymn writer born in West Yorkshire. He has penned over 120 songs, some of the better-known ones include "How Deep the Father's Love," "The King of Love," and "The Power of the Cross." Many of his works have been written in collaboration with Keith and Kristyn Getty.

The story behind "How Deep the Father's Love" in Stuart's own words

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdVQNYQmdM4>

Horatio Spafford (1828-1888)

A prominent American lawyer and Presbyterian church elder. He wrote 21 hymns, the best known and most poignant being "It Is Well"

A short biography <https://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1801-1900/horatio-spafford-it-is-well-with-my-soul-11633070.html>

The story behind "It Is Well" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bvq3pYsHidA>



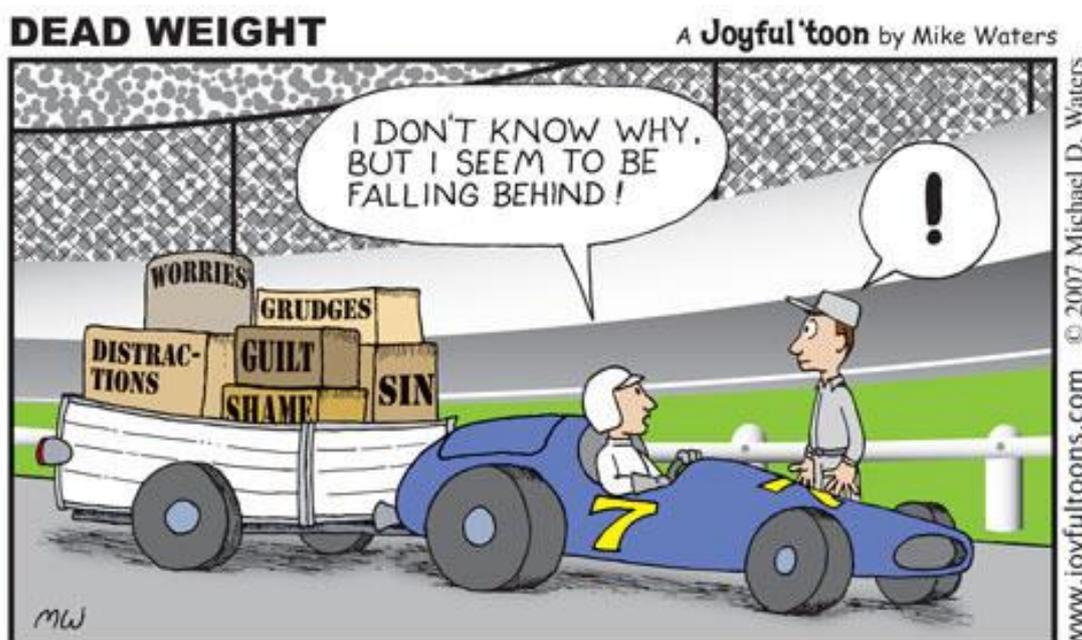
Movie Reviews

War Room (2015) A drama from the Kendrick brothers (who have also produced Facing the Giants, Overcomer, Courageous, and Fireproof). Pharmaceutical salesman Tony Jordan and his wife, realtor Elizabeth Jordan, appear outwardly successful; they have a large house, plenty of money, and a beautiful daughter named Danielle. Behind the façade, however, Tony and Elizabeth's relationship is strained.

Elizabeth goes to work with the elderly Miss Clara to sell her house. Miss Clara senses the stress Elizabeth is under, and suggests that Elizabeth fight for their marriage by praying for Tony. Miss Clara shows Elizabeth a special closet she has dedicated to praying, which she calls her "War Room"; as she puts it, "in order to stand up and fight the enemy, you need to get on your knees and pray."

Unplanned (2019) An American drama film written and directed by Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman. It is based on the disputed 2011 memoir Unplanned by anti-abortion activist Abby Johnson. The film stars Ashley Bratcher as Johnson, following her life as a clinic director for Planned Parenthood and her subsequent transition to anti-abortion activism.

It was a very moving and thought provoking film. It is M rated, and as such not one for children, but well worth a look.



Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

— HEBREWS 12:1 NIV

Tizana Barbaranelli

Musings from Jonah

1. When God speaks, it is up to us to obey.

God says what He means and means what He says. God told Jonah what He wanted done and whether Jonah liked what God commanded, understood the reason for it or wanted something different made no difference whatsoever.

2. No one can hide their sins from the Creator of the heavens and the earth.

Jonah boarded a ship headed in a different direction to Gods clear instruction and even hid himself inside the ship, but God knew exactly where he was. We may hide their thoughts and actions from even those who are their closest friends and family.

3. Choosing to go against God's will only results in failure.

Those sailors fought the storm God sent, but to no avail, they prayed to all sorts of other gods and idols, but to no avail, Jonah fled, but to no avail.

4. No one can sink so low as to be beyond forgiveness.

As a prophet of God, Jonah had sunk about as low as he could, but God would still forgive him. Nineveh was wicked enough that God intended to destroy it, but He could still forgive them.

5. It's God's way or the wrong way.

It is easy to see from Jonah that our way and God's way is simply not the same. Isaiah clearly showed the fallacy of that when he wrote.

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts"
(Isa. 55:8-9).*

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