



St. John the Beloved
LIBERAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

91 Carroll Crescent (PO Box 193)
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Vicar's Report

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June 2015

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Annual General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting of the parish took place immediately following the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday 12th April. The usual annual reports were presented and the Vestry elected. The new Vestry is as follows:

Libby Shade	Secretary
Blanche White	Treasurer
Russell Cole	People's Warden & Property Manager
Alan Davis	
Margaret Engel	
The Vicar is <i>ex-officio</i> Chairman.	

The Annual General Meeting of the LCC (Vic.) Holding, commonly known as the Trust, followed that of the parish AGM. The reports from the President, Treasurer and Secretary were presented. The Directors are:

Blanche White - President	Libby Shade - Treasurer
Russell Cole - Secretary & Public Officer	
Alan Davis - Director	

A special "thank you" to our Directors and members of Vestry for continuing their work for the parish.

Meeting the spiritual needs of parishioners and friends has continued unabated during the past year with home and hospital visits, and in the conduct of weddings, baptisms and funerals. The Vicar also had the pleasure of admitting Nicole Zabantu and her four children to membership of the parish, inducting her youngest, Daniel, as a server, and also later in the year admitting Nicole as Assistant Minister.

The parish had the pleasure of a visit in October from our Regionary, Bishop Graham Preston. During the service Bishop Graham confirmed two of Nicole's children, Adolphina and Mathaus.

This year, on the Feast of the Transfiguration, Deaconess Margaret Engel was admitted as a server, and she brings with her many years of experience as a server in two parishes in Sydney. Deaconess Margaret is already busy in the parish in conducting the services to Our Lady, delivering sermons and in being a member of the Vestry.

In March the parish had the pleasure of another episcopal visit, this time from our dear friend Bishop James White. During the celebration of the Holy Eucharist Bishop James admitted Nicole Zabantu to the 1st Stage of the Order of Mary. Her son Daniel, as server, had important duties to perform in this very moving ceremony of his mother's admission to the Order.

The Holy Eucharist has been conducted on nearly every Sunday during the past year, and I wish to express my deep appreciation to the sanctuary team for their commitment to the sacred work and also for their assistance to me. And I must not forget other members and friends of the parish who have also contributed to the smooth running of the parish, such as in the care of the building and grounds, the care of our people and their needs, and in the financial and secretarial administration of the parish. Thank you all.

Our prime directive is to love God, to love our neighbour, and to respect our selves. Here, at St. John's, we work together as a team in order to honour this directive to the best of our ability. We should remind ourselves that, although we are few in number, our impact and influence upon the world in general and on people in particular is far greater than we can ever appreciate; remember 'the ripple effect'. And

as our work concerns both the seen and the unseen, the effect of our individual and collective efforts as Christians is not always known, or ever will be known; we just 'get on with the job'.

May the peace, love and unity we experience at St. John The Beloved continue unabated as we approach the centenary of the Liberal Catholic Church next February.

Fred Shade
Vicar

I say to you: make perfect your will.
I say: take no thought of the harvest,
But only of proper sowing.

Choruses from The Rock
T.S. Eliot

OFFICERS OF THE PARISH

Priest	V. Rev. Fred Shade	9459 2670
Deacons	Rev. Alan Davis	9509 1791
	Rev. Russell Cole	(M) 0407 348 229
Assistant Ministers	Mrs Blanche White	9803 0703
	Mrs Nicole Zabantu	
Deaconesses	Mrs Marion Gilchrist	9511 4845
	Mrs Margaret Engel	9744 2248
Property Manager	Rev. Russell Cole	(M) 0407 348 229
Parish Secretary	Mrs Libby Shade	9459 2670
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Prov. Website: www.liberalcatholicchurch.org.au (NEW ADDRESS)

The service of **Holy Eucharist** is conducted at St. John The Beloved every Sunday at 10.30 am. The sacrament of **Healing** is also available to everyone upon request, either at church or by private visit to their home. Please contact the Vicar.

CHURCH CALENDAR

June

Sunday 7th
Sunday 14th

Corpus Christi (octave)
Second Sunday after Trinity
Intent: God as Light

Sunday 21st

Third Sunday after Trinity
Intent: God as Ruler of Angels
St. Alban Martyr (octave)

Sunday 28th

July

Sunday 5th

Fifth Sunday after Trinity
Intent: God as Peace

Sunday 12th

Sixth Sunday after Trinity
Intent: Steadfast Service

Sunday 19th

Seventh Sunday after Trinity
Intent: Purity, a day of devotion to the Holy Spirit

Sunday 26th

Eighth Sunday after Trinity
Intent: Wisdom

August

Sunday 2nd

Ninth Sunday after Trinity
Intent: Confidence

Sunday 9th

Tenth Sunday after Trinity
Intent: Devotion

Sunday 16th

Assumption of Our Lady (octave)

Sunday 23rd

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
Intent: Self-dedication

Sunday 30th

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
Intent: Good Works

September

Sunday 6th

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Intent: Renewal of Heart

Sunday 13th

Nativity of Our Lady (octave)

Sunday 20th

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Intent: Justice

The complete Liturgical Calendar is available from the Vicar.