

The Parish of St Mary, Portsea



Sunday 21st April 2024

4pm

**A service of thanksgiving and farewell
for Fr Rajiv**

*We gather in the Church at 3pm
and there will be cake and drinks and a presentation made to Fr Rajiv.
There will then be a period of reflection and stillness
as we give thanks for Fr Rajiv and pray for God's blessing
on his move and new area of life and ministry.*

Minister We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognize his presence with us.
Silence is kept.

All As God's people we have gathered:
let us worship him together

Though many, we form one body in Christ.
We belong to one another.

By God's grace we have different gifts.
We will use them in faith.

Rejoice in hope, stand firm in trouble,
be constant in prayer.

Filled with his Spirit we will serve the Lord.

Hymn

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there a thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

Please sit for the Psalm

Psalm 116

Response **To God the Lord raise hymns of praise,
And with your lips proclaim his name.**

I will love the Lord, who heard my prayer
Who inclined his ear to my supplication
For he delivered my soul from the grave
And wiped away my tears

Response

The Lord preserves the meek of heart;
I was brought low, but he saved me.
Return to your rest, O my soul,
For the Lord has blest you with his grace

Response

What shall I render to the Lord
For all his loving kindness?
I will take to my lips salvation's cup,
And call upon his name.

Response

I will pay to the Lord our God my
vows
In the presence of his people;
I will offer the sacrifice of praise,
And call upon his name

Response

Reading

A reading from the 1st Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Magnificat

Minister There are varieties of gifts,
All but the same Spirit.
There are varieties of service,
but the same Lord.
There are different kinds of working,
but the same God is at work in all.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings give my Spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word:
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.

T. Dudley-Smith (b 1926)

Tune: Woodlands

Please sit or kneel for the Prayers

Blessed are you, eternal God,
to be praised and glorified for ever.

Hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church:
make us all one, that the world may believe.

Grant that every member of the Church
may truly and humbly serve you:
that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name:
give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.

Inspire and lead those who hold authority
in the nations of the world:
guide them in the ways of justice and peace.

Make us alive to the needs of our community:
help us to share each other's joys and burdens.

Look with kindness on our homes and families:
grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

As our Saviour Jesus taught us, so we pray:

**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 thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

Collect

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Please remain seated for a reflection from Fr Rajiv

Please stand for the singing of the Nunc dimittis

During singing of the Nunc dimittis by the choir the ministers process to the Font – all turn and face the font:

Minister There is one body, one Spirit, one hope in God's call,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
There is one God, Father of all, over all and in all,
to whom Christ ascended on high.
And through his Spirit he gives us gifts:
some are apostles, some are his prophets.
Evangelists, pastors and teachers he gives us,
so we can minister together
to build up his body,
to be mature in the fullness of Christ.

We answer the call of God our creator.
We trust in Jesus Christ as our Saviour.
We seek new life from the Holy Spirit.
God, who has called us, is faithful.
We rejoice in our baptism into Jesus Christ.
Let us walk together in the life of the Spirit.

Fr Rajiv stands at the font surrounded by the Ministry Team and Wardens they lay hands on him as all pray

God of power, we pray for Rajiv
may the boldness of your Spirit transform him
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead him
may the gifts of your Spirit equip him to serve and
worship you now and always.

Amen

The Blessing

Fr Rajiv

To a troubled world
peace from Christ.

To a searching world
love from Christ.

To a waiting world
hope from Christ.

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen

Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.