

Saint Mary's Newsletter: June

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SERVICES FOR JUNE

Sunday 7th:

10am Family Communion Godparents Service with Children's Church & Junior Youth

Refreshments - Trish Smithson

Sunday 14th:

10am Family Communion service.

Refreshments - Sheryl Hill

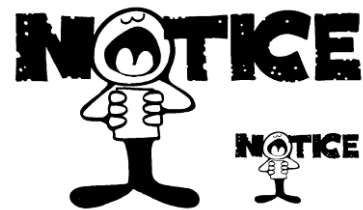
Sunday 21st:

10am Praise Service with Children's Church & Junior Youth.

Refreshments - Katy Cockerton

Sunday 28th:

9:45am Confirmation Service at the Cathedral. No service @ St Mary's. Please attend this Confirmation service to support those who are being Confirmed.



Godparents Service 7th June:

Godchildren bring along your Godparents, Godparents, bring along your Godchildren! Some handy tips to be given on what you can do to be a good Godparent!

Christmas Fair: A meeting is to be held after church on 14th of this month to discuss how we are to go forward with the Christmas Fair

Children's Church/Junior Youth:

This month - 7th June and 21st June in the Kidz Space, Sundays during the church service ☺

Youth Group (Year 9+): Combined churches youth Meet Fri 1st May 7pm at Oaks Church Gordonton.

The new prayer group **Bead It** that was to be formed is put on hold for now.

No God No Peace, Know God Know Peace!

Isaiah 26:3

"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you."

When we talk about peace, we usually refer to a lack of conflict, the tranquillity of mind, or calmness of heart. However, in the Bible, it has a much richer and deeper meaning. According to Strong's Concordance, the Hebrew word 'Shalom' - which literally translates to peace, has a whole array of meanings. A word study in the New King James version for 'Shalom' says: completeness, wholeness, health, peace, welfare, safety soundness, tranquillity, prosperity, perfection, fullness, rest, harmony, the absence of agitation or discord.

This is the kind of peace that the Word of God talks about, the kind of Shalom peace that God wants to give us. In fact, God wants us to have complete wholeness and perfection in every area of our lives, and through the work of Christ, it has already been given unto us.

Therefore, when we put our trust in God, we shall also inherit His peace and have an undisturbed composure, no matter what our circumstances may be. He desires to give us peace like a river that flows on and on. Even when it seems as if we are experiencing a drought in our lives, when we feel parched by life's trials, the river of life flows from His throne right to our hearts.

As the river flowing through the land provides water for life, so His life-giving peace flows through us, and renews our spirit. Indeed, we are trees planted by the rivers of living water, and by staying close to the peaceful waters of God, we shall be filled with the abundant life of Christ, and truly live in an everlasting Shalom peace.



Parish Bank Account:

02 0410 0103053 00 Thanks for your weekly A/P contributions to keep our Parish running!

A Scripture for you:

Romans 14:17-19

¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, ¹⁸ because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.

¹⁹ Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

This Month in Christian History:



The year 597: Augustine, missionary to England and 1st Archbishop of Canterbury, baptizes Ethelbert, the Saxon king. Afterward the Christian faith spreads rapidly among the Angles and the Saxons

Building Fund Update:

So far we have raised over \$11,000 in the Building Fund! Richard and Sally-Ann Riddell head the Building Committee