

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

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RECTOR'S NOTES

My dear Friends,

During the past month I received an interesting letter from the Marrickville Municipal Council's Department of Social Work. It draws attention to a new service provided for all people receiving a pension and all those of pensionable age. This is a hot mid-day meal five days a week—Monday to Friday. It is provided at Petersham Town Hall for 20 cents per day. The Town Clerk has asked me and others to advise folk of this service.

In these days of difficulties and anxiety and much public complaining about what "they" should be doing to help overcome our community problems isn't it nice to be able to report a good thing being done by a public authority.

The Council is to be commended for this move. It will be of real assistance to a section of our community that must be reeling under the impact of the run-away inflation of more recent months.

This month of November brings us one of the "big" occasions of the parish year. Our annual fete will be held on the Church property on 16th November. The work of the Church in Petersham is very largely financially dependent on this event. This significance comes about as a result of inadequate provision being forthcoming from direct giving to the work of God through other means. Of course one would wish that we were able to provide for ourselves, but the fact remains that at present we depend upon "catching" the support of many who are not "members of the family"—and we must gratefully acknowledge the kindness of many who will make it a successful day. Many of our own folk labour diligently nearly all the year and contribute considerably by using their talents in preparing for the day. We are appreciative of their loyalty and devoted energy. The preparation absorbs a tremendous amount of their annual efforts and planning. Let's hope we have a happy day with good weather.

Any help in preparing the Hall and grounds on the Thursday and Friday before will be most welcome—and, of course, we hope menfolk will make themselves available on Saturday evening to return the Hall to a fit condition for our Sunday responsibilities.

Yours sincerely,

S. W. GISSING.

This month we remember on Remembrance Day, all those who in times of trouble and distress have given their lives for that in which they believed. I would like to share with you two passages written by Able Seaman Christopher Goldie, of H.M.A.S. Parramatta. The first was written in June 1941, at Mersa Matruh:

"Bright flowers about an altar small
Scented the summer air;
Deep silence stretched from wall to wall
Like one long prayer.
The chapel clock it struck the hour
And the chimes rang out from the chapel tower.
Ringing out the hour of three,
The hour of Blessed Trinity.
'Lord, in a month where shall I be,
And what, O Lord, in a year?'
Where a lamp burnt red, a soft voice said,
'Draw near, my son, draw near.'
'For I am the Way, by land and sea,
I am the Truth and the Life;
And if ye believe, my son, in Me,
Ye shall live though ye die in strife.
I am He of whose Flesh though art,
And to thee is my Promise given,
For I am the Son and the Holy Ghost,
And thy Father Who art in Heaven.'"

Then in October 1941, he wrote:

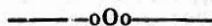
"When one can no longer plan for one's existence on earth, there comes a time when one starts planning for eternity."

These words now appear prophetic, for on 28th November, 1941, H.M.A.S. Parramatta was struck by torpedoes and sank. Twenty-five survived the sinking: The ten Officers and one hundred and thirty-six Others of the Complement including Able Seaman Goldie, are dead.

Thus, on the 11th November, let each one of us stop for a short time and think of those words given to us by one who, indeed, was aware of his possible fate and yet had Hope and not Despair and truly must have believed that portion of the Naval Prayer which reads in part:-

"... Be pleased to receive into thy Almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us thy servants, and the Fleet in which we serve. . . ."

H. E. QUELCH.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

GROCERY STALL: Well Friends, it is only a couple of weeks to our Parish Fete on the 16th. The Grocery stall this year needs your help more than ever as we have received only a small amount of goods from the grocery companies.

I would like to thank the Parishioners who have already made donations to the grocery stall. Donations of groceries may be left in the special box in the Church Porch or given to any Sunday School teacher or pupil.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

* This month we have a Bible Codeword quiz. To solve the puzzle the letters are substituted for the numbers.

KEY FOR CODEWORD:

A—1, C—2, D—3, E—4, F—5, G—6, H—7, I—8, K—9, L—10, M—11, N—12, O—13, P—14, R—15, S—16, T—17, U—18, V—19, W—20, Y—21.

BIBLE CODEWORD:

THE GOOD NEWS

John 10:9-11. Jesus the Good Shepherd

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SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZE-GIVING: The prize-giving for this year will be held on the 16th February, 1975. This will coincide with Harvest Festival. The reason for changing the date from early December to February, is that it will give the Sunday School staff more time to arrange the prizes, also it will spread the Sunday School events more evenly over the year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Christmas party for the Kindergarten and Sunday School will be held on the 14th December. Further details will be given in a Newsletter to be sent to the parents.
NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- November 3:** Donated by Mrs. Kent in memory of her Son and Daughter Charles and Elsie; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- November 10:** Donated by Mrs. Calver and Family in memory of Mr. L. C. Calver and Son Robert; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- November 17:** Donated by the Cragie Family in memory of their Mother; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- November 24:** No donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- December 1:** Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Swankie and Family in memory of Mother and Grandmother; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We gratefully acknowledge flowers on October 20th in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hunt, from their daughters, and on 27th October in memory of Mrs. E. Clark-Fellows.

CLUB NEWS

Ladies Guild: Tuesday, 12th November will be our next meeting and will be held at 1 p.m. in the Guild Room. At that meeting we will be making arrangements for our Christmas party which will be held on 10th December.

E. M. BOSWARD, Honorary Secretary.

Y.M. and Friend's Club:

The next meeting our Club will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 12th November, at 8 p.m. This will be only a few days before the fete so we hope that as many members as possible will make an effort to attend.

Our Club will be responsible for the cake and sweets stall at the fete and we would be very grateful for any donations towards the stocking of the stall.

IDA BARRETT, Honorary Secretary.

Senior Parishioners' Club:

I am pleased to report a marked increase in our attendance at the Thursday afternoon club. We hope that this will continue now that we are approaching the summer months.

Although Christmas is still a long way off, I would like to give advance notice that the Club will go into recess from Thursday, December 12th to Thursday, 23rd January, 1975. We propose to have a Christmas "Break-up" party on the last Thursday.

IDA BARRETT, Honorary Secretary.

Indoor Bowls Club:

Our Club was represented in the Ladies' and Gentlemen's Singles Competition by Mrs. Daphne Humby and Mr. Bert Shaw, and both players acquitted themselves well.

We have missed Mrs. Mabel Willis on Club nights and hope that she soon recovers and is once more able to share our evenings with us. We were also happy to welcome Mr. Frank Hearn on his return from holidays.

We would also be very pleased to welcome visitors to any of our evenings.

B. SEE, Honorary Secretary.

NEWS BRIEFS

● The Rector asks the men of the parish to help him set up the Hall for the Fete. The stalls will be put up on Thursday night, 14th November, and decorations such as flags and coloured lights on the night of Friday, 15th. The Rector looks forward to receiving practical help from all the menfolk of the Parish on these nights, and also from 9 p.m. on the Saturday night, when everything must be cleared away.

● **"White Elephant"**: This is the famous stall that sells what other people don't want, and which has achieved remarkable sales figures in past years by disposing of articles donated by parishioners. We will have two tents in front of the parish hall, and urgently need your help, to stock them full of goods. There must surely be a few things around your home that are no longer needed: just drop them along to Mrs. Humphreys. Every little helps.

● Articles for the December "Chronicle" are due no later than Sunday, 17th November, 1974.

STATUS

The late Dr. Schweitzer was a doctor in four professions: theology, music, philosophy and medicine. At Lambarene he was sawing wood to make a new ward, and asked the help of an African. The latter said: "Oh, I could not do that; I am an intellectual."

"I wish I was," replied the doctor.

When Florence Nightingale was going out with her ladies to the Crimea, she heard them discussing future flirtations with the army officers. "Don't forget," she said grimly, "the strongest of you will be needed at the wash tubs." **They were!**

A Church Army Officer knelt to say his prayers the night he became a soldier in Kitchener's Army. Another soldier flung his boots at him. Next morning that same soldier found his boots, beautifully cleaned, at his bedside.

Surely we are the servants of the servant of God? We are Evangelists in the name of Him who washed the disciples' feet, who cooked a meal for them. There are no depths to which we ought not to be prepared to sink to win men and women to God. If we really wish for higher status, perhaps the best way is to occupy the "lowest room" first!

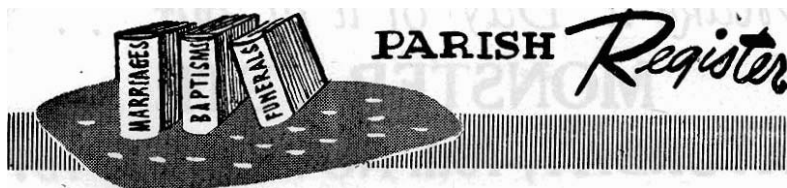
Some people get lost in thought because it is unfamiliar territory. "Feeling deeply" may sometimes mean "in your pocket."

People who complain they don't get all they deserve — should congratulate themselves.

Our minds are like a large party where all the people are talking at the top of their voices about trivialities, while the one Voice that is saying something of supreme importance is unheard.

It is not what you have that matters—It is what you do with what you have.

The Pioneer.



HOLY MATRIMONY

"Till death do us part, according to God's holy law, thereto I give thee my troth".

October 5—Arthur Reginald Shipp (Petersham) and Hilda Ethel Payne (Petersham).

October 16—Gregory Matthew James King (Belmore) and Glenda Dorothy Casey (Lakemba).

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive".
September 26—Dorothy Nell Hamilton of 3/146 Hastings Parade, Bondi.

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"CHRONICLE" DONATION

Mrs. Colbert—\$2.00.

PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY COMMUNION—Each Sunday at 8 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
3rd Sundays after Evensong.

MATINS—1st and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m. LITANY—5th Sundays at 11 a.m.

EVENSONG—Each Sunday at 7 p.m.

FAMILY SERVICE—3rd Sundays at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Kindergarten
on other Sundays at 9.45 a.m.

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH
THE RECTOR.

CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs. E. Quelch (Rector's), F. G. Hearn, W.
Williams.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Churchwardens and Messrs. J. H. Bretherton, N.
Cragg, F. Evans, Mrs. Gorman, Mr. P. Gray, Messrs. B. Livingston, H.
E. Quelch, B. Sayers, D. Sayers, C. Sillence, Mrs. W. Sopwith, Mr. H.
Swankie.

HON. TREASURER: Mr. E. Quelch. HON. SECRETARY: Mr. H. E. QUELCH.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. N. Cragg.

KINDERGARTEN LEADER: Miss J. Evans.

EXTENSION GROUP LEADER:

PUBLICITY OFFICER: Mr. H. J. Shaw (797-6967).

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER: Mr. C. Sillince.

CHRONICLE EDITOR: Mr. H. E. Quelch.

Make a Day of it at our . . .

MONSTER FETE

SATURDAY, 16th NOVEMBER 1974

9 a.m. — 8 p.m.

A GREAT "BARGANZA"

COME AND BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Many Attractive Stalls:

Books and Magazines

■ Cakes and Sweets

Dolls

Dried Floral Arrangements

Fancy Work and Christmas Gifts

Jewellery

"White Elephant" — Terrific Bargains

Groceries and Home Made Jams

Pottery and Chinaware

■ Toys

Vegetables

Plants and Flowers

■ Lucky Dips

● **HOOPLA AND THE "GAME OF SKILL"**

● **TRAIN AND PONY RIDES**

● **FREE: MR. MAGIC AT 4 P.M.**

HOT DOGS, COLD DRINKS, ICE CREAM, HOT PIES

MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEAS

COLD SALAD LUNCHES

Sign the Visitors' Book and secure the opportunity of winning one of the Free Poultry Dinners and Hampers — Drawn 8 p.m.

DAY AND NIGHT : : WET OR FINE

Sydney Ladies' Pipe Band marching and playing from 2 p.m.

Burwood Police Boys' Band playing in the morning

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