



# **ST OSWALD'S ANGLICAN CHURCH GLEN IRIS**



**All Saints Day  
1<sup>st</sup> November, 2026**

**Welcome to our Service today celebrating**

## **All Saints Day**

### **Gathering in God's Name**

**Prelude:** *Blessed are pure in heart* Walford Davies (1869 -1941)

### **Acknowledgement of Country**

**Processional Hymn** Together in Song 455

**The Greeting:** The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

### **Sentence for the Day:**

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaved. *Matthew 5: 10*

Please follow service in green Prayer Book starting page 119

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

**Confession** APBA page 120

**Absolution** APBA page 120

**Kyrie** please refer to screen

**The Hymn of Praise** APBA page 121 please refer to screen

## **Prayer of the Day:**

Eternal God,  
neither death nor life can separate us from your love:  
grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth,  
and in heaven rejoice with all your saints  
who ceaselessly proclaim you glory:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Ministry of the Word**

### **A Reading from the Book of Revelation**

[Revelation 7: 9 –

17]

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be

their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 34: 1 – 10, 22**

8 am APBA page 254

10 am NPCW

Andrew Moore



O taste and see, O taste and see that the Lord is gra - cious

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***O taste and see, O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.***

**A Reading from the Book of Saint John**

[1 John 3: 1— 3]

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*



### ***Gospel Acclamation***

“Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest” says the Lord.

### **A Reading from the Gospel of Saint Matthew** [Matthew 5: 3: 1 – 12]

#### **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

For the gospel of the Lord,  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### **Sermon**

*Please stand*

**THE CREED**

*please refer to the screen*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** — *please refer to the screen for the prayers.*

**THE GREETING OF PEACE**

**Offertory Hymn**

Together in Song 223

***Offertory Prayer***

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 5** —please refer to screen.

**Music during Communion**

*Panis Angelicus* César Franck (1822-1890)

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*please refer to screen.*

**THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

Gracious God  
we thank you that in this sacrament  
you assure us of your goodness and love.  
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
and help us to grow in love and obedience  
that we may serve you in the world  
and finally be brought to that table  
where all your saints feast with you for ever.

Father,

**we offer ourselves to you  
as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Send us out in the power of your spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

*Notices*

***The Blessing and Dismissal***

God give you grace to follow all the saints  
in faith and hope and love;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

Together in Song 457

**Postlude:**      *Processional on 'Aurelia'* Martin Ellis (b.1967)

## **Mother's Union**

This year in 2026 Mothers Union in Melbourne celebrates 150 years as an organisation in the World Wide Anglican Church. The Mothers Union was a vision of Mary Sumner, a vicar's wife in England in 1876 to help young mothers in the responsibility of their new role. The first branch of MU in Melbourne was formed in Balaclava in 1895 and other branches very quickly spread through the Diocese. A St Oswald's branch was formed in 1931 and it soon became 2 groups, one meeting during the day and a Young Mothers Department in 1952 to meet at night. This was later to become the popular 'Caritas' group which many ladies of the parish still remember, with Helen and Barbara as leaders and Jill and Cheryl in MU.

For those of us remaining in the parish we would like to remember this Sunday all those wonderful women with whom we spent so many happy hours over the past years when we were younger!

**Cheryl Adams and Jill O'Shea**

### **Mothers Union Prayer**

Loving Lord,  
we thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mother's Union as we seek to share your love  
through the encouragement, strengthening and support of  
marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship,  
and in love and service reach out as your hands across the  
world.

In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **Help wanted for Christmas**

Between 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December we get the church ready for Christmas by—

- Arranging Flowers in the Church
- Cleaning candle sticks and replacing candles.
- Changing Altar linen and replacing Alter frontal with a Christmas frontal.

All these jobs were a part of my of my capabilities but as I now need a walking stick I only have one hand to work with and cannot do these jobs.

Please would volunteers phone me if you can help in any way with these jobs—one or all of them is up to you. I will be happy to assist with advice.

**Kerry Ennis—9885 1042**

## **COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS GROCERIES FOR ANGLICARE**

We will start our Christmas grocery drive for Anglicare in Clayton on Sunday 1st November. It will run through all Sundays in November and finish on Sunday 6th December. Please put your groceries (small sizes) in the baskets at the back of the church.

I heard on an interview on T V that people are going without toothpaste, Shampoo and soap in order to buy food. Christmas treats are always welcome as well as tins of fish, ham, fruit and vegetables.

Your support has been terrific. Let's keep up the good work.

**Thank you Barbara Olney**

## From the Vicar

My Dear Family,

As we begin a new month, we are reminded of God's everlasting love, the gift of life, and the hope we have in Jesus Christ. This is also a special time to remember our departed loved ones and give thanks for the lives of the saints who have gone before us in faith.

Our departed loved ones may no longer be with us physically, but their love, memories, wisdom, and influence continue to live in our hearts. Let us remember them with gratitude, uphold their families in prayer, and find comfort in the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live." (John 11:25)

As we remember the saints, let us be inspired by their faith, courage, humility, and dedication to God. They were ordinary people who allowed God to do extraordinary things through their lives. Their example reminds us that holiness is not beyond our reach; it begins with loving God, caring for our neighbours, forgiving one another, and faithfully serving those in need.

As we step into this new month, may we ask ourselves: What legacy of faith and love are we leaving behind? Let us make every day meaningful by becoming a blessing to someone, offering hope to the discouraged, extending a helping hand to the needy, and sharing the love of Christ with everyone we meet.

May the memory of our departed loved ones bring us comfort, the example of the saints strengthen our faith, and the grace of God guide our journey throughout this new month.

May the Lord bless our families, strengthen our parish, comfort those who mourn, and help us walk faithfully in His footsteps until we are united in His eternal kingdom.

Wishing you all a blessed, peaceful, and grace-filled new month.

Peace and blessings!

Your servant in Christ,

**Fr. Mal**

## **Part 3**

Continued from last week.....

### **The Revd. Johannes de Silva 1889-1907**

At a meeting of the Church Wardens held on 4th July 1889 at which the Bishop presided, the Revd. Johannes de Silva was elected to succeed the Revd. E A. Copleston. His Institution took place on Saturday the 17th August. The Revds A.S. Amarasekara and Cornelius de Mel shared the work of the parish with the Incumbent. In 1904, Revd. Jacob Mendis was appointed to Holy Emmanuel Church to assist the Incumbent for 2 years. During the Incumbency of Revd. Johannes de Silva, Horetuduwn was attached to Moratuwa and the branch parish of Horetuduwa and Sarikkalimulla was formed. The Revd. A. W. de Met took charge of this new Parish. Services in the Chapel at Sarikkalimulla were conducted by M. Lewis Fernando, Catechist, while the Incumbent occasionally visited the church to preach and administer the sacraments.

### **Death of Charles Henry de Soysa**

Charles Henry de Soysa, who was the son of our revered founder Jeronis de Soysa, passed away on 29th September. 1890. He was a Life Deed Warden of Holy Emmanuel Church, Church Builder, Life Warden of St. Matthias' Church and Patron of the Parish stipend and Sunday School Committees. He was Ceylon's greatest philanthropist and a truly Christian national patriot. His early death was a loss not only to Moratuwa but also to the whole country. His mortal remains were interred at the Holy Emmanuel burial grounds on 1st October with a large and distinguished gathering in attendance.

### **Revd. Johannes de Silva's Resignation**

Revd Johannes de Silva though advanced in years, continued to work until 20th March 1907, when he was suddenly taken ill by a stroke of paralysis and resigned the Incumbency on 31st August. On 29th January 1911, he was called to his eternal rest.

## **The Revd. Canon Jacob Mendis 1908—1940**

Canon Jacob Mendis was born on 29th August 1863, in Moratuwa. He commenced his education at the Moratuwa Church School and afterwards at the Prince of Wales College. As an undergraduate of Calcutta University, he was appointed House Master of the College in 1885 and served as an Assistant Lecturer in Sinhalese Classics. He initiated his studies for the Ministry under the direction of Revd. E. A. Copleston, the then Incumbent of Holy Emmanuel Church. He was ordained to the Diaconate in 1892 by Bishop R. S. Copleston and to the Priesthood in 1896. He served for 7 years from 1892 as Assistant Curate of St. Paul's Church, Kandy and in August 1899, he was transferred to Colombo as an Assistant Curate of St. Michael's Church, Polwatte where he served for 5 years. Later he functioned as an Assistant Curate at Holy Emmanuel Church until he was appointed as Incumbent on 1st January 1908 as successor to Revd. Johannes de Silva. He was instituted to the Incumbency by the Bishop on Sunday, 9th February, in the presence of a very large gathering.

## **The 50th Anniversary of the Church**

The Golden Jubilee of the Church was celebrated from 26th December 1910 to 3rd January 1911. The Church and its environs were gaily decorated. Although at that time the town of Moratuwa had no electricity, the Church's interior was well illuminated with different colours of lights from lamps florally decorated. The Church tower and the approach road to the Church from the Galle Road junction up to the Church edifice and its environs were beautifully illuminated with lighted bucket lamps. After the evening services, there was a grand display of fireworks to entertain the public.

The Rt. Revd. E. A. Copleston, Bishop of Colombo, preached at the service held on 27th December at 9.30 a.m.

History records that the Golden Jubilee Memorials of our Church were compiled by the late J. S. A. Fernando, a parishioner of Moratuwa and a historian of repute.

# **The 60th Anniversary of the Church**

The Diamond Jubilee of the Church was celebrated from 26th December 1920 to 3rd January 1921. The Diamond Jubilee Memorials, which record the history of the Church from 1860 to 1920, were compiled by J. S. A. Fernando, who incidentally was the same person, who compiled the Golden Jubilee Memorials of the Church.

## **The Consecration of St. Paul's Church, Moratumulla**

St. Paul's Church, Moratumulla was consecrated by the Rt. Revd. E A. Copleston, Bishop of Colombo, on 2nd February 1923.

## **Canon Jacob Mendis' Incumbency**

The Revd. Mendis was widely acknowledged as a Sinhalese Classical Scholar and he contributed in large measure as Chairman of the Bible Revision Committee and the Sinhalese prayer Book, including the 1928 Prayer Book and Sinhalese Christian Literature in particular. In 1935, he was elected an honorary Governor of the British and Foreign Bible Society for life. He was the author, translator or compiler of a number of devotional and other religious works, among them "Ayadum Malawa" or Chaplet of Devotions.

## **Calvary Group**

In 1935, there was a division of opinion among the parishioners regarding the placing of the Calvary Group which was a gift to the parish from Dr. Lionel Peiris. This Group was installed in the Church without any reference to the parishioners. Some parishioners made representations to Bishop Mark Carpenter Gamier. The Bishop ruled as follows:—

1. That the figures be veiled with curtains for one week in the month.
2. This week be from the third Saturday to the fourth.

The only exceptions to this rule are Good Friday (should it fall within the week specified) and Christmas Day.

# The 75th Anniversary of the Church

The 75th anniversary of the consecration of the Church was celebrated from 26th December 1935 to 1st January 1936. Elaborate arrangements were made and a Jubilee Commemoration Committee of 300 members of the Parish and 8 Sub-Committees were appointed. At the request of the Executive Committee, P. M. A. Mendis and W. R. O. Fernando, Hony. Joint Secretaries, addressed an appeal to all parishioners to help collect for the Jubilee Fund a sum of Rs 10.000/- by remitting their subscriptions to the Hony Treasurer, H. P. Dickman de Mel. A sum of Rs 7494.60 was collected.

- 1 On the eve of the Jubilee/ the stately tower and the sides of the church were overlaid with a network of electric jets and at the top of the tower was a cross of lights with the figure 75 being prominently displayed.
- 2 The celebrations commenced on 26th December with Evensong at 6.30 p.m. On 27th December, there was a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7.30 a.m. by the Bishop of Colombo, the Rt Rev. Mark Carpenter Gamier followed by a special Thanksgiving Service at which the Bishop preached. The Thank offering, which had been collected during the year, was brought by the 2 General Secretaries and the Hony. Treasurer in white silk bags and handed over to A. J. R. de Soysa. L. W. A. de Soysa, R. A. Fernando and A. F. S Fernando. Wardens, who in turn offered it to the Bishop.
- 3 At the close of the Service, G. O. C. Cooray, Secretary of the Jubilee Memorials Committee and Compiler of the Memorials presented to the Bishop an artistically bound copy of the Jubilee Memorials, while the incumbent, the Wardens and the other ex-officio members of the Jubilee Committee were also presented with similar copies.
- 4 A special feature of the celebrations was the candle-light street procession held on 2 days during the octave.
- 5 During the Jubilee Octave, there were services in the mornings and in the evenings. On, several days the evening services were concluded with a display of fireworks while the illuminations were continued throughout the celebrations.

- 6 One of the events of the week was a dinner held at the School Hall when covers were laid for about 150. The Revd. Jacob Mendis presided. The celebrations ended with a Sports Meet held on the lawn near the Sunday School hall. The prizes were distributed by the Revd. Jacob Mendis. Thereafter W. R. O. Fernando, General Secretary and Gladwin S<sup>A</sup>. Fernando, Joint Secretary of the Social Committee, thanked all those who helped to make the meeting a success.

## **Triple Event in the Life of the Incumbent**

On 29th August 1937, Canon Mendis celebrated 3 important events in his life, namely the attainment of his 45th anniversary in Holy Orders, the 45th anniversary of his marriage and his 75th birthday.

## **Installation as Canon**

In 1939, Revd. Mendis was installed as an Honorary Canon in the Cathedral by Bishop Horsley in 1940. he was appointed Rural Dean of Moratuwa. On 16th December. 1940 he was accorded a farewell by the people of Moratuwa on his retirement. His Incumbency of 33 years is the longest on record. He continued to function as Rural Dean until his retirement from active service in 1944. Canon Mendis was called to his well-earned rest at the ripe old age Of 85, on 18th March 1948. The older generation still carries nostalgic memories of this strict disciplinarian for his long service and for the wonderful vigour he displayed in the service of God's sacred Ministry.



**Calvary Group**

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#### ***For the church:***

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Sister Marina CSC, Eric Cole, Norman Dobson.

### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

In accordance with our Parish Rules (as agreed by the Parish Council on 27 October 2020), notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of St. Oswald's Glen Iris to be held at 11.30am in the church following the 10am service on Sunday 29 November 2026.

Nominations to all positions on the Parish Council, Independent Examiner and the Incumbency Committee must be completed with a nominator and seconder and signed by the person nominated on or before 8am on Sunday 22 November 2026.

All nominations for election of office bearers shall be posted at or near the front of the church on or before 8am on Friday 27 November 2024.

Any questions parishioners might have about this process should be directed in the first instance to the Churchwardens, being Lisa Williams and Peter Johnson, for which contact details are below.

**Peter Johnson** — mobile 0417 548 896

**Lisa Williams** — mobile 0411 400 866

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### **Diary for the Week**

***St Oswald's Live Stream on YouTube***

***<https://www.youtube.com/@stoswaldgleniris/live>***

### **Wednesdays**

Holy Communion is discontinued.

However, the church will be open  
between 9.30 and 11.30 each

Wednesday

### **Sunday 8 November**

**Twenty Fourth day after Pentecost**

8 am **Holy Communion**

10 am **Sung Eucharist**

### **Readings**

Joshua 24: 1—3a, 14—25

Psalms 78: 1—7

1 Thessalonians 4: 9—18

Matthew 25: 1—13

### **Today's Ministries**

#### **10 am**

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Cantor              | <b><i>W. Andrews</i></b> |
| Communion Assistant | <b><i>J. Haigh</i></b>   |
| Reader              | <b><i>H. Rehn</i></b>    |
| Intercessor         | <b><i>K. Ennis</i></b>   |
| Welcome /           | <b><i>H. Rehn</i></b>    |
| Offertory           |                          |
| Morning Tea         | <b><i>C. Adams</i></b>   |
|                     | <b><i>J. O'Shea</i></b>  |





## Revelation 7: 9—17