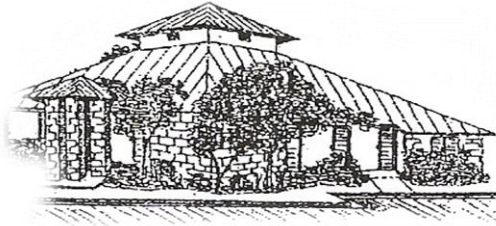


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## **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

***WELCOME!*** *We welcome all visitors with us today, and pray your time with us will be a blessed one.*

### **Kirwan's Mission Statement**

To be a people of God led by the Holy Spirit to practise and spread the love of Jesus Christ in the world

7<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

<b>Lectionary readings</b>	Trinity Sunday
Gen 1: 1- 2:4a	Ps 8
2Cor	Mt 28: 16-20

### **Richard's Rambling**

I had a stonking cold the weekend before last. Of course, my recovery was down to "... pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" as James writes in the KJV (5:16). Myrl Eddy would want us to add "and a righteous woman", and she'd be right. But those fervent prayers availed even more because of Leisa's effectual administration before bed of a hot whisky toddy, which I fervently drank. Here's the recipe:

100ml whisky  
Juice of a small lemon  
Tablespoon of honey  
Top up with boiling water

I knew that it was a cold, and not COVID-19, because I could smell and taste the ingredients. That recipe works every time, for a cold. The therapeutic mechanism is quite

straightforward, it just helps you to sleep. And then a good night's sleep works the real magic.

There are so many things keeping us from sleeping at the moment. Events in our own lives, in our church's life, in political events in Australia and overseas. On the one hand, we feel powerless to do anything about them, while on the other, we lie awake wondering what we can do about them. The Bible says that we can't do anything, of ourselves. We can be activist, but the Holy Spirit empowers and validates activism. Like James, we can pray fervently, but it is that same Spirit which presents our prayers to the Father in the name of the Son (it is Trinity Sunday, after all). Here's how Psalm 127 puts it:

Unless the LORD builds the house,  
the builders labour in vain.  
Unless the LORD watches over the city,  
the guards stand watch in vain.  
In vain you rise early  
and stay up late,  
toiling for food to eat—  
for while they sleep he provides for  
those he loves.\*

May God grant you restful sleep and the firm assurance that He is in control of those things, outside of our control, which keep you from sleeping.

\*KJV again: He giveth his beloved sleep.

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**JONAH COFFEE GROUP**



Undercover Area  
10.30 am Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
June  
Jonah coffee group  
will recommence  
Monday – 8<sup>th</sup> June.  
All measures required

to meet Covid19 regulations will apply.

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**FELLOWSHIP Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup>**

We shall have a speaker from the Council Recycling Centre. We cannot visit the depot as planned so please meet in the church at 9.30. So we can set up appropriately please let me know if you will be joining us.

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**Planning at CoM for reopening our church**

We are now permitted to meet in small groups and worship in groups of up to 20 people. At our next council meeting we will be trying to work out ways in which we can meet again safely and what we can and cannot do in our services. Over the next couple of weeks we will share these ideas with everyone, but it would be nice to hear from anyone in our congregation what thoughts you have about small group worship. We can hear the message on the computer but we miss the warmth and love of one another face to face, so its time to start back. Please share your ideas with any of us about how to come together.

We need to pass on a warning though. If anyone feels ill, please stay home until you are better. Also if you feel nervous or wary about coming back together, please protect yourselves, but let Richard or the elders or our phone folk know how you feel.

See you all soon.

David K.

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