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## Remembrance Service

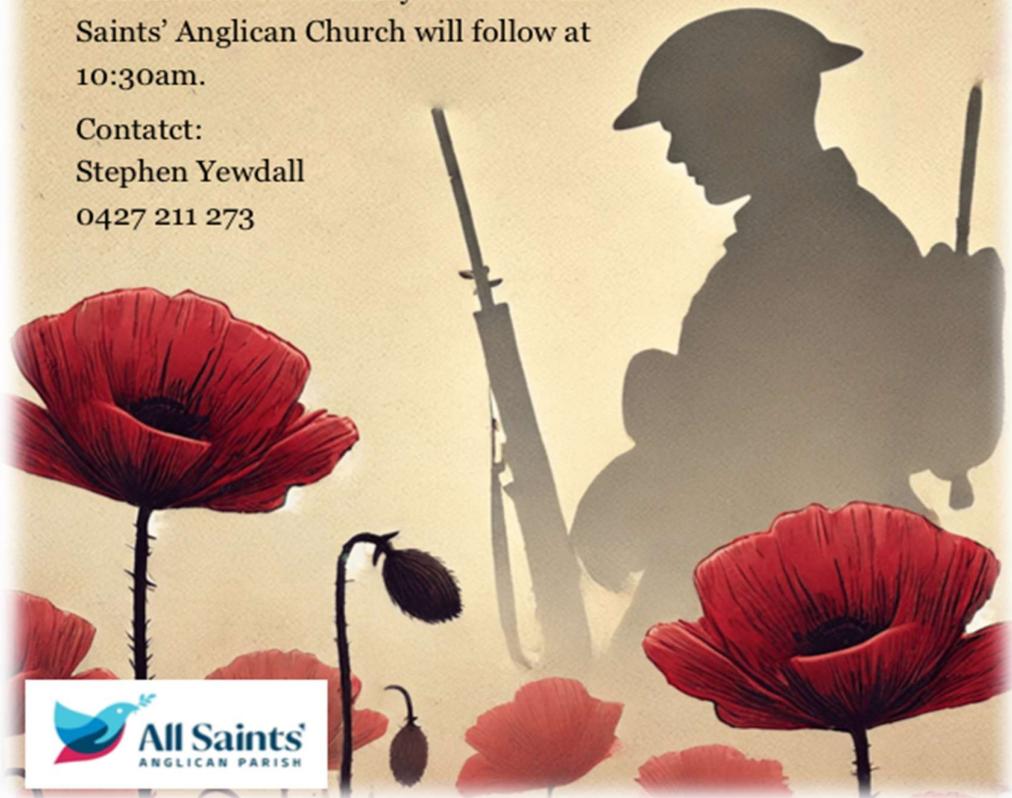
Sunday 9 November 10:00 am

Moorak Park – Noble St, Newtown

After 1 minute silence at 10:15am, all are welcome to lay a floral tribute/wreath.

A Remembrance Sunday service at All Saints' Anglican Church will follow at 10:30am.

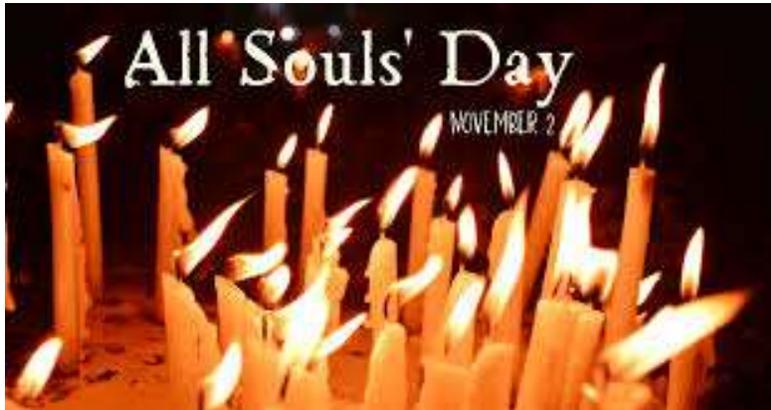
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## The Vicar's Message

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. All Saints Day actually falls on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November, but we will transfer it to Sunday so we can all join together as a church family to celebrate what is our Patronal Festival.

The Day after All Saints Day is All Souls Day when we remember all those that we have loved, but who have now died and gone to eternity before us.



This is always a day of mixed feelings and emotions. On the one hand we can feel sad as we reflect on what we've lost – those we have known and loved. But on the other hand it's a day of great rejoicing, because we reflect on the promises made by God – that death is not the end, and that we will rise again in a resurrection, like Jesus' resurrection.

I preached a sermon a couple of weeks ago on the Feast of St. Luke who was a physician, a doctor. It was a sermon that seem to resonate and touch many people who were present in church that day, so I thought I would print our a short extract from it that speaks to those of us who have lost loved ones who we once hoped would recover and be healed, but instead died.

*.....We're accustomed to praying for the sick. We do occasionally hear of people getting better – people who are really seriously ill and then appear to recover in the most miraculous of circumstances. Whilst I don't want to deny that possibility, I am conscious – as I'm sure we all are – that that's seems to be the exception rather than the rule. My personal experience is that people get very sick and they die – despite our best prayer efforts – they die.....*

*When my first wife, Janet, was dying – and I was on compassionate leave to care for her – the priest who was covering for me told me that following one Sunday morning’s worship, when everyone was gathered for morning tea in the hall, someone asked him if they should all go back into church to pray for Janet’s healing. His answer was to say that they had all just done that as a community during the intercessions.*

*Following Janet’s death a short time after that Sunday, I was in conversation with that same parishioner who just couldn’t understand why Janet hadn’t been healed – couldn’t understand why the many prayers for her appeared to go un-answered.....*

*I found myself saying to that parishioner that Janet HAD been healed – that she was now Whole again – that she had been made NEW. It was quite a revelatory moment for me – to say out loud those words whilst still in grief – and it opened up for me the realization that this IS what Jesus came first and foremost to do – he came to heal us – to make us whole again – to make us new.*

*This is why the Church is often described as a hospital, it’s full of sick people – we’re all sick – we’re all in need of healing – without exception.....And the faithful are divided into two categories: those who are undergoing treatment - that’s you and me in the here and now - and those who’ve already been healed - that’s those who are now departed – those who’ve gone before us.....*

This is what we will be focusing on during our service of All Souls on Sunday evening 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm. We will be giving thanks for the healing of our lost departed loved ones, now healed, now made whole again, now made new.

Alleluia!!

With every blessing

Fr Stephen

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# SERVICE TIMES

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## November 2025

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**All Saints Sunday  
10am Combined Service**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

**Remembrance Sunday  
8am Said Eucharist  
9am Contemporary Eucharist  
10.30am Sung Eucharist**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

**8am Said Eucharist  
9am Contemporary Eucharist  
10.30am Sung Eucharist**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

**10am Combined Service  
Followed by the AM**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**8am Said Eucharist  
9am Contemporary Eucharist  
10.30am Sung Eucharist**

**Meditation Thursday 8 – 8.45am.**

**Mid-week Eucharist Wednesday 10am.**

# ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

Carmelite and Doctor of the Church

"With zeal I will be zealous for the Lord my God"

This is the motto for St Therese. It gives us a real inkling to us of Therese's character and focus. Born in Alencon a small French Town she moved, with her family to Lisieux where she remained for the rest of her life. Her father Louis was a watch maker and her Mother Zelig had a small lace making business. Her mother was very ill with untreated breast cancer and died when Therese was about three.

Therese was aware of God from the earliest in her tender years.

Her mother's death brought Therese paradoxically closer to God and also an experience of intense suffering which in some way or other remained her whole life. Pauline, her sister, took over the role of mother to Therese after their mother's death. Pauline's teaching laid the groundwork of Therese's approach to faith, church, vocation and of course God. She encouraged her in the Nightly Examination of conscience. On one side she put her successes in the spiritual life and on the other her failures. When successes out weighed her failures she was pleased but when the ledger tipped the other way she was inconsolable. The normal things of childhood held no appeal When she heard talk of Pauline's entry into The



Carmelites, she too decided she would be a nun. Even in her young years she knew Jesus to be her Heavenly Spouse.

Her bed was in an alcove. Behind it she fashioned a place where she spent time with God. It developed into a kind of monastic "cell". Pauline's actual entry into Carmel was yet another occasion of acute suffering and loss for Therese. She had now lost her two mothers. She attended the local Benedictine abbey for school for a while and with great seriousness she prepared for the sacraments. In her early teens she began asking to enter Carmel too. Her father, the prioress and the bishop encouraged her to wait a while till she was more mature in their eyes. Inwardly she continued to climb the spiritual ladder of perfection. Despite her closeness to her family and her inner closeness to Our Lord, I wonder whether she was a tad lonely.

She felt God calling her into Carmel more and more strongly and she decided to enter at fifteen. The response from all concerned was NO you are too young. The family went on a pilgrimage to Rome. The journey was lovely and its highlight was meeting the pope personally and asking for a Blessing from him. Therese was told on no account was she to mention Carmel and her desires to the Pope. Yet Therese being Therese she did. After being at home for a while she got the news she had been hoping for: The Pope gave her permission to enter.

At fifteen she duly entered Carmel in Lisieux. Going from the rich, heavily furnished home life she entered the stark life of Carmel where she thrived despite the sometimes petty life of the community where she was often misunderstood and thought spoiled. She took to the rigours of monastic life which nurtured her spirit. Yet the dryness of the desert stripped her of the comforts of life. Despite Pauline and Marie, another of her sisters being there with her she did not want them to treat her with any special favours. Pauline, now Mother Agnes, carefully guided her along with the Novice Mistress and Prioress. Along the way she had a conversion experience which also stripped her of the Ladder like approach, she had developed in Childhood.

Her Little Way of Spiritual Childhood opened in her a new and living way to approach God and his way of engaging her in the Spiritual quest of loving God for himself alone. She did not want the things God could give her, she wanted God himself. Mother Agnes was amazed at the growth in Therese and her Little Way fascinated her. There was something special about her sister. So she got Therese to write her story Several Documents came out of that enterprise. Her Story of a Soul became a classic not only for Carmelites but also for many living life in the world

She prayed for an inmate on Death Row and she prayed for and encouraged two Vietnamese seminarians. Living in the days before antibiotics and other wonder drugs and living in close community , at about 23 she started spitting up blood. TB was diagnosed. She slowly became more and more ill. She kept on with her duties till she was too ill Surrounded by some of the community she died when she was twenty four. Her Story and holiness spread throughout the Roman Catholic world. In 1925 she was canonised.

She touched me through a neighbour in Cairns. I had the privilege to be in Lisieux in 2012 where I visited her home and monastery. I believe she was God's instrument to engage me in the vocational quest.

Yours

Carlie SCL

## **2025 Archibald Prize** **Exhibition Visit**

By  
Stephen Yewdall



“A group from All Saints recently visited the Geelong Gallery to see the 2025 Archibald Prize Exhibition. Around 17 All Sainters enjoyed the exhibition on Friday 17 October 2025 which was very busy but still with enough room to stop and ‘take in’ the individual works, which were both varied and inspiring.

The group visit was an initiative of the Parish Council, which is looking at various opportunities for parishioners to both develop and grow the social aspects and friendships alongside the spiritual nature of All Saints Anglican Church. Some of the group met at the church for ease of parking, whilst many made their own way direct to the Gallery.



Afterwards a good number of the attendees had coffee or light lunch at Public Cafe located adjacent Geelong Library, also in Lt Malop Street Geelong. The number attending plus those who have offered their apologies indicate that the initiative of Church Warden, Naomi Miller was an excellent idea that has the opportunity to build upon the togetherness of the All-Saints Parish.

The Parish Council will look offer other functions into the near future, for parishioners to get together.”

# Erskine Gilbert Collins – 1893 - 1917

By  
Stephen Yewdall

“Many of the 137 names on the All Saints WW1 Honour Board are very special and we can look into those names and their backgrounds to give us inspiration and appreciation for what they undertook, in unique and trying situations.

This is a brief story on one of those names - Erskine Gilbert Collins

Take a minute or two to have a hard look at the brass plaque on the right-hand side of the arch at the alter rail at All Saints Anglican Church. Erskine Collins was killed in action on 1 October 1917 and included in the text on the plaque is “This arch was erected by his Father”.

Erskine’s father was William Gilbert Collins who with his brother Marcus Collins operated the Collins Brothers Woollen Mills, located on La Trobe Terrace Newtown. Marcus and Grace Collins lived at 111 Noble Street and it was that family that donated land next door to their residence in February 1920, plus 800 pounds to create a Peace Memorial, to which Newtown Council then created Moorak Park. Erskine’s parents were William and Thomasina Collins and they lived at 83 Prospect Road Newtown. Erskine would have worshipped at All Saints Newtown.

Erskine was a Geelong College student who later went on to the Gordon Technical College to study architecture. He enlisted for service in WW1 on 19 August 1915, aged 22 years. He was single and stated on his enlistment form that his occupation was a Draftsman. Because of his



architectural studies, Erskine was appointed to the Field Engineers and carried the title of Sapper (a military engineer) and served in France and Belgium in 1916-17.

As a regular correspondent, Erskine had a letter published in the Geelong Advertiser dated 15 July 1916. Amongst the many published paragraphs include the following “I was greatly pleased at the numbers of letter I received from Geelong Gordon architectural student kindly tell Mr King (Principal) that I will write him later as only a certain number of letters are allowed per week. At present, the barn we are quartered in is about the size of All Saints across the transepts.”

During what must have been a vital military action, being the battle of Passendale and Menin Road, Erskine acted as a runner and he covered some 25 miles (42km) between 20-22 September 1917. He was posthumously awarded the Military Medal for undertaking that role under heavy barrage fire and taking water to troops in the front line during one of the worst winters on record. Less than two weeks later, Erskine was again the runner when he was hit by shrapnel from a bursting shell and died of his wounds soon afterwards on 1 October 1917. He was later buried at the Menin Road Cemetery.

To commemorate Erskine’s death, his father William Gilbert Collins it appears, paid for the erection of the magnificent stone arch that today separates the sanctuary from the chancel within the alter area of All Saints Church, Newtown.

On the left-hand side of the arch is another brass plaque commemorating the death of Erskine’s father, William Gilbert Collins who passed away on 4 April 1923..

The name EG Collins (+ cross - meaning died/killed) listed on the All Saints WW1 honour board has a story behind it that is both sad and inspiring.

A Remembrance Service is to be held in Moorak Park at the City of Newtown War Memorial cairn on Sunday 9 November 2025 at 10.00am

where there will be the opportunity to acknowledge Erskine and the other 136 persons on the All Saints honour board, as well as all other people who have served this great nation in times of conflict.

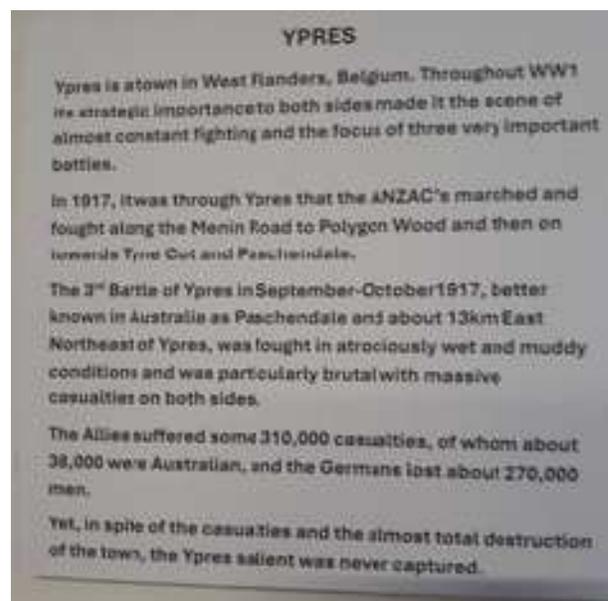
Lest we Forget.”

References:

- a) Geelong Collegians at the Great War (2007) - James Affleck
- b) Virtual Australian War Memorial
- c) Chris Ganley, Newtown

Further to the story below regarding Erskine Collins, Stephen recently visited Warrnambool RSL and they had a photo of Australian soldiers marching through the town of Ypres in Belgium.

This is the group that Erskine was with and for all we know, he may have been in the photo.



“Photo of Australians heading to the frontline, marching through Ypres, September 1917”. (Courtesy of Warrnambool RSL)



## Eh? What was that?

Those who volunteer to read our bible readings at Sunday services should be thanked and congratulated. It can be a challenging task at times, and sometimes there are a few

“slip ups”. For example, over the years I have heard the following treasures:

“a reading from the Letter to the Colosseum” (Colossians)

“a reading from the Book of the Prophet Malarkey” (Malachi)

The story of Baa-lamb and his donkey (Balaam, Numbers chapter 22)

And then there was the gentleman who had to read about Mephibosheth (II Samuel chapters 4 and 9) ... and who almost swallowed his false teeth!

(An anonymous churchgoer)



# HOPE 25

We had a good turn out for our Hope in Uncertain Times event on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October, including some people visiting us for the first time.

Here's a couple of photos.





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# PARISH GAMES



On Tuesday afternoon each week a small group meet to play Scrabble in the Library and Meeting room at the front of the Community Hall, 113 Noble Street.

Some visitors bring their own craft or play another board game if preferred. Please feel free to join in.

We meet from 2pm-4.30pm and enjoy afternoon tea around 3pm.  
For information please phone Dinah on 0418 547 753

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