



# BASSO CHURCH

*fixing our eyes on Jesus*

23 Mar 2025

## THE CONTACT

**Worship Service:** Luke 12:35-48 "Ready, Reliable, Resolute "

Ian Kirk

**Evening Service:** Genesis 44 & 45

"Joseph – Punishing brother to gracious brother"

Ian Kirk

*10am service—livestream [bassochurch.org.au/church-online/](https://bassochurch.org.au/church-online/)*

### The Highway to Heaven

Last Tuesday morning there was a major incident on Tonkin Highway; closing the highway completely down for hours for southbound traffic. It didn't take long before arterial roads and side roads became completely congested. Many arrived at work or school quite late. Not only that, people were distressed, for as we know, when you are stuck in traffic, not knowing if you will make it to your destination in time, it stresses us.

I remember a time when we were travelling from St Kilda to Melbourne CBD to see the Sound of Music at the Regent Theatre. We left at 6.00pm for a 7.30pm concert start. It was only 6.5km away. But it took one and a half hours to get there. We just made it into the theatre before the doors closed; I was so distressed from that!

But one highway that is always open and never congested, is the highway to heaven - prayer. Even if 8 billion people should all pray to God at the same time, He is able to hear us. God's Son Jesus Christ spoke about this "highway to heaven". He taught us in John 16:23 *"Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you."*

In Jesus' name we are assured that God hears us. What a blessing it is to believe in Jesus and to pray in His name. What a highway to heaven we have.

Ian Kirk for *Echo Community Paper*

### Prayer Points

- For our family and friends who do not yet know the Lord – that God would use us to lead them to Himself.
- For our Men's Breakfast this coming Saturday, and for the men to be encouraged and built up in our faith.
- For ourselves that we would be free from fear and worry, and free to serve our Lord Christ.

### Coming Events

**Sat 29 March**  
Men's Breakfast &  
Busy Bee

**Sun 13 April**  
Easter Fair



## **Prayer Points continued...**

- For our Easter Fair outreach on Sunday 13 April, that many families from our community would come; and pray for good weather for the event.
- For our aged care ministries as we sing Gospel songs and share the good news of Jesus with the elderly – many of whom are religious, but not saved.
- For Maylyn R, after the recent passing of her father.
- For our Craft group that God would draw people from our community; and for Alana as she leads the group and shares with them each week.
- For our Friday night youth groups – praise God for the growing numbers and for the quality leaders we have. Pray especially for John K and Ethan B as they lead the Junior and Teenage Youth Groups.
- Give praise for answered prayer as Shelley C has had reduced pain and renewed energy over the past week.
- For those recovering from illness/injury, including Colin B, Kerry H, Garry McG in palliative care and Rose R. Pray that God would strengthen them physically and spiritually.

**Today at Basso**, Ian and Kerry will share about the aged care ministry that Basso Church is privileged to be involved in at Richter Lodge, Riverslea Juniper, Ascot Regis, and Mertome aged care facilities.

### **Men's Breakfast | Saturday 29 March | 8am | \$15**

Make an early start to join with the men of Basso for breakfast and fellowship! Be encouraged by a speaker and if possible, stay for an hour or two to tackle some odd jobs around our church home. See Steve B for tickets.

### **Busy Bee | Saturday 29 March | 9am**

Everyone is invited to come along and help tidy up the church grounds and do odd jobs in preparation for the Easter Fair. Even if you can stay for a short time, every bit of help is appreciated. Morning tea will be provided.

### **Easter Fair Sunday 13 April | from 4pm**

Our annual Easter Fair is just three weeks away! This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome our community onto our church grounds and share the Easter message. Activities begin at 4 PM, featuring an animal farm, Scalextrics, face painting, crafts, a free sausage sizzle, and ice cream. In the evening, we'll have a special program including puppets, the choir, and a short Easter message. Please prayerfully consider how you can be involved. Please see Ngaire in the foyer after the service to register your interest.

### **Basso Church Camp | Wattle Grove | Friday 25 April—Sunday 27 April**

This year, our Church Camp will be held at a new location—Camp Wattle Grove. An information session will be held next week, after the service on Sunday 30 March to discuss details about accommodation, costings, cooking, activities and other details.

**Condolences:** Our sincere condolences to Maylyn R and her family, with the passing of her father last Wednesday. Maylyn has returned to the Philippines to be with family. We share in Maylyn's grief during this difficult time.

**Church Directory:** The new Church Directories are now available for collection in the foyer. There is a copy for everyone whose name is in the Directory. If you are not in the directory and would like a copy, please see Kerry J.

**Rosters for collection:** Our music and service rosters are ready to collect in the foyer after the service —thanks to everyone who helps out! *Fun fact:* We had ten people volunteer to join our service rosters this term – We're so thankful for our Church Family!

**Coffees:** Our espresso machine is still being serviced, so please help yourself to coffee and tea provided at the two stations.

**Just a reminder:** We would ask that people please do not leave any items for the church that they think may be of use (such as toys for creche or kitchen items), as we have limited space for storage and many toys are unsuitable for young children. If you have something that you feel might be of benefit to the church, please contact the admin first. Thank you all for your understanding.

**Thank you from the W2W Committee:** A sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated goods, helped with setup, and assisted in packing up. This mammoth Bring and Buy ensures W2W funding lasts for the next two years, supporting yearly events, the mission women we assist, and some of the ATIN workers in the Philippines. The final amount raised was \$2,343.

**Mission Murmuring:** GMP (Global Mission Partners), formerly the Australian Churches of Christ Overseas Mission Board, began in 1891 as the Churches of Christ Foreign Missions Committee. Over 134 years, life-changing partnerships with churches, individuals, and communities—both local and abroad—have transformed lives. GMP focuses on three key areas: church partnerships, relief and development, and collaboration with Australian Indigenous ministry. They believe in working alongside what God is already doing in local communities. This partnership provides resources for people on the ground to create the changes they seek. Church planting, Christian leadership, development, and sharing God's love continue to bear fruit. Vulnerable people in Asia, Africa, and the Pacific are supported in breaking the poverty cycle. In emergencies, such as the Vanuatu earthquake, locally led partners respond quickly with high-impact relief and crisis interventions. Check out their newly updated, website: [www.gmp.org.au](http://www.gmp.org.au).

**Happy Birthday** to those who are celebrating birthdays this week, including: Janet C (24th), Trish M (25th), Ethan B (26th), Dot H (27th), James H (29th).

May God bless you all on your special day!

