



The Diocese of Wangaratta  
**The Anglican Parish of Kilmore**  
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

**6th October 2013**

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Feast of St Francis / Creation Sunday**

*A warm welcome to our visitors please stay for coffee after the service*

**Hymns: 156, 607, Pewsheet, 135**



*Introit Hymn*

Blessed be God: Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom,  
now and forever.**

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book*

**SENTENCE**

All nations, clap your hands. Shout with a voice of joy to God.

**THE COLLECT**

Merciful God, you have compassion on all that you have made and your whole creation is enfolded in your love: help us to stand firm for your truth, to struggle against poverty, and to share your love with our neighbours, that with your servant Francis, we may be instruments of your peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

**Genesis 1. 24-31**

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

God spoke: "Earth, generate life! Every sort and kind: cattle and reptiles and wild animals—all kinds." And there it was: wild animals of every kind, cattle of all kinds, every sort of reptile and bug. God saw that it was good.

God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."

God created human beings; he created them godlike, reflecting God's nature. He created them male and female. God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth." Then God said, "I've given you every sort of seed-bearing plant on Earth and every kind of fruit-bearing tree, given them to you for food. To all animals and all birds, everything that moves and breathes, I give whatever grows out of the ground for food."

And there it was. God looked over everything he had made; it was so good, so very good! It was evening, it was morning— Day Six.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 104.10-25**

**Response: Bless the Lord O my soul.**

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**Geoff Nobes**

*v. 1a* Bless the Lord, O my soul.



You have set them their bounds that they should not pass,  
nor turn again to cover the earth.

You send the springs into the brooks, which run among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field,  
and the wild asses quench their thirst.

Beside them the birds of the air make their nests  
and sing among the branches. ....R

You water the hills from your dwelling on high;  
the earth is filled with the fruit of your works.

You make grass to grow for the cattle and plants to meet our needs,  
Bringing forth food from the earth and wine to gladden our hearts,  
Oil to give us a cheerful countenance  
and bread to strengthen our hearts.....R

The trees of the Lord are full of sap,  
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,  
In which the birds build their nests,  
while the fir trees are a dwelling for the stork.  
The mountains are a refuge for the wild goats  
and the stony cliffs for the conies.  
You appointed the moon to mark the seasons,  
and the sun knows the time for its setting.....R

You make darkness that it may be night,  
in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth.  
The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God.  
The sun rises and they are gone to lay themselves down in their dens.  
People go forth to their work and to their labour until the evening.....R

## SECOND READING

**Galatians 6:1-18**

*A reading from the letter to the Galatians*

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Not circumcision but the new creation See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand! Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule – to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of | heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries | of the kingdom

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 6:25-33**

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew*

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

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**For the Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*The Canticle of the Sun is a prayer / hymn attributed to St. Francis of Assisi. Theologically, it identifies the elements of creation as sisters and brothers to humanity, and calls upon the forces of nature to praise God with us, and us with them.*

Most high, all powerful, all good Lord! All praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing. And, it is to you alone, Most High, that we pray.

You are praised, O Lord by our Brother, Sun, who brings the day; and you give light through him. May light be shed on your Church, that your faithful people may bear your likeness.

**O God, hear us.**

You are praised, O Lord, through our Sister, Moon, and the stars; in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and beautiful. May the nations of the earth, whom they look down upon each night Be blessed with your peace.

**O God, hear us.**

You are praised, O Lord, through our Brothers, Wind and Air, and clouds and storms, and all the weather; May you rain down your grace upon our nation, and its leaders and people.

**O God, hear us.**

You are praised, O Lord, through our Sister, Water; quench the thirst of the poor, the downtrodden, and those who are ill, or in trouble of any kind especially those who have sought our prayer;

**Request for prayer from:**

*Heather Turnbull, Chris Schafer, David Flower, Glen Turnbull, Tom Scrivens, Darren Winfield, Norma Hedley, Justin Quigg, Kelly Quigg, Karen Goodger, Michael Farrell, David Parsons, Matthew, Nicole, Darryl Allemand, Lyn Ryan, Linda, Bruce Mitchell, Fr Michael Nelson.*

**O God, hear us.**

You are praised, O Lord, through our Brother, Fire, through whom you brighten the night; we pray you to brighten your Kingdom, where the souls of the faithful departed rest; the recently departed and those years mind at this time.

For them, as you, may there be no night.

**O God, hear us.**

You are praised, O Lord, through our sister, and Mother, Earth, who feeds us and rules us, and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs; give us the will to care for her, as you created her.

**O God, hear us.**

Be praised, my Lord, through those who forgive for love of you; through those who endure sickness and trial. Happy those who endure in peace, for by you, Most High, they will be crowned.

**O God, hear us.**

O Lord, we praise and bless you, and we give you thanks, and with all of creation, we serve you and pray to you with great humility, and with all joy at living in your presence.

We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray;

**Our Father ... [pg. 124]**

**Year's mind:** Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: 7th Brendan Target, Leslie Piva, Edna McCabe; 8th Spencer Horwood, Dallas Haves, Hugh Chomley, Alfred Pound; 9th Gregory Ryan; 11th Robert Glasnville, Rose Harriden.

**Saint's Days and Holy Days:** Saturday 12th Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, England (d. 1845).

## Hymn: Stewards of the earth [Tune TiS 521]

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| 1. We are the stewards of this wondrous earth<br>With all its teeming life of priceless worth;<br>In all creation God is thus revealed<br>In birds and beasts, in forests and each field;<br>We offer thanks for all of nature's grace;<br>For God is present in each time and place. | 3. With climate warming, ocean levels rise;<br>Extremes in weather is a loathsome prize;<br>Deforestation dries the river bed;<br>Expanding deserts change the green to red;<br>We can't stand by and let these crimes persist;<br>Stop exploitation. Yes; we must insist!  |
| 2. How dare we then abuse this sacred trust<br>Because of comfort, pleasure, greed or lust;<br>Yet endless is our thirst for energy;<br>We burn resources quite relentlessly;<br>We have been warned; but madly we proceed<br>To try to satisfy this frantic need.                    | 4. Let us resolve to change the way we live;<br>Instead of taking extra, let us give;<br>Call on our leaders; "Take up Nature's cause."<br>We need sustainability in laws;<br>God is the one who hurts when things go<br>wrong;<br>Let nature sing aloud its glorious song. |

## Reflection for Feast of St Francis

Chief Seattle

*(Speech attributed to Chief Seattle given to President Franklin, the President of USA, 1854)*

You must teach your children that the ground beneath their feet is the ashes of our grandfathers. So that they will respect the land, tell your children that the Earth is rich with the lives of our kin. Teach your children what we have taught our children, that the Earth is our mother. Whatever befalls the Earth befalls the sons and daughters of the Earth. If we spit upon the ground, we spit upon ourselves. This we know - the Earth does not belong to us - we belong to the Earth. This we know. All things are connected like the blood which unites one family. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the Earth - befalls the sons and daughters of the Earth. We did not weave the web of life - we are merely a strand in it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. Even the white man, whose God walks and talks with him as friend to friend, cannot be exempt from the common destiny. We may be brothers after all. We shall see. One thing we know, which the white man may one day discover - Our God is the same God. You may think now that you own Him as you wish to own our land, but you cannot. He is the God of man, and His compassion is equal for red man and the white. The Earth is precious to Him, and to harm the Earth is to heap contempt on its creator. The whites too shall pass, perhaps sooner than all other tribes. But in your perishing you will shine brightly, fired by the strength of the God who brought you to this land and for some special purpose gave you dominion over this land and over the red man. That destiny is a mystery to us, for we do not understand when the buffalo are slaughtered, the wild horses tamed, the secret corners of the forest heavy with scent of many men, and the view of the ripe hills blotted by talking wires. Where is the thicket? Gone. Where is the Eagle? Gone. The end of living and the beginning of survival.

# Notices

**Spring Working Bee at Christ Church** - Many thanks for all who helped yesterday in preparing the grounds and Church for the Fete.

**WANTED** - Singers And/Or Musicians to form the Christ Church Music Group. Looking to support the "Nine Lessons and Carols" in December - need to start practicing early. Please see Caroline Burge.

**Direct Debit Offerings** - Parish Account details: CBA Account Name 'Kilmore Anglican Parish'. BSB 063-698. Account Number 1018 4649.

**Afternoon with King Kong** - plan to organise a bus to see this new musical on Saturday 9th or 23rd November, please let Fr Kim or wardens know if interested.

## Parish Fête ~ Saturday 19th October

**Raffle Tickets** - Please sell to family and friends. Return all books and money to Len Whitehouse by Friday 18th October. Spaces still need filling for selling tickets at Kilmore Newsagency on Fridays 11th and 18th October and Broadford Newsagency 5th October. Kilmore please contact Sharner Mitchell, and for Broadford or Tallarook contact Lucy Staring.

**Spinning Wheel** - two more people needed for the Spinning Wheel (one person to Co-Ordinate); please let Caroline know if you can help Also still needed; donations of any suitable item for prizes - brand new goods gratefully received!

**Auction** - Stuff needed contact Bob Humm 5782 1831

**Bottle Stall** - There will be an 'adult' bottle stall. Donations of all kind of bottle: sauces, salad dressings, shampoo, softdrinks; other bottles containing sweets, condiments, coffee beans, teas etc. welcome. Contact Lucy Staring 5793 8466

**Cake Stall** - **we can never have too many cakes!!** - To all our fabulous talented bakers out there - please help support this stall - contact Beryl Kirby 5784 1292

**Duck Eggs** - available for baking for the Fete, please see Caroline. There are three dozen very large eggs freshly laid this week. "First come first served"!!

**Morning Teas** - Donations of sandwiches and slices requested.

**Produce Stall** - donations of fresh vegetables & fruits, Jams, Chutney, Pickles and other produce can be picked up, contact Helen Begley 5782 1625.

**Plant stall** - still time to pot up some plants for the Plant Stall contact Sharner Mitchell 5782 2583

**Book Stall** - all sorts of books needed - contact Robyn Whitehouse 5781 1185

**Parking Attendants:** Another Parking Attendant required contact committee.

**P.A** - Is there someone available to act as announcer to keep information flowing?

**Coffee Plungers** - needed on the Fete day, please make sure your name is on it, and let one of the committee know prior to the Fete.

**Small outdoor garden settings** (tables and chairs) - needed for the Fete, please inform one of the committee. Need to be on site by 7.30am Saturday 19th October, if you need these picked up, please contact Len Whitehouse 5781 1185.

**Fete Advertising Flyers** - These need to be delivered. Please select an area in Kilmore close to home and make a commitment to deliver the week before the Fete.

**Setting up on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** - Portable awnings to be erected - we need helpers. Eric Javor is coordinating this effort; please let him or one of the Committee know if you can help.

*Please contact Caroline, Nerrida, Lucy, Beris, Sharner, Bob, Helen B, if you can help with any of the above.*

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## Parish life this week

Second week of October

Wednesday 9th 4.40pm Diocesan Missions Committee Meeting, Benalla

Thursday 10th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews

10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade

12.30pm Anglicare Board Meeting, Wangaratta

3.00pm Eucharist Caladenia

4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 11th 6.30pm Parish BBQ @ Turnbull's 25 Hamilton St Riddell's Ck

10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

### Next Sunday: 13th October:

### Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7; Ps 66.1-11; 2 Timothy 2. 1-15; Luke 17. 11-19

Christ Church	9am	Sung Eucharist
St Matthews	10am	Morning Prayer
St Stephens	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	3pm	No service this day

### Parish Clergy:

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