



The Diocese of Wangaratta
The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
27th October 2013

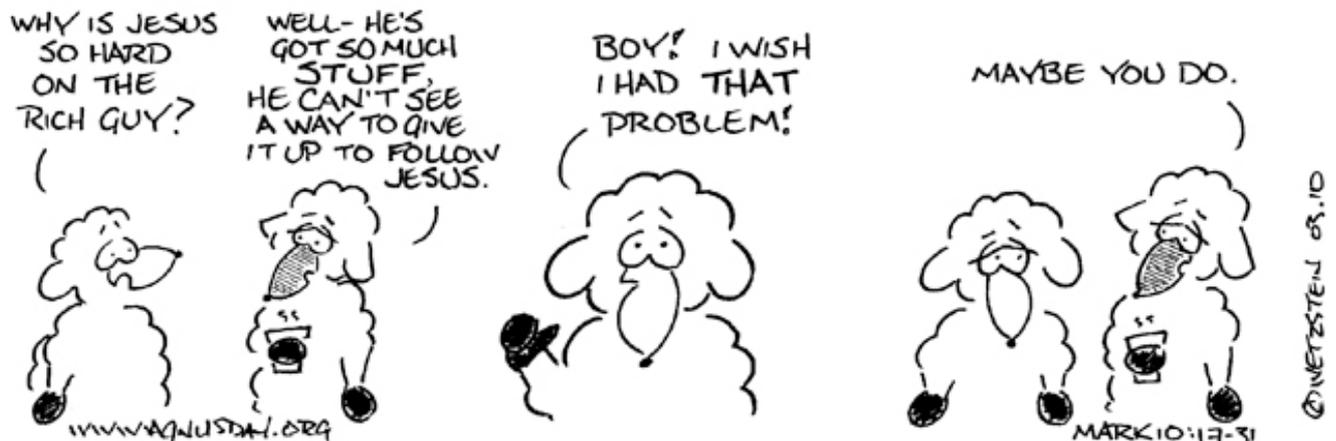
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

Hymns: 567, 679, 181, 547

A Prayer for those Affected by Bushfire

All things look to you, O Lord, to give them their food in due season: look in mercy on your people, and hear our prayer for those whose lives and possessions are threatened or have been destroyed by fire. In your mercy restore your creation and heal our land. So guide and bless your people, that we may enjoy the fruits of the earth and give you thanks with grateful hearts, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



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

Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it. *Luke 18.17*

THE COLLECT

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Joel 2. 23-32

A reading from the prophet Joel

Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. The threshing-floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. 'I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten – the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm – my great army that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed. 'And afterwards, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 65

Response

Colin Mawby

cf. v. 3a Hap - py are they whom you choose to dwell in your courts.



Response: Happy are they whom you choose to dwell in your courts

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away. /R

Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there.
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,
even of your holy temple. /R

With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
In your strength you set fast the mountains
and are girded about with might. /R

You still the raging of the seas, the roaring of their waves
and the clamour of the peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels;
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise. /R

You visit the earth and water it; you make it very plenteous.
The river of God is full of water;
you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth. /R

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.
You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty. /R

May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness
and the hills be girded with joy.
May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep
and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing. /R

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4. 6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter to Timothy

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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All who exalt themselves | will be humbled,
but all who humble themselves will | be exalted.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 18. 15-30

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' A certain ruler asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honour your father and mother.'" He replied, 'I have kept all these since my youth.' When Jesus heard this, he said to him, 'There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. Jesus looked at him and said, 'How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' Those who heard it said, 'Then who can be saved?' He replied, 'What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.' Then Peter said, 'Look, we have left our homes and followed you.' And he said to them, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

God of faithful surprises, throughout the ages you have made known your love and power in unexpected ways and places. May we daily perceive the joy and wonder of your abiding presence, be prepared to surrender all and offer our lives in gratitude for our redemption, and to follow you:

Holy God, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the world of abundance and beauty; keep us always mindful of the impact of our living on this fragile planet entrusted to our care, and teach us responsible use of its resources:

Holy God, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We thank you that you have called us into the fellowship of your church and entrust to us your gospel of hope and good news; we pray for John our Bishop; for our parish, and for Eliza May giving thanks that you have called her and made her one with Christ in baptism today, and for her parents Luke and Nicole, and godparents Leon and Sarah - bless them and sustain in your love:

Holy God, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our country, especially for all suffering grief and hardship as a result of the bushfires in NSW, giving thanks for volunteers and firefighters for their courage and work, and we mourn the loss of those who have died.

Holy God, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayer for all who are suffering in distress or troubled by situation or circumstance; for the sick and those in pain; we pray comfort for the grieving and hope for the despairing, relief for those in pain; for clarity for the disturbed and peace for the anxious; pray for the dying and those who tend them; for those known to us and those who have requested 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, Matthen, Nicole, Alex Impols, May McCormack, Dawn McCormack, Carol Boase, Lyn Ryan, Linda, Bruce Mitchell, Fr Michael Nelson.*

Holy God, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that you offer us the path to everlasting life in your Son Jesus Christ; we pray for the recently departed, and for those whose years mind occurs this week:

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord; **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

O Wellspring of salvation, we come to you in joy, for you have heard the prayers of the poor and raised up the lowly. Pour out your Spirit on us, on young and old alike, that our dreams and visions may bring justice and peace to the world, and hear us as we pray for ourselves we pray in the name of your son 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: 27th Nellie Holcomb; 28th Frederick Wickham; 1st Nov Irene Winnell, Agnes Tyler; 2nd Mavis Cotton.

Saint's Days and Holy Days: 28th Simon & Jude, apostles & martyrs; 31st Martin Luther (d. 1546 & Continental Reformers; 1st Nov All Saints; 2nd All Souls.

Reflections on the Readings

In the reading from Joel, God promises to pour out God's Spirit on all of God's sons and daughters, but even then there is always the pragmatic acknowledgement of judgement. The Psalmist praises the God who answers prayer, who forgives sin, who formed the earth and who sends rain to bring an abundant harvest. In the letter to Timothy the writer reflects on his faithfulness as he nears the end of his life and looks forward to the reward he will receive, assured that God, who rescued him in the past, even when others deserted him, will bring him safely into God's kingdom. The story told in Luke's Gospel, also appears in Mark, focuses on what is demanded of those who would follow Jesus. Many people read this and are disturbed to think that Jesus is teaching that we have to sell everything we have and give it all to the poor to be saved. In the case of this man, I think Jesus was getting to the heart of the problem. The young ruler had kept all of the commandments that dealt with his treatment of other people, but was violating the first commandment, "You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3) His god was his money, position and influence. Our relationship with God must come first. Mark says that the young man's face fell, and he went away sad. He could not give up what was most precious to him to follow Jesus. Now Jesus didn't say that it was impossible for the rich to enter the kingdom of God, but he said it was hard, because of the seductive power of riches. The camel reference is a joke because it's not impossible for the rich to enter the kingdom. The point is, is there anything more important to us than God? Is there anything we will not give up in order to follow him? The disciples had done exactly what Jesus had told the rich young ruler to do. They had left everything to follow Jesus. Most of them were not rich, though Matthew was, as a tax collector. But the amount we give up for Jesus, or what we give up in order to follow him is not the issue. Our willingness to give up whatever it takes to be his disciple is what matters.

STOP PRESS - NSW Bush Fires

"I call on each parish, agency and each member of the Diocese to hold in prayer all those whose lives and properties are at risk, all those who put their own safety in jeopardy to fight fires and provide necessary services in the face of this disaster, and all who continue to proclaim the faithfulness of God and his grace and mercy in the face of this calamity.

I encourage every church community meeting this week to hold a retiring collection to provide for relief from suffering."

Rt Revd John Parkes, Bishop of Wangaratta

Notices

Baptism TODAY of Luke and Nicole's baby, Eliza May Kolbe, 2pm Christ Church. Congregation welcome to attend and welcome Eliza.

Church 4 Kids - TODAY 5pm Christ Church.

Rosters at Christ Church - Rosters are now available at Christ Church. Please take your copy and help deliver to those not here today.

Gavan Hall Dinner Fri Nov 8th Special Guest \$30 book with John Paterson 5784 3284 - Be quick tickets sell out fast!

25 Years in Kilmore! On Sunday 3rd November it will be 25 years since the Burge family arrived in the parish. To help celebrate this occasion, there will be a BBQ at Caroline's house (20 Chrystobel Way) at 12.30pm. All parishioners are warmly invited. RSVP for catering purposes to Caroline by Friday 1st November.

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

Glen Turnbull turns 50! Catherine Turnbull has extended an invitation to Parishioners to help celebrate Glen's 50th birthday at Hanging Rock on Sunday 3rd November 12-4pm. All welcome.

St George's Presbyterian Church Broadford extends an invitation to their Teaching Convention - 9-10 November \$5 see flier in churches.

Singers & musicians for Christmas needed - please contact Caroline. Rehearsals to star soon.

Confirmation 2013 - 8th December - Classes to commence soon; please contact Fr Kim for details and application.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS

Next Sunday 3rd November

This year the celebration of All Saints will be combined with All Souls Day in each centre. This is a time of remembrance and thanksgiving for those who have died and an opportunity for the names of those who have died to be acknowledged.

Please fill out the forms in the Narthex or on the day take a card and write the name and leave it in the basket.

These names will be read during the service.

Parish life this week

Fifth week of October

Tuesday 29th 5.00pm Bishop in Council
Thursday 31st 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews
 2.00pm Eucharist Willowmeade
 4.00pm Eucharist Dianella
Friday 1st 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House
Saturday 2nd 10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday: 3rd November: Feast of All Saints/All Souls		
Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18; Ps 149; Ephesians 1.11-23; Luke 6. 20-31		
Christ Church	9am	Sung Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephens	11am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration	4pm	Holy Eucharist

Parish Diary

- 1st Wed of the month:** Building and Maintenance Committee Meeting
7.30pm Christ Church (unless otherwise notified)
- 3rd Tues of the month:** St Matthew's Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm for
fellowship & afternoon tea; contact Edie Simpson ph.
5784 1246 for details.
- 3rd Wed of the month:** Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm venue TBA
- 4th Thurs of month:** Christ Church Friendship Group 7.30pm contact Beris
Hannam ph. 5723 9737 for program details
- 3rd Friday of month:** Parish BBQ - 6.30pm. See Notices for details
- 4th Sunday of month:** Church 4 Kids 5-6.30pm @ Christ Church

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