



The Diocese of Wangaratta
The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
17th November 2013
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Hymns: 105, 663, (or 123), 454, 571



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.

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SENTENCE

May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. *2 Thess 3.16*

THE COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 65. 17-25

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

‘See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. ‘Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. They will not labour in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent’s food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,’ says the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

FOR THE PSALM (said in unison)

SONG OF ISAIAH

‘Surely God is my salvation:
I will trust and will not be afraid,
‘For the Lord God is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.’

With joy you will draw water:
from the wells of salvation.
On that day you will say:
‘Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the nations:
proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the Lord,
who has triumphed gloriously:
let this be known in all the world.
‘Shout aloud and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.’

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13

A reading from the second letter to the Thessalonians

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: ‘The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.’ We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Stand up and | raise your heads,
because your redemption is | drawing near.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 23. 33-43

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.’ They asked him, ‘Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?’ And he said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them. ‘When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’ Then

he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Holy God we pray for the coming of your kingdom.

You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, freedom to captives and salvation to your people: anoint us with your Spirit; rouse us to work in his name:

Father, by your Spirit; **bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to tell the world the good news of your healing love; bless our Bishop and our clergy:

Father, by your Spirit; **bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to proclaim that the time is here for you to save your people.

Father, by your Spirit: **bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to those who mourn, to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.

Father, by your Spirit; **bring in your kingdom.**

Send this our prayer for all affected by the Haiyan Cyclone in the Philippines

God of righteousness - spread your wings over the earth, enfold the suffering in clouds of mercy. Reach into the tragedies of this earth, especially the chaos and despair in the Philippines; empower the hands that are yours, bringing relief.

Precious is your love, O God,

may we with them take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Merciful God, be with us all this day; the sick and the dying, the worn, and fearful, the hungry and the thirsty, and all who suffer deprivation in the aftermath of storm and tempest. Call them by name, the name you give, love. Raise in us hearts of compassion to share in your tears of mercy; to become a fountain of mercy pouring forth your light; you who lift your people up, naming, calling, holding, caring.

Precious is your love, O God;
may we with them take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Gracious and Holy One, we give thanks for all the blessings of this life that we receive; miracles of grace, of being found, of sweet air and clean water, of good food, joyful song and prayer; tenderly hold us and them, gently lift the cup, the wine of your delight.

Precious is your love, O God:
may we with them take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

God all love and compassion, as we pray to support the people of the Philippines we also pray for those closer to home; for those wounded and assailed by sexual abuse and those who perpetrate abuse; for those who lives touch ours; for the Monaghan family, 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, Matthew, Nicole, Alex Impols, May McCormack, Dawn McCormack, Carol Boase, Lyn Ryan, Linda, Bruce Mitchell, Fr Michael Nelson, Mandy.*

Precious is your love, O God:
may we with them take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

O God of the living we pray for all who have died, for those who died in fear and anguish, for those who died too young and too early, and for all who mourn their passing, for the recently departed in our own community, for Geoffrey William Monaghan, and those whose years mind occurs this week:

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

You urge us O Lord, to be your heart, your love abundant; to be like a mountain of love reaching to the heavens, a gift of the Holy Spirit given, that we may be a place of refuge in the dust, hope and light in the darkness; and hear us as we pray for ourselves Hear our prayers for your Son's sake 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: 17th Eugenie Tomlinson, Johan Sleep; 19th James Patton, Aaron Ray, Sammy Marshall; 20th Elsie Bardella; 21st Salvatore Xuereb; 22nd Reg Walter, Frank Wood Stevenson.

Saint's Days and Holy Days: 19th Elizabeth of Hungary, princess & philanthropist (d.1231); 23rd Clement of Rome, bishop & martyr (d.c. 100)

Reflections on the Readings

In the reading from Isaiah the vision of a new creation and a time of prosperity and peace sprang from Israel's hope for a return from exile in Babylon in 539 BC. Nowhere is this vision more beautifully expressed than in these words associated with an unknown prophet whose poetic messages form the latter part of the Book of Isaiah (chapters 40-66). This vision still remains the hope of the whole human race as well the primary motivation of the modern state of Israel and its desire that Jerusalem be its capital city. Song of Isaiah. Not all psalms in the Bible are in the Book of Psalms. Here are two very brief hymns of thanksgiving from Isaiah 12. Verses 1-2 praise God for deliverance from some personal danger. Verses 3-6 give thanks when God's mighty deeds are remembered amid the ordinary tasks of life such as drawing water from a well. With the 2 Thessalonians reading Paul counsels the faithful to avoid debilitating idleness as they wait for the coming of the Lord. In so doing they would imitate his practice of working for a living while carrying on his ministry. It was a poignant message to the many servants and slaves who had found hope for a better life in the gospel Paul preached. In the Letter to Philemon Paul suggests that it was not uncommon for slave owners to free their slaves, but what then could they do? The Gospel passage is part of an edited version taken from Mark 13 known as "The Little Apocalypse". Luke has Jesus predict the persecutions which his disciples would encounter, even to betrayal by members of their own families. This may well have been happening in Luke's audience. By its very nature, eschatology is hyperbolic. Eschatology is part of theology concerned with death, judgement, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind. It can never be literally interpreted. Its purpose was to warn of judgment to come and to encourage the faithful that, come what may, God is still in control of historical events. Instead of predicting what would inevitably happen in coming troubles and persecutions, Jesus was warning that things would get worse before they got better. The core of Christian eschatology is that God, as revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, is sovereign in love over all historical events. This does not mean that God intervenes in the outcome of specific historical processes such as the way a particular battle or war will be won or lost. God is not a mechanic customising history like an antique car fancier with expert skill. Nor is God an artist painting a canvas and changing the appearance of her work by a simple sweep of a brush. At the same time, we do put our trust in divine providence. Human history is still unfinished business, but it also is the place where God is at work. The full consummation of God's purpose is yet to come. Eschatology attempts to describe what this consummation will be like as the writer imagines it. To reiterate, no eschatological passage in the New Testament can be read literally. To do so is to destroy the kaleidoscope of changing patterns and images so vividly described in words heavily dependent on Jewish antecedents. What is literally true is that God reigns. We live in God's world, the God who came in Jesus and is coming to complete God's historical purpose of reconciling all creation to God's eternal love.

Adapted from John Fairless (2013) <http://lectionarylab.com> & John Sherman (2013) www.seemslikegod.org

Notices

Retiring Collection for Philippines Disaster

Please support the ABM Philippines Emergency Appeal - a retiring collection for the next few Sundays to be sent through the Diocese or you can donate to the Philippines Emergency Appeal through ABM on 1300 302 663, email info@abm.asn.au or at www.abmission.org/philippines-emergency.

Parish Council Meets this Wednesday 7.30pm @ Gavan Hall.

Christ Church Friendship Group next meeting Thursday 21st November 6.30pm at the Kilmore Golf Club. This is the final dinner and meeting of the year. Please RSVP Beris Hannan 5723 9737 your attendance.

Feast of Christ the King: This year the Feast of Title at Christ Church falls next Sunday 24th November. Because of the Parish Confirmation just two weeks later on December 8th (see later notice), we will **not** be having the one service in the Parish for Christ the King. Instead, this year we will celebrate with a bring and share morning tea to follow the usual 9.00am Eucharist. There will be the usual services in Broadford and Tallarook at 11.00am on that day.

Parish Confirmation: Bishop John Parkes will be coming to Kilmore on Sunday December 8th for our Parish Confirmation. This will be held at Christ Church at 9.00am followed by a bring and share "Brunch". Please note that there will only be one service in the Parish on this day. Please can parishioners bring a plate of sandwiches, savouries, cakes, cheese platters, soup or finger foods etc to share, plus a bottle of wine, soft drink or juice. For more information, please contact Caroline.

Singing Group for Christmas: To date there has only been two volunteers to form a singing group for the Parish Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December. Come on - don't be shy - we need your help!

Retiring Collection for Bishop's NSW Bushfire Appeal - please give generously - funds will be sent to Diocese of Sydney to help those in need.

Parish BBQ - 6.30pm this Friday @ Len & Robyn Whitehouse 4 Kurkurac Court, Kilmore. BYO refreshment, meat, salad and dessert to share.

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

Parish life this week

Third week of November

Tuesday 19th	1.30pm St Matthew's Friendship Group - Gavan Hall
	5.00pm Bishop-in-Council, Wangaratta
Wednesday 20th	7.30pm Parish Council @ Gavan Hall
Thursday 21st	10.00am Eucharist St Matthews
	10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade
	2.30pm Eucharist Caledinea
	4.00pm Eucharist Dianella
Friday 22nd	10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House
Saturday 24th	10.00am – 12noon Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday: 24th November:

Christ the King / The Reign of Christ / Feast of Title for Christ Church

Jeremiah 23.1-6; Song of Zechariah; Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23. 33-43

Christ Church	9am	Sung Eucharist with Morning Tea
St Matthews	11am	Morning Prayer
St Stephens	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	No Service this Day
Christ Church	5.30pm	Church 4 Kids

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
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

Parish Clergy:

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