



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

24th November 2013
Christ the King / The Reign of Christ

A warm welcome to our visitors please stay for coffee after the service
Hymns: 474, 216, 207, 626



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

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. *Zechariah 9.9*

THE COLLECT

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father of lights, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: keep us in the light of Christ, to shine in your world, that all may believe in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING

May God, who gives patience and encouragement, give you a spirit of unity to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ, so that with one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing ...

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23.1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!' declares the Lord. Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: 'Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,' declares the Lord. 'I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,' declares the Lord. 'The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Saviour.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Response: He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour

John McCann

Response

v. 69 He has raised up for us a migh - ty Sa - viour.



Bless the Lord, the God of Israel, who has come to set us free.
He has raised for us a Saviour sprung from royal David's tree.
Through his prophets God had spoken of the hope the Christ would bring;
of his faithfulness and mercy let each generation sing./R

Long ago God made a promise he would set his people free,
that in all our life and worship we might know true liberty,
to be holy, to be righteous in his sight throughout our days;
now this child will be a herald making ready all God's ways./R

Let all people know salvation through forgiveness of their sin,
as our God in his compassion bids a shining dawn begin.
So may all who dwell in darkness see the shadows disappear
while he guides our feet in pathways
where his peace is ever near./R

SECOND READING

Colossians 1. 11-20

A reading from the letter to the Colossians

Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Blessed is the king who comes in the name | of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the | highest heaven.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 23. 33 - 43

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord Jesus Christ, we worship you today as Lord of lords and King of kings. We acknowledge you as sovereign over life, the Lord of creation, through whom we love and move and have our being. We bring you our praise, we offer our homage, we dedicate our lives to your service and your Reign.

Blessing and honour and glory and might are yours, O Lord; **this day and for evermore.**

[Prayers for Christ Church Feast of Title.

Loving Lord of all we give you thanks for for our church here, remembering all that we have shared together and looking forward to everything the future holds. Hear our prayer for your people in this place. Grant you blessing upon their life and witness, and upon all you have called to serve.

Blessing and honour, glory and might are yours, O Lord; **this day and for evermore.**

Build up this your church, sustain us with the power of the Holy Spirit, and grant us the fruits of ministry in the life and faith of this congregation of Christ Church, and so bring us closer to your kingdom.

Blessing and honour, glory and might are yours, O Lord; **this day and for evermore.**

Living God we thank you for the fellowship to which we belong and share at Christ Church. We praise you for all we experience here, the worship offered and the activities we are involved in, for the work and faithfulness of those who have given us this heritage, and for all who serve you here today. Take everything we are, everything we have been. and help us to recognise everything you would have us be, as we shape the future together.

Blessing and honour, glory and might are yours, O Lord; **this day and for evermore.]**

Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise that in your Son your love is seen to dwell; we pray for those on the fringes, the forgotten, the lost and those still seeking your Kingdom; we pray for the homeless, those without meaningful work; for those with whom we share our lives, embrace us with your love. We continue our prayer for the people of the Philippines recovering from disaster.

Blessing and honour, glory and might are yours, O Lord; **this day and for evermore.**

We give you thanks and praise that in you, O Christ, we see the compassionate heart of God; we pray for all in need; the lonely and the friendless, those in grief or despair; those in sickness and pain, and all who will die this day and those who wait with them. We pray grace and peace for those on our hearts and minds 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.*

Blessing and honour, glory and might are yours, O Lord; **this day and for evermore.**

We give you thanks that you have broken the bonds of death and given us a the Kingdom of eternal life. We pray for the recently departed and those whom we remember this week.

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Jesus our beloved Lord, you the first-born of all creation, you are righteous and merciful and heed our prayers, 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]

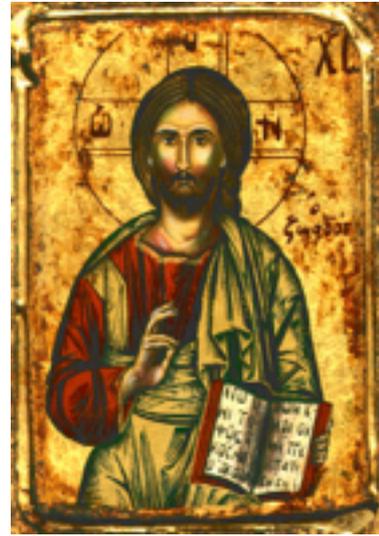
Year's mind: Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: 26th Horrie Tanner; 27th Sylvia Bannon; 28th Thelma Wajs bury; 29th Edward Ryan; 30th Stan Pawlicki.

Reflections on the Readings

The final Sunday of the liturgical year is traditionally recognised as the feast of the Reign of Christ. The lessons appointed for the day all reflect this theme. But the notion of the Reign of Christ can present the contemporary interpreter with significant challenges. The whole imagery of “king,” “kingship,” and “reign” is tied to hierarchical, patriarchal, and political domination systems which are highly problematic for us today, and which grieve us as we see them acted out in various ways around the world. It is now widely recognised that “Christendom” has come to an end, and that it is both ethically and spiritually dangerous to tie any political or governmental system too closely to the name or ideals of Christ. To connect the notion of an imperial “reign,” as we construe that today, with the mission of God in Jesus, centred above all in peace and justice, is extremely difficult, and renders dubious the whole complex image “reign of Christ.” Because of this, we must emphasise strongly and often that the “reign of Christ” is an eschatological symbol: it is not meant to function in reference to any actual governmental system – past, present, or future – but instead points to an ideal condition in which the aims of God for justice, peace, and love, as exemplified in Jesus and his right-relationships for mutual well-being, are reenacted and embodied in actual political occasions, without diminution and without cross-purposes. The symbol of the “reign of Christ” therefore stands over against all actual governments as the critical measure for how well or how poorly they create the conditions for real mutuality and shared good in social life. The readings appointed for the Feast of the Reign of Christ this year draw our attention to a different notion of “reign,” one which rejects the ideology of empire in favour of a vision of persuasive power and interrelated good.

Adapted from Paul Nancarrow (2013) <http://processandfaith.org/>

*Happy Patronal
Festival
to
Christ Church*



Notices

Church4 Kids this evening 5.30 Christ Church followed by BBQ.

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

Retiring Collection fro ABMs Philippine Emergency Appeal- the 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 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". **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.

Festivals of Carols 6.30pm Sunday 22nd December at Christ Church. Singing group will be contacted for rehearsals.

Parish BBQs - the BBQs are suspended until February. They may of course be spontaneous and serendipitous occasions over the summer but no regular scheduled BBQs.

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

Saint's Days and Holy Days: 25th James Nobel - Aboriginal deacon (d.1941); 30th Andrew, Apostle and Martyr.

Parish life this week

Fourth week of November

Wednesday 27th	7.30am	Wardens' Budget Supper @ Gavan Hall
Thursday 28th	10.00am	Eucharist St Matthews
	10.00am	Eucharist Willowmeade
	4.00pm	Eucharist Dianella
Friday 29th	10.00am – 4.00pm	Op Shop Church House
Saturday 30th	10.00am – 12noon	Op Shop Church House
	12.00pm	Ordination Wangaratta

Next Sunday: 1st December: First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2.1-5; Ps 12; Romans 13.9-14; Matthew 24.36-44

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
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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