



The Diocese of Wangaratta
The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
2nd March 2014
Last Sunday after Epiphany
Transfiguration

Hymns: 143, 193, 234, 212



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

He who dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn;
the Lord shall have them in derision.
Then shall he speak to them in his wrath and terrify them in his fury:
'Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.'/R

I will proclaim the decree of the Lord;
he said to me: 'You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.
'Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
'You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'/R

Now therefore be wise, O kings;
be prudent, you judges of the earth.
Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling kiss his feet,
lest he be angry and you perish from the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Happy are all they who take refuge in him./R

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1.16-21

A reading from second letter of Peter

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eye-witnesses of his majesty. He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
This is my | Son, my Chosen,
lis- | ten to him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

O Lord God of hosts, be with us as we go up the mountain, up to the place where the land meets the sky, where the earth touches the heavens, to the place of meeting, to the place of mists, to the place of voices and conversations, to the place to listen for your voice; we join with Peter, James and John in opening our eyes to see Jesus your beloved son; the months of his ministry transfigured to a beam of light, the light of the world, your light; we open our eyes and we see Moses and Elijah, your word restoring us, showing us the way, telling a story, your story, his story, our story; we open our eyes and we see mist, the cloud of your presence assuring us of all we do not know, and that we do not need to fear the not knowing, but to rest and trust in your presence; we open our eyes and we see Jesus, not casting us off, but leading us down, leading us out - to ministry, to people, to abundant life; we open our ears and we hear your voice, 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him!' And we give you thanks for all we have seen and heard.

God, who transfigures and radiates glory; **hear our prayer.**

Beloved Son of God, hear our prayer for peace in the world; forgive the atrocities to the students in Nigeria, the destruction wrought on the people of Syria, the deaths of protestors in Kiev and Bangkok, the threats against the gay people of Uganda; hear our cry for peace and justice in your world and turn the hearts of despots and tyrants.

God, who transfigures and radiates glory; **hear our prayer.**

Lord God of hosts we pray for your Church; may the ministry of all called in your name be prophetic, reveal your glory and proclaim your gospel in the world; we pray for our Bishop John, and our parish that our relationships and lives reflect your transfiguring love.

God, who transfigures and radiates glory; **hear our prayer.**

Lord God of hosts, hear our prayer for our country and community; for strength for all those responding to drought and fire, for the people of Morwell and our local community; for those with threats to their employment; for healing for all hurt by sexual and physical assault; for refugees and asylum seekers and those held in detention; we give thanks for all artists, musicians, actors and dancers who through their creativity bring joy and pleasure.

God, who transfigures and radiates glory; **hear our prayer.**

Lord God of hosts, we pray for all in need; for the unemployed and the homeless, the lost and the lonely, those afflicted by sickness of mind or body; for those living with pain and for the dying; for all who offer care and support for those in need; for those known to us and those who have requested prayer;

Request for prayer from: *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Lyn Ryan, Alex Impols, May McCormack, Dawn McCormack, Carol Boase, Cathy Moseley, Fr Michael Nelson, Seth Gunter, Cliff & Gwenda Stomann, Tom & Sandra Davidson & Bianca Davidson, Adrian Walsh, Dianne Mitsakis, Peter Cannon, Bruce Mitchell, Mark Bennetts, Suresh Jain.*

God, who transfigures and radiates glory; **hear our prayer.**

Lord God of hosts, we give thanks and pray for all who have died in your love; for prophets and holy people of every age, for Moses and Elijah, Peter, James and John, and for all who have beheld your glory; for the recently departed for Dell Cornish-Grindrod, and all those whose year's mind occurs this week.

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

God, who transfigures and radiates glory; **hear our prayer.**

Lord God of hosts, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world; hear as we pray for ourselves.....; transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ and empower us to act as a transfigured people; 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: 3rd Ernest Bidstrup; 4th Mavis Eades, Pearl Foster; 6th Alfred Parry, Eleanor Homewood, Somphouphone Souvanhnalath; 7th Eddie Napper.

Saint's Days and Holy Days: 5th ASH WEDNESDAY; 7th Perpetua and her companions, martyrs at Carthage (d. 203); 8th John of God, worker among the sick and poor, Spain (d.1550)

Reflections on the Lenten Disciplines

Today is the last Sunday after the Epiphany (the time when the Gospel message of hope and healing is extended beyond the Jews to the Gentiles) and in the Anglican tradition it is the day the Transfiguration of the Lord is celebrated. As the seasons change and autumn comes, so the mood also changes as we move into Lent - the time of preparation for the great celebration of Easter. Lent provides opportunity for the Church to travel with Jesus and his disciples towards Jerusalem and the events that will unfold leading to his arrest and execution. Lent also is a time of self-reflection, examination and renewal. The Church's liturgy provides the vehicle for engagement, but the process of reflection and renewal is not limited to just Sundays. We are encouraged to enter the Lenten Discipline with daily prayer, reading of scripture and meditation. There are exercises and programs that can assist in undertaking the Lenten Disciplines - please ask for assistance. The Lenten Studies are occasions for engaging in the process of examining how we live our lives and how integral is our relationship with Jesus in our daily living.

So we end the season of Epiphany on Shrove Tuesday when we symbolically clear out the excesses of our lives for the period of Lent. Traditionally on this day the fats and butters of the feasts of Epiphany are used up in the making of pancakes in preparation for the Lenten Fast when food is limited, plain and not a distraction. It also coincided with the time when food was scarce in the northern winters. Lent commences with Ash Wednesday with the Liturgy of the Ashes. Ash Wednesday offers us a doorway into developing the discipline of confession and repentance, which not only builds our spiritual connection with God, but which also strengthens our relationships, gives us a clearer and more humble perspective on ourselves, leading us to live well in the world, bringing life, rather than bringing pain. The ashes remind us of our mortality and that we live by the grace of God, that each day lived is a blessing and as such we give thanks and praise to God.

Notices

Shrove Tuesday Liturgy 6.30pm this coming Tuesday followed by pancakes at Christ Church - please bring your palms from last year for burning.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy 7.15am Christ Church and 7pm St Matthew's Broadford. Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes.

Next Sunday is the Parish AGM after the 10 Eucharist at St Matthews Broadford. There will be one service in the parish and a BBQ lunch following

the meeting. Parishioners are requested to bring salads, sweets and drinks to share. Meats provided.

Harvest Festival next Sunday at St Matthew's as part of the Parish Eucharist and Parish AGM - please bring items such as fresh vegetables, fruit, jams, preserves, for the thanksgiving.

Email Addresses - we would like to utilise email to facilitate communications in addition to the website and facebook. If you have an email address and will to let us have it please send an email to **carolineburge@carolineburge.com** or **rector@anglicankilmore.org.au**. This won't be for official publication in the Parish Directory (unless you want it to), but will be used by Fr Kim, the Parish Secretary and the Parish Publicity Officer.

Lenten Study - Fr Kim will be offering a Lenten Study commencing Tuesday 11th March. The study will consist of three sessions over the six weeks of Lent using film as the medium. If there are enough participants there will be a daytime group at Gavan Hall and an evening group at Kilmore. Please indicate to Fr Kim if you would like to attend either of the groups. The dates for each session will be arranged at the first meeting.

March Parish Council Meeting - Due to the Parish involvement in the 'Boat Walk' to Canberra on March 19th (see separate notice), the March Parish Council Meeting will be postponed to Wednesday March 26th.

Boat Walk to Canberra - Revd Tri Nguyen originally from Vietnam and now Pastor of Brunswick Baptist Church is planning a pilgrimage from Brunswick to Canberra, to deliver a gift of a boat to Parliament. It is a large model of the boat in which he fled Vietnam with his father and sister in 1982. The boat has been put on wheels and will be pulled behind the team of walkers and runners as they make their way on foot to Canberra. The team will be in Kilmore 19 March and Broadford 20th March. Various activities of welcome and billeting have been arranged. Watch this space for more information.

Stamps for Mission - Incredible it may seem your postage stamps still have value and the Diocese has a collection point for stamps. Boxes are now at the back of the church which will be regularly emptied and forwarded on.

Casseroles for the BlazeAid Team

Helen Begley is coordinating cooking of casseroles every second Tuesday (starting March 4th) for the BlazeAid Team. Meals required at the Wandong Community Centre at 6.00pm. Helen can arrange delivery if required. Helpers and their families welcome to eat with the volunteers. Please ring Helen 5782 1625 on Monday 3rd March if you can help.

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

Parish life this week

First week of March

Tuesday 4th 6.30pm Shrove Tuesday Liturgy with pancakes Christ Church
Wednesday 5th 7.15am Ash Wednesday Liturgy Christ Church
7.00pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy St Matthews
7.45pm Property Committee Meeting Gavan Hall
Thursday 6th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews
10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade
4.00pm Eucharist Dianella
Friday 7th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop Church House
Saturday 8th 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday: 9th March 2014

First Sunday in Lent - Harvest Festival - Parish AGM

Genesis 2. 15-17, 3.1-7; Ps 32; Romans 5. 12-21; Matthew 4.1-11

Christ Church	9am	No Service this day
St Matthews	10am	Parish Eucharist - Harvest Festival
St Stephens	11am	No Service this day
Transfiguration	4pm	No Service this day

Parish Diary

1st Wed of the month: Property 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

2nd Sunday of month: Parish BBQ - 12.30pm. See Notices for details

4th Sunday of month: Church 4 Kids 5-6.30pm @ Christ Church

Parish Clergy:

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