



The Diocese of Wangaratta
The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
9th March 2014
First Sunday of Lent
Harvest Festival

Hymns: 627, 703, 130, 591



The Temptation of Christ Ary Scheffer, 1854

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

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Matthew 4.4*

THE COLLECT

God, you know better than we the temptations that will bring us down. Grant that our love for you may protect us from all foolish and corrupt desire. Praise to you our God; you answer prayer. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.’ Now the snake was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God really say, “You must not eat from any tree in the garden?”’ The woman said to the snake, ‘We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, “You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.”’ ‘You will not certainly die,’ the snake said to the woman. ‘For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32

Response

Gerry Fitzpatrick

cf. v. 5 For - give me, O Lord, the guilt of my sin.

Response: Forgive me, O Lord, the guilt of my sin.

Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven,
and whose sin is covered.

Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile./R

For I held my tongue; my bones wasted away
through my groaning all the day long.
Your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer./R

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and my iniquity I did not hide.
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,'
and you forgave the guilt of my sin./R

Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
in the great water flood, it shall not reach them.
You are a place for me to hide in; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with songs of deliverance./R

'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
'Be not like horse and mule which have no understanding;
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.'/R

Great tribulations remain for the wicked,
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart./R

SECOND READING

Romans 5. 12-21

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned – To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come. But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: the judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one

man the many will be made righteous. The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen | to his voice.

Harden | not your hearts.

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

GOSPEL

Matthew 4.1-11

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

BLESSING OF THE HARVEST

Creator of the fruitful earth, we give thanks that for the bounty of the earth and all creation; bless these gifts symbols go your bounty and bless those who grew them. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**



THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Creator God, you have set us a place in your creation, charged with the care and nurture of this beautiful earth, and reward us with fruits of the earth, fish and birds and creatures for our substance and enjoyment; and so we bring back to you the fruits of the harvest, insignificant in the great sweep of your creation, yet symbolic of our thanksgiving and praise for all you have provided; grant us the wisdom to live in ways that will not squander all you bestow, that will ease the impact of climate change, and keep the rains falling as is their due so that the earth may flower and produce in good season.

For your wondrous gifts to us; **we give you thanks, O God.**

Jesus our Lord, in the desert you engaged with the forces that tear at the fabric of our souls and our life, at our relationships and our community; with power and authority you disarmed the forces that unsettle and disrupt, that tempt and seduce, and in so doing demonstrated that with God all things are possible. We pray for all in the world who would exploit, deprave and debase others; for those suffering deprivation and injustice; for refugees and asylum seekers across the world; and keep us always ready to be thankful for the freedoms we enjoy in this country and to open and generous who are dispossessed.

For your wondrous gifts to us; **we give you thanks, O God.**

Redeeming God, your church seeks to be in service to God's creatures, as disciples of Jesus who blessed bread and wine at the Last Supper – bread which earth has given and human hands have made, and wine, fruit of the vine and work of human hands; we pray for all who minister; for John our Bishop, and our parish, as we give thanks for the work of parishioners this past year, and we pray wisdom and discernment for all who will take office this coming year.

For your wondrous gifts to us; **we give you thanks, O God.**

God of love and compassion, we pray for those in need, the sick and the suffering, for the lost and lonely, for those who have no one to pray for them, for the dying and those who wait with them; we commend to you all who offer care and support for those in need; and we pray 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 & Gwen Stomann, Tom & Sandra Davidson & Bianca Davidson, Adrian Walsh, Dianne Mitsakis, Peter Cannon, Bruce Mitchell, Mark Bennetts, Suresh Jain.*

For your wondrous gifts to us; **we give you thanks, O God.**

Heavenly Father, pray for those who have died this past week and for those whose year's mind occurs this week.

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

Holy Artist of souls, you sculpted a people for yourself out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting; hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity, that the discipline of these forty days may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship, and whet our thirst for the living water you offer through 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: 9th Abraham Noest, Violet Bowden; 14th Joseph Daley; 15th Jim Craker.

Reflections on the Readings

As we head into these 40 days of Lent the readings clearly lay out the priorities for our Lenten journey. Our spiritual life can never be removed from the reality of the world in which we live and move. The Genesis reading gives us the wherewithal and the responsibility for the stewardship of our lives and relationships - our personal relationships and our relationship with creation; for which we give thanks on this our Harvest Festival. Paul clearly states that God, as best revealed in Jesus, is our constant companion for our lives, confronting and challenging our mindset but also offering grace and forgiveness. The temptations of Jesus in the desert focus the gaze on the particular, and on the distractions that so undermine all our good intentions. On a wider scale Christianity has, unfortunately, become a religion of excess in many ways. Prosperity preaching, alignment with political parties or the arms of government, and spiritualising of our appetites, our greeds and our celebrity culture all add to the brokenness and injustice of our communities, our churches and our families. We desperately need to learn simplicity and generosity – the sharing of our resources, and the reduction of our wants and ‘needs’ to create an equitable and sustainable world, and reduce disparities in our corner of the planet. We desperately need to learn servanthood and humility – the respect of others, especially those we disagree with or who follow different religions, to create a world of peace and to bring the true meaning of the word ‘community’ back into lived reality in our neighbourhoods; to learn self-discipline, moderation and fidelity – the right channeling of our appetites toward creativity and life-bringing, not exploitation and destruction, if we are to restore health to our relationships and give human dignity in our societies. The disciplines of Christ in the wilderness, and of the Lenten season, are just the gift we need to address our own brokenness and addictions, and to make a contribution to healing in our families, our churches and our communities. Acting locally in lives of daily discipline and quiet Christ-likeness can have a communal, and even global, impact. The challenge is to be bold enough to make the necessary changes to live such a life.

Adapted from John van de Laar (2014) <http://sacredise.com>

Notices

Parish AGM will follow this service in **Gavan Hall** with a BBQ lunch to follow.

Lenten Study - Lenten Study commences this Tuesday 11th March with two opportunities to participate 2pm at Gavan Hall and 7.30pm At Caroline Burge 20 Chrystobel Way, Kilmore. The study will consist of three sessions over the six weeks of Lent using film as the medium. 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. The team will be in Kilmore Wednesday 19th March and Broadford Thursday 20th March. See enclosed flier for details of activities.

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.

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.

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

Parish life this week

Second week of March

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| Tuesday 11th | 2.00pm | Lenten Study Gavan Hall |
| | 7.30pm | Lenten Study 20 Chrystobel Way Kilmore |
| Thursday 6th | 10.00am | Eucharist St Matthews |
| | 10.00am | Eucharist Willowmeade |
| | 2.30pm | Eucharist Caladenia |
| | 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: 16th March 2014 Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12. 1-4a; Ps 121; Romans 4. 1-17; John 3.1-17

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| Christ Church | 9am | Holy Eucharist |
| St Matthews | 10am | Holy Eucharist |
| St Stephens | 11am | Morning Prayer |
| Transfiguration | 4pm | Holy Eucharist |

Parish Diary

- 1st Wed of the month:** Property Committee Meeting
7.30pm Christ Church (unless otherwise notified)
- 2nd Sunday of month:** Parish BBQ - 12.30pm. See Notices for details
- 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
- 4th Sunday of month:** Church 4 Kids 5-6.30pm @ Christ Church

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