



The Diocese of Wangaratta  
**The Anglican Parish of Kilmore**  
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook  
**22nd June 2014**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Hymns: 245, 691, 583, Pewsheet**



*Introit Hymn*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

**We meet in his name and share his peace.**

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**

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it. *Matthew 10.39*

**THE COLLECT**

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**FIRST READING****Genesis 21. 8-21***A reading from the book of Genesis*

The boy child Isaac grew and was weaned, and on the day he was weaned Abraham held a great feast. But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, and she said to Abraham, ‘Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac.’ The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. But God said to him, ‘Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring.’ Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. Then she went off and sat down about a bow-shot away, for she thought, ‘I cannot watch the boy die.’ And as she sat there, she began to sob. God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, ‘What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation.’ Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM****Psalm 86. 1-10, 16-17****Response: Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.**

Geoff Nobes

**Response**  
v. 11a Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and in misery.  
 Preserve my soul, for I am faithful;  
 save your servant, for I put my trust in you.  
 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;  
 I call upon you all the day long.  
 Gladden the soul of your servant,  
 for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul./R

For you, Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.  
Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer  
and listen to the voice of my supplication.  
In the day of my distress I will call upon you, for you will answer me.  
Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,  
nor any works like yours./R

All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.  
For you are great and do wonderful things; you alone are God.  
Turn to me and have mercy upon me;  
give your strength to your servant  
and save the child of your handmaid.  
Show me a token of your favour,  
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;  
because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me./R

## SECOND READING

## Romans 6. 1-11

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans*

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Jesus says, The Spirit of the Lord will testify on | my behalf  
and you also | are to testify.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus said to his disciples; ‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ‘So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Holy and loving God, you are the God of joy and sorrow, of living and dying; you call people of every race and colour into your kingdom - all are precious in your sight and all are loved into being; hold us all gently and tenderly in your love and give us the strength when all seems exhausted.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy and loving God, we pray for your world and all people suffering the deprivation and the hardship of violence and war; for the peoples of Iraq, Syria and Nigeria; for integrity in the elections in Afghanistan, and pray relief and safety for all refugees and asylum seekers; hear our prayer for peace in the world.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy and loving God, we pray for your holy catholic church, for all baptised in Christ, that all may know your redemption and fullness of life; we pray for our

Diocese, for Bishop John and our parish; help us to take up our cross, to grow in discipleship and faith, and enable us to proclaim your gospel of love.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy and loving God, we pray for our country, for integrity for all tasked with leadership; for our community and those with whom we share our lives; for our families, our neighbours, and our friends and for all whom we meet in our daily lives; we give you thanks for all that flows from caring for one another, and keep us mindful of the lost and the lonely, the homeless and those struggling to make ends meet.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy and loving God, you are filled with compassion for your people and in our troubles you hear our cries; we pray for all in need, the sick and the suffering; those living with grief and loss; the dying and those who wait with them and be a strong presence for them. 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, Seth Gunther, David Parsons, Cliff & Gwen Stomann, Tom & Sandra Davidson & Bianca Davidson, Tom Scrivens, Dianne Mitsakis, Bruce Mitchell, Evette, Mark Bennetts, Suresh Jain, Barry Watts, Roland Nicholson, Monica Nicholson, Franca Caia.*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy and loving God, you deliver your people from death and promise us the joys of everlasting life; we pray for the recently departed, and all who have died in your love and for those whose years mind occurs at this time.

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

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy and loving God, we thank you for each new day you grant to us and nurture us through our doubts and fears; hear us as we pray for ourselves .....; help us to find a life that is full in the things that you would have for us: love, justice, compassion, hope, faithfulness, mercy, and be with us in our journey as we seek to be Jesus's followers.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy and loving God, we offer our prayers in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, **Our Father in heaven [pg 124]**

**Year's mind:** Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: 22nd Harold Smith, John Batmen; 23rd Raymond Evans,

Helen Shiel, Lorraine Terrill; 25th Tom Madigan, Norman Hughes; 27th Sadie Winnell, Stewart Radford; 28th Rita Foster, Herbert Cook.

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### **Hymn: Will you come and follow me (The Summons)**

John Bell (1949- ) and Graham Maule (1958- ) Tune: Kelvingrove (TiS679)

1. Will you come and follow me,  
If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave your self behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare,  
will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

3. Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

4. Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

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### **Reflections on the Readings**

The clear challenge this week, as we begin our journey through the season of Pentecost known as Kingdom Time, is to embrace the Gospel call to self-giving. Jesus' words are some of the toughest to read in the gospels, but they indicate the extent to which we need to be committed to the Gospel if it is to have any impact in our lives and our world. If we are not completely devoted to God's reign, loving it more than all else, we will be incapable of loving others as they need, or as God requires. But, if we embrace the way of Jesus in this radical way, we will find ourselves in conflict with the power-that-be, and we will experience persecution. But, if we try to avoid this, saving our lives through silence or compliance with human powers, we will ultimately lose the abundant life that God's reign brings. This is why Paul speaks about us dying to sin and rising with Christ – it is only as we die to the self-protective life of power-games, self-indulgence, and excessive accumulation of wealth that we can embrace the abundant life of simplicity, service and sacrifice that Jesus offers. The Psalm, although echoes the pain of being persecuted for a commitment to God's ways, offers comfort and encouragement. Finally, in the Old Testament reading we encounter two faithful people who were persecuted through no fault of their

own. Hagar, who was cast away because of Sarah's jealousy, but who was nevertheless cared for by God, and whose son was blessed. While it seems like the call to sacrifice and self-giving is the opposite of abundant life, the Scriptures are consistent in their call for us to believe in this counter-intuitive truth, and to have the courage and faith to give our lives for the sake of God's reign, while trusting in God to sustain us through whatever struggles we may face.

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## Notices

**TODAY 5.00pm** - Church4Kids - Church House

**Christ Church Friendship Group** in recess - June & July - watch this space.

**Faith Enhancement Study Groups**- this is about learning and discovering more about our Christian faith and how it relates to our lives today. The studies are based around written and visual resources and will be offered over the next six months and on a fortnightly basis on a day or evening. If you would like to attend or to host a group in your home please contact Fr Kim. Each group will need between 6-10 people to work well.

**Confirmation 2014/15** - please contact Fr Kim for more details.

**Parish wide projects** - some essential maintenance is being carried out in St Matthews, Transfiguration and Church House. Finally work can proceed on the the construction of the toilet block at Christ Church, and essential electrical works to commence in Christ Church, which will enable heating to be installed.

**Parish Strategic Planning** - over the next few months there will be opportunity for everyone to participate in developing the strategic plan. You are invited to arrange for an interview, complete the interview on line [visit the website], or to participate in various small groups - these will be announced soon.

**Donations for Hymn Books for Pyalong** - thank you to those who have donated and we need 4 more hymn books for Church of the Transfiguration - your donation appreciated.

### **Giving Envelopes**

Giving Envelopes are now available to start July, please take a box today to make your offering a weekly amount. You can also make your weekly offering by EFT or direct debit see below:

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

If you have any questions, please contact Fr Kim or one of the Wardens.

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## Parish Diary

**1<sup>st</sup> Wed of the month:** Property Committee Meeting 7.30pm (venue TBA)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of the month:** Parish BBQ - 12.30pm. See Notices for details

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month:** St Matthew's Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm  
contact Edie Simpson ph. 5784 1246 for details.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month:** Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm venue TBA

**4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of month:** Christ Church Friendship Group 7.30pm contact Beris  
Hannam ph. 5723 9737 for program details

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month:** Church 4 Kids 5-6.30pm @ Christ Church

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## Parish life this week

Fourth week of June

Tuesday 24th [THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST]  
12.30-8.00pm Bishop in Council - Cobram

Wednesday 25th 10.00am Eucharist Christ Church, Seymour  
11.30am Funeral St Matthews

Thursday 26th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews  
10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade  
4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 27th [*Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & teacher (d.444)*]  
10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 28th 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop Church House

### Next Sunday: 29th June 2014 – Pentecost III

Genesis 22.1-14; Ps 13; Romans 6.12-23; Matthew 10. 40-42

Christ Church	9am	Celtic Mass
St Matthews	11am	Combined service with St Stephens
St Stephens	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	No service this day

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