



The Diocese of Wangaratta
The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
6th July 2014
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Hymns: 645, 647, 607, 654,



Introit Hymn

Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,' says the Lord. 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.' *Matthew 11.28–29*

THE COLLECT

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67

A reading from the book of Genesis

The chief servant of Abraham said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. My master's wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and he has given him everything he owns. And my master made me swear an oath, and said, "You must not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live, but go to my father's family and to my own clan, and get a wife for my son." 'When I came to the spring today, I said, "Lord, God of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come. See, I am standing beside this spring. If a young woman comes out to draw water and I say to her, 'Please let me drink a little water from your jar,' and if she says to me, 'Drink, and I'll draw water for your camels too,' let her be the one the Lord has chosen for my master's son.' 'Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, "Please give me a drink." 'She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, "Drink, and I'll water your camels too." So I drank, and she watered the camels also. 'I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" 'She said, "The daughter of Bethuel son of Nahor, whom Milkah bore to him." 'Then I put the ring in her nose and the bracelets on her arms, and I bowed down and worshipped the Lord. I praised the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son. Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn.' So they called Rebekah and asked her, 'Will you go with this man?' 'I will go,' she said. So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess the cities of their enemies.' Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left. Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev. He went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching. Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel and asked the servant, 'Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?' 'He is my master,' the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered

herself. Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 45. 10-17

Response: The peoples shall praise you forever.

Response Geoff Nobes
cf. v. 17b The peo - ples shall praise you for e - ver.

Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear;
forget your own people and your father's house
So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty;
he is your lord, so do him honour./R

The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts;
the richest of the people shall seek your favour
The king's daughter is all glorious within;
her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold.R

She shall be brought to the king in raiment of needlework;
after her the virgins that are her companions.
With joy and gladness shall they be brought
and enter into the palace of the king./R

'Instead of your fathers you shall have sons,
whom you shall make princes over all the land.

'I will make your name to be remembered through all generations;
therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and ever.'/R

SECOND READING

Romans 7.14-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Paul writes, 'We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: although I want to do

good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Blessed are you, Lord of | heav'n and earth;

You have revealed these | things to infants.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 11.15-19, 25-30

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus spoke to the crowd, 'Let anyone with ears listen! 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.' At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Living Lord, as your people we seek to serve you as one people united in your truth and love., yet we are distracted by issues and fears, anxieties and concerns. Be our guide and empower us to focus on what you would have us to do in your kingdom; give us the grace and patience to see you at work in our lives and our community for in your goodness, you give us of yourself:

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

Gracious God, we pray for your world, for those weighed down with hardship, poverty, poor food or water or shelter, for those fleeing homes carrying children to escape conflict, war or starvation; relieve their burdens, that all your people may live in dignity and peace.

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

Gracious God, you call men and women to serve in your Church, we pray for those wearied by responsibility, for those without resources to fulfill their tasks; for those carrying the shame of sexual abuse; for those who have lost their vision and dreams are shattered; renew their spirits, that they may find strength in you; we pray guidance and blessing for Archbishop Philip Frier, Metropolitan and Primate as he takes up his new responsibilities; for John our Bishop, and our parish, guide us and strengthen us to fulfil our mission in this place.

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

Gracious God, we pray for our country and community, for those tasked with governing and pray integrity and discernment on members of the new Senate; we pray for compassion and sensitivity in policy making and implementation always to be mindful of the impact on the vulnerable in our community. We pray for this seeking refuge and all those held in detention.

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

Gracious God, we pray for this in need; for those burdened with self-doubt, guilt, anxiety or despair; for those unable to let go of the past, afraid of the present, and without hope for the future; lift those weights from them that they may let go of their fears.

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

Gracious God, we pray for those worn down by sickness, pain, grief or hopelessness; for those unvalued and unwanted by our society; for the lonely, the friendless and the dying, and for those on our hearts this day 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 ...* may they find peace and wholeness in you.

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

We remember all those who have died in your love especially those dear to us, the recently departed for Peggy Muston, and those whose years mind occurs at this time.

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

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

Year's mind: Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: 6th Philip Strong (bishop), Roy Cam, Mary Dean; 7th Kerry-Lee Lozanovski, Lucy Carroll; 8th Royden Cooper, Mary Xuereb; 9th Edmund Randall (priest); 10th Carrie Izod, Priscilia Mulenga-Langamu; 11th Thomas Rowe, Francis Chapman; 12th Harry Wilkie, Margaret Luckie.

Reflections on the Readings

The invitation of God, through Christ, to find intimacy, rest and liberation speaks through all of this week's readings. In the reading of the Old Testament, there is the theme of two people finding love and comfort with each other, and the picture this offers God's love and welcome for God's people, also picked up in the Psalmist's celebration of God's mercy and faithfulness. In the New Testament reading, Paul, while understanding the human problem of slavery to sin, recognises that Jesus is the one who brings relief and liberation. Finally, Jesus, while lamenting that some people will not or cannot receive him and his message, nevertheless invites any who are burdened to come to him. All of this makes it very clear that God longs for connection with us, and God is always available and accessible to those who need and want God. We don't have to look far to see the effects of human brokenness on our world. The tyranny of ruthless power and exploitation has left its mark everywhere, from dire poverty and unjust economic and power relations between rich and poor, to the slavery of human trafficking; from expedient exploitation of the planet's resources, to corruption in business and government across the world; from wars between nations, refugees and asylum seekers; to conflict between factions, families and individuals. In the face of all this the invitation of Christ may seem ineffectual and faith in Christ's liberating reign may seem naive. But, we have also discovered that human capacity alone cannot address the burdens and struggles we face. It is increasingly important that people of faith resist the temptation of cynicism and pessimism, and allow themselves to be empowered and inspired by the Christ we follow. This doesn't necessarily mean preaching or seeking to convert others. It is more likely to mean working alongside the least to ease their burdens and to stand against the unjust people and institutions that oppress and enslave. It means allowing our faith and hope to inspire how we choose to buy, eat, dress, drive and vote. It means praying, thinking and learning globally, while acting and contributing locally. At the heart of this, receiving Christ's invitation is more than just a personal experience of peace and rest. It is a call to be those who seek to draw others into Christ's rest along with us, and to spread Christ's peace and mercy as far as we can, in whatever way we can.

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Notices

Parish BBQ Next Sunday 12.30pm - hosts are required please let Fr Kim know today.

Rector on leave Monday - Friday this week - please contact the Wardens for pastoral issues.

Rosters at Christ Church - current rosters are available for collection.

Building works - please exercise caution in moving around the Christ Church over the next few weeks.

Volunteers are needed for Wednesday 9th 9am to assist with the digging trenches for the construction of the toilets at Christ Church - please bring shovels and wheelbarrow if possible - contact Ian Staring for details

Notice is given of a Working Bee to repair Church House veranda Sunday 20th July.

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.

Parish life this week

Second week of July

Monday - Friday Rector on leave

Thursday 10th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews CANCELLED
10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade

Friday 11th [Benedict of Nursia, abbot (d.550)]
10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 12th 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop Church House
5.30pm Vigil Mass Nagambie

Next Sunday: 13th July 2014 – Pentecost V

Genesis 25.19-34; Ps 119.105-112; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-23

Christ Church	9am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Morning Prayer
St Stephens	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	No service this day

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The Rector, Wardens and Parish Council invite you to the

Centenary Celebrations



4.00pm Sunday 10th August 2014

All past and present parishioners and friends are warmly welcomed
to join with

Rt Revd John Parkes AM Bishop of Wangaratta
for this memorable occasion followed
by a reception in the Pyalong Community Centre

RSVP 30th July to:

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