



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta

The Parish of Kilmore

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

17th August 2014

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



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

Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.' *Isaiah 56.1*

THE COLLECT

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 45.1-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, 'Make everyone leave my presence!' So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph! Is my father still living?' But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come close to me.' When they had done so, he said, 'I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no ploughing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. 'So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. Now hurry back to my father and say to him, "This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me – you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute." 'You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. Tell my father about all the honour accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly.' Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterwards his brothers talked with him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 133

Response: The Lord's blessing is life for ever.

Behold how good and pleasant it is
to dwell together in unity.
It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard,
Even on Aaron's beard,
running down upon the collar of his clothing./R

It is like the dew of Hermon
running down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has promised his blessing:
even life for evermore./R

SECOND READING

Romans 11.13-32.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Paul writes, 'I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches. If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: you do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, 'Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.' Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either. Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree! I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way all Israel will be saved. As it is written: 'The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins.' As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God's

gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus preached the good news | of the kingdom
and cured every sickness a- | mong the people.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 15.21-28

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Like the Canaanite woman, let us shout to the Lord in thanksgivings for small mercies and offer prayers for all in need.

For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place; for Church leaders and administrators; for John our Bishop and our parish as we seek to be your people in this place, especially we pray for the newly baptised, Nate Saunders and Shaeedyn Gray, their parents and sponsors, that they may know the light of Christ in their lives
God of love; **hear our prayer.**

For all nations and their leaders, and for mercy, justice, and peace in the world; for the ceasefire in Gaza, the peoples of Ukraine, and the people fleeing persecution in Iraq;
God of love; **hear our prayer.**

For our country and community; for our town and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all we love; for those pushed to the edges of our society by economic circumstances, for the homeless and the unemployed and those suffering the ravages of addiction.
God of love; **hear our prayer.**

For the sick and the suffering, prisoners and their families, foreigners and outcasts, and all in danger and 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, Cathy Moseley, & Melissa & family, 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.*

God of love; **hear our prayer.**

For those who rest in Christ, for the recently departed and all the dead, and for those years mind occurring at this time.

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

God of love; **hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, hear us as we pray for ourselves; let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ, that we may know you through and through in all that we do and are.

God of love; **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you have promised to hear us when we pray in faith, grant us what we have prayed for the strength and will to achieve what you would

have us do in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray ..

Our Father in heaven...

Year's mind: Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: 17th Nessie Zechovsky; 18th Maureen Tennant; 20th Linda Dyer; 21st Margaret Williams; 23rd Jack Woods, Amelia Moore.

Reflections on the Readings

Two problems plague the Church when it comes to our common views of God's mercy and salvation. The first problem is our tendency to see salvation as an exclusive work of God is privileged to those who are inside the Church, and who are "outside" of the people of God are beyond God's interest or care. This means that in our communities live many people who feel both judged and excluded by the very people that God has called to love and serve them. And within many churches there are those who do not really feel welcomed and who wonder whether, if others really knew them, they would be considered to belong among the privileged. The second problem is that we have proclaimed God's salvation and mercy to be primarily a rescue from sin and evil. This forces our evangelism (our reaching out) to take the form of convincing people that they are sinners and then trying to get them to 'buy' a solution that they didn't know they needed (and may well not want). It also means that we end up framing our ministry, our proclamation and even our liturgy in negative terms, focussing on our lack, our need and our weakness, and viewing God almost exclusively in terms of rescue, of working outside of our lives and resources, and as completely separate and "other" than us. The result of all of this is that we lose sight of the power of celebration, of acknowledging God's image and glory within us and others, and of working with God in bringing wholeness and justice to the world. Maybe it should be that we celebrate the Christ who includes the outcast and the foreigner, and whose salvation and justice remind us of our goodness and glory and call us to be our best selves. This is not to deny the important work of acknowledging our sin. It is simply, in what has been an overbalance on the negative, an attempt to see the Gospel as an attractive vision that calls us to God's promise of blessing and not just as a "fire escape." It also requires a shift in thinking to see the "foreigner" and "outcast" not as a threat, but rather as a celebration the diversity of those who look, think, speak, act, love and even believe, differently from us. The richness that comes from diversity is something to be welcomed.

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Notices

Parish Council meets 7.30pm this Wednesday @ Gavan Hall.

Working Bee at Church House 12.30pm Saturday 23rd August to complete the repairs to the veranda.

Christ Church Friendship Group next meeting Thursday 28th August @ Caroline Burge' home 20 Chrystobel Way, Kilmore

Request for Meals on Wheels Volunteers Nexus Primary Health is seeking volunteers for Kilmore and Broadford to assist with delivery of meals. Enquiries to Michelle Gibbs on 1300 7733 52. Training provided.

Fete Coordination Group Meeting - people needed to help coordinate the fete. Please contact Fr Kim so we can set up a meeting time.

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

Parish Diary

1st Wed of the month: Property Committee Meeting 7.30pm (venue TBA)

1st Fri of the month: Faith Enhancement Study Group 7.00pm 13 The Parade, Broadford.

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

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

3rd Wed of the month: Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm venue TBA

3rd Fri of the month: Faith Enhancement Study Group 7.00pm 13 The Parade, Broadford

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

Parish life this week

Third week of August

Monday 18th	5.00pm TAC Meeting Wangaratta
Tuesday 19th	1.30pm St Matthew's Friendship Group Gavan Hall
Wednesday 20th	<i>Bernard of Clairvaux, abbot and teacher (d.1153)</i> 10.00am Eucharist Christ Church, Seymour 7.30am Parish Council Meeting @ Gavan Hall
Thursday 21st	10.00am Eucharist, St Matthews 10.00am Eucharist, Willowmeade 4.00pm Eucharist, Dianella
Friday 22nd	10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House
Saturday 23rd	10.00am - 12.00pm Op Shop, Church House 10.0am - 2.00pm Young people in Church Seminar Wang 12.30pm - 4.00pm Working Bee Church House 3.00pm Blessing Clinic Broadford 5.30pm Vigil Mass Nagambie

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 24th August 2014 - PENTECOST XI

Christ Church	9am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Morning Prayer
St Stephens	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	No service this day
Christ Church	5pm	Church4Kids

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