

The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta

## **The Parish of Kilmore**

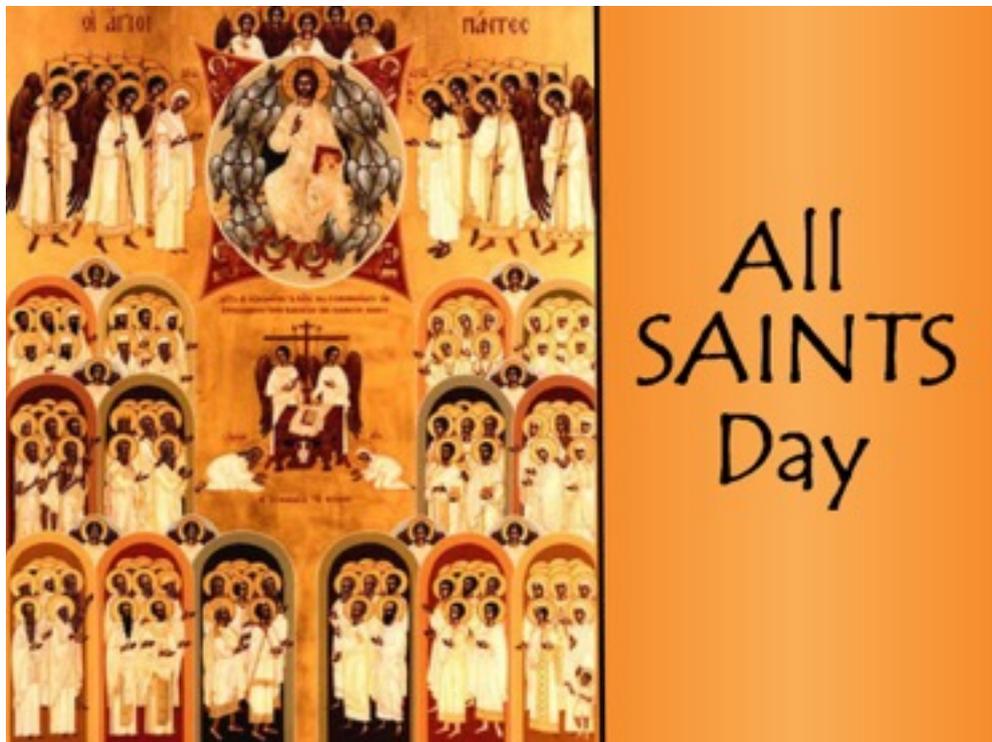
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

**2nd November 2014**

### **Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost ALL SAINTS**

**HYMNS: 242, 149, Pew sheet, 455**

*Welcome to any guests to our worship  
please stay and enjoy coffee and conversation with us after the service.*



#### *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*

*The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book*

## SENTENCE

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. *Matthew 5.10*

## THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

## Revelation 7.9-17

*A reading from the book of Revelation*

John the Divine writes, 'I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.' All the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying: 'Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!' Then one of the elders asked me, 'These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?' I answered, 'Sir, you know.' And he said, 'These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, 'they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. "Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them," nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; "he will lead them to springs of living water." "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## Psalm 34.1-10, 22

**Response: O taste and see, O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.**

**Response** Andrew Moore  
v. 8 O taste and see, O taste and see that the Lord is gra - cious.



I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.  
My soul shall glory in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad./R

O magnify the Lord with me;  
let us exalt his name together.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears./R

Look upon him and be radiant  
and your faces shall not be ashamed.  
This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles./R

The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear him and delivers them.  
O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;  
blessed is the one who trusts in him./R

Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,  
for those who fear him lack nothing.  
Lions may lack and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the Lord  
The Lord ransoms the life of his servants  
and will condemn none who seek refuge in him./R

## **SECOND READING**

**1 John 3.1-3**

*A reading from the first letter of John*

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

They are before the | throne of God,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will | shelter them.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 5.1-12

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew*

### Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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## All Saints Day Litany

O Holy One, you have gathered in your keeping and celebration the saints who through the ages have shown your love and mercy. Not one is lost and everyone of them lights up the halls of heaven with their beauty and faithfulness. Thank you for the brightness of their witness to you and their inspiration and love to us. Hear us as we pray for all your saints, then and now.

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe: **Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God; for our Bishop and our priest:  
**Teachers of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime: **Family of our faith, we remember you.**

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, and those whose lives ended too soon:  
**Those close to our heart, we remember you.**

We lift up to you, O God, the names of those we have lost from our lives, knowing that they are with your heart forever.

*(Reading of the names of those we remember.)*

*[In the reading of these names, we will pause after each name to remember, and pray thanks for their life.]*

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, we lift up the many more names in our hearts, and those known only to you. Family of God, we remember you, and we honour you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.

**We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with you beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our sorrow and celebration, O God, you are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. We know this through the promise of your son Jesus Christ through whom we pray. Amen.**

Lord God, faithful and true, we bring before you all our needs, trusting that you will hear and answer them, in faith we pray for peace and joy in the world; for the sick and suffering, for those who have requested prayer and for ourselves as we seek to live as saints in the world.

**Request for prayer from:** *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Lyn Ryan, Alex Impols, Cathy Moseley, & Melissa & family, Seth Gunther, David Parsons, Cliff & Gwen Stomann, Tom & Sandra Davidson & Bianca Davidson, Tom Scrivens, Dianne Mitsakis, Gavin Linard, Rose & Paige Linard, and Anna & Keith Linard, Mark Bennetts, Barry Watts, Charlie Emmett, Doreen Gammaldoni, Lidia, Abraham & Anne Formosa.*

Hear as we pray with all the saints through Christ our Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, our sent your Holy Spirit upon your Church so that, in Jesus, we are united to your Father with all the redeemed may we be grateful receivers of your grace and mercy, now and always. **Amen**

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## **Blessing**

May Christ who makes saints of sinners, who has transformed those whom we remember today, raise and strengthen you that you may transform the world, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**

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## **Reflections on All Saints**

The Christian feasts of All Saints and All Souls on 2nd and 3rd November honours the profound legacy of wisdom our ancestors have left to us and continue to offer. The ancient Celtic people believed this time was a thin space, where heaven and earth whispered to one another across a luminous veil and those who walked before us are especially accessible. These moments offer us invitations and gifts for our spiritual journeys. We live in a world where intransigence about ideas of God leads to rigid fundamentalism and driving the impulse for terrorism and the violation of people's dignity and despoliation of goodness. The honouring of the Communion of Saints, in reading people's

names means recognising that lives lived before ours matter and that there is ancient wisdom wrought from generations of engagement and struggle with life and with God. It means that even horror and degradation of people does not overwhelm the bursting forth of God's love realised in those who find themselves being saintly. We carry the stories of our ancestors in our genetic code; they beat in our blood. Their faithfulness formed the traditions in which we are nurtured. There is a sacred thread that ties us to everyone in our ancestral past of all cultures. We carry within us the wounds and unfulfilled longings, the hopes and dreams of everyone who came before us. This, then, is a season to remember the grace of humility and unknowing. It is a time of recognising there is a luminous wisdom so much more expansive than our own. But we are not passive recipients to be bullied by the tradition. Our understanding of where we have come from as a people, a community, as individuals does not relieve us from the work that is necessary to make the future. Clinging to the past in the hope that we can get off easy will not be sufficient. Forging our own experience of saintliness in being blessed and embraced by God is the necessary work that is a joy and a wonder. This is the work of providing a sure foundation for those who will follow, who in turn will find ways of experiencing the mystery that lies in deepest places of the human soul.

*Fr Kim Benton 2014*

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### **Hymn: Contemplating** [Tune 132]

1. Contemplating beauty in and all around us -  
If, beholding all there is, we look where God might be,  
We shall see such magic shining there before us,  
God's incarnation through eternity.
2. Contemplating pleasure - Each exciting venture  
Can give life a thrilling edge, some fascinating glee;  
In delight, amusement, we should feel no censure;  
We, in enjoyment, taste God's ecstasy.
3. Contemplating goodness - that which nurtures mercy -  
In forgiveness, we receive and we can also give  
Life and hope to pris'ners, those who feel quite empty;  
With love, acceptance, they have strength to live.
4. Contemplating kindness – that on which we blossom -  
Building mutuality creates its own reward;  
Gen'rous deeds and blessings make us feel most welcome;  
God is uncovered, and is thus adored.
5. In our contemplation, hushed into a stillness,  
Peace is known and love is grown with such serenity;  
Contemplating beauty, pleasure, goodness, kindness,  
We are engulfed in God's tranquillity.

# Notices

**Melbourne Cup Luncheon:** At 12.30pm this Tuesday 4th November, there will be a parish Melbourne Cup Luncheon & Anglican Board of Mission fundraiser at the home of Caroline Burge (20 Chrystobel Way, Kilmore). Lunch is “bring and share”- chicken and champagne, cold meats and cheeses, salads and desserts. Everyone most welcome for a fun day. Donations (gold coins or folded notes) will go towards ABM’s Iraqi Christian Crisis Appeal to assist Christians suffering in North Iraq. Contact Caroline for more details.

**Post-Fete Review Meeting** this Thursday 7.30pm at Christ Church. All are welcome to come and provide feedback.

**Faith Enhancement Study Group** meets again next Friday 7th November @ 13 The Parade, Broadford.

**Monthly Parish BBQ** - Next Sunday 12.30pm 9th November. Hosts Andrew & Nerrida Prosser, 415 Boundary Road, Willowmavin.

**Christ Church Friendship Group Christmas Breakup** - 6.30pm Thursday 13 November, @ Kilmore Golf Club, RSVP by 9 Nov Beris Hannam 5723-9737.

**Festival of Carols Music Group:** The annual Festival of Carols will be held on Sunday December 21st at Christ Church. Anyone interested in singing or playing an instrument in a music group please see Fr Kim or Caroline. It is hoped that we can get together for a few practices before hand with rehearsal dates to be decided by those taking part.

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

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## Parish Diary

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

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri of the month:** Faith Enhancement Study 7.00pm 13 The Parade, Broadford.

**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

## Parish life this week

*First week of November*

- Tuesday 4th [Day of Prayer for Anglicans and Roman Catholic]  
12.30pm Melbourne Cup Luncheon @ 20 Crystobel Way Kilmore
- Wednesday 5th 10.00am Holy Eucharist - Christ Church Seymour  
7.30pm Property Committee Meeting @ Christ Church
- 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 [Saints, martyrs, missionaries, teachers of the Anglican Communion]  
10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop, Church House

### SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 9th November 2014 - PENTECOST XXII (32)**

Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25; Ps 78.1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4.9-18; Matthew 25.1-13

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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