



The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta
The Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

1st February 2015
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

HYMNS: 59, 427, 526, 609

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

Introit hymn

The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book

SENTENCE

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. *Matthew 9.35*

THE COLLECT

God of compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never ending: enable us both to love you with all our heart and to love one another as Christ loved us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18.15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. For this is what you asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, 'Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great fire any more, or we will die.' The Lord said to me: 'What they say is good. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 111

Response: The fear of the Lord, the fear of the Lord is beginning of wisdom.

O praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart:

in the company of the upright and among the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great:

and studied by all who take delight in them./R

His deeds are majestic and glorious: and his righteousness stands for ever.
His marvellous acts have won him a name to be remembered:
the Lord is gracious and merciful./R

He gives food to those that fear him:
he remembers his covenant for ever.
He showed his people the power of his acts:
in giving them the heritage of the heathen./R

The works of his hands are faithful and just:
and all his commandments are sure;
They stand firm for ever and ever:
they are done in faithfulness and in truth./R

He sent redemption to his people, he ordained his covenant for ever:
holy is his name and worthy to be feared.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and of good understanding are those
that keep his commandments:
his praise shall endure for ever./R

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 8. 1-13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Paul writes, Now about food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'We all possess knowledge.' But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. But whoever loves God is known by God. So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'An idol is nothing at all in the world' and that 'There is no God but one.' For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many 'gods' and many 'lords'), yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled.

But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in through out the world. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mark 1. 21-28

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Merciful God, we pray for a just and peaceable society; we pray for all who suffer from economic exploitation; for all who are victims of tyranny and oppression; when we close our eyes to the injustices of the world, call us to account and disturb us again with your challenging words; Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for responsible stewardship of your creation; for peoples whose lands are polluted and livelihoods ruined; for creatures whose habitats are destroyed; when we are greedy and careless in our use of the world's resources, call us to account and disturb us again with your challenging words; Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the ministry and mission of your worldwide church; we pray for your church in Australia, its clergy and people, especially for John our Bishop and our parish; when we fail to live out your gospel, call us to account and disturb us again with your challenging words; Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the well-being of those whom we live and work and for all in our community; for our families and those we love and for all we share our daily lives; when our behaviour causes pain to others call us to account and disturb us again with your challenging words; Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray relief and comfort of those in need; for those whose bodies hurt, whose minds are confused, for those whose hearts are lonely and sad, and we pray for those who have requested our prayer;

Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Alex Impols, Cathy Moseley, & Melissa & family, Seth Gunther, Cliff & Gwen Stomann, Tom & Sandra Davidson & Bianca Davidson, Tom Scrivens, Dianne Mitsakis, Mark Bennetts, Barry Watts, Lidia, Katie, Franca Cai Hilda, Jenny Curry. We give thanks for healing and blessings received; Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We remember those who have died in the faith of Christ for all who have heard and heeded your words; for the recently departed and those whose years mind;. Feb 1st *John Kirkpatrick, Diane Robins;* 2nd *Douglas Schofield – priest;* 3rd *Jennifer Hedley;* 4th *Geoffrey Booth, Ken Payne;* 5th *Sal Winnell, Patricia Deuchar;* 6th *Charles Cunningham, Reginald Hearn;* 7th *Victims of the 2009 fires.*

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves.....; cast out for us all that would keep us apart from you and grant us grace to follow in the footsteps of Jesus our Lord; Merciful God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

MONTHLY PARISH BBQ: Our monthly Parish BBQ's will resume this month. The first BBQ for the year will be held NEXT Sunday 8th February at 12.30pm at Caroline's home (20 Chrystobel Way, Kilmore). All very welcome. Our monthly BBQ's are a great way of getting to know one another and for all parts of the parish to come together. BYO meat, and salads, sweets and drinks to share. (Our BBQ's are usually held on the second Sunday of each month.)

WANTED - Walkers and Drivers! The Parish has been accepted as the official Phonebook deliverers for Kilmore. This is a great fundraiser which everyone can be involved in. We urgently need both walkers (for the fit and able) and drivers to help carry the books in each street (for the not so fit), to help deliver over 3000 phone books to the township of Kilmore. Volunteers are requested from all parts of the parish. Deliveries must be made between 7th and 23rd February. Please contact Caroline (either 5782 2180, 0409 822 180 or carolineburge@carolineburge.com) as soon as possible. Thank you. Stop press..... to date we only have 5 volunteers from the parish to assist with the deliveries. Please consider this a great way of helping raise much needed funds for our Parish.

Note: Fr Kim is on leave until 6th February – please contact one of the Wardens.

Parish life this week - First week of February

Thursday 5th 10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade
Friday 6th 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House
Saturday 7th 10.00am- 12.00pm Op Shop, Church House

SERVICES		
Next Sunday: 8th February 2015 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Isaiah 40.21-31; Psalm 147.1-11; I Corinthians 9.16-23; Mark 1.29-39		
Christ Church	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11.00am	Morning Prayer
St Stephens	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4.00pm	No service this day

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