



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta

**The Parish of Kilmore**  
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook  
**1st March 2015**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**



**HYMNS: 474, 691, 491, 473, 591.**

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



*Introit hymn*

The Lord be with you:

**And also with you.**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,

**Whose mercy endures for ever.**

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 with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

*The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book*

## SENTENCE

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him. *Mark 8.34*

## THE COLLECT

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

## FIRST READING

**Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16**

[God promises Abram and Sarai that they will be parents of many nations, that they will be blessed with many descendants and that kings will come from them. Therefore God changes Abram's name to Abraham, and Sarai's name to Sarah – Princess.]

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.' Abram fell face down, and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: you will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. God also said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalms 22.24-32**

[God is praised and celebrated because God cares and provides for the oppressed, and all nations will come to worship God, both poor and prosperous, healthy and those close to death]

**Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

The Lord has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;  
neither has he hidden his face from them;  
but when they cried to him he heard them./R

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.  
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek the Lord shall praise him;  
their hearts shall live for ever./R

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.  
For the kingdom is the Lord's  
and he rules over the nations./R

How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship,  
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?  
He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him;  
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.  
They shall come and make known his salvation,  
to a people yet unborn, declaring that he, the Lord, has done it./R

## SECOND READING

## Romans 4.13-25

[Abraham did not receive God's promise through obeying the law, but through faith, and this faith was considered to be his righteousness – his approval by God. In the same way, when we place our faith in Christ, who died and was raised, it is considered our righteousness – our approval by God.]

### *A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans*

It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.' He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why 'it was credited to him as righteousness.' The words 'it was credited to him' were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness – for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal Glory.

**Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal Glory.**

May I never boast of anything

except the cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ,

by which the world is crucified to me, and I | to the world.

**Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal Glory.**

## GOSPEL

**Mark 8.31-38**

[Jesus predicts his death, but Peter objects. Jesus, then reprimands Peter, and tells all his followers that they must take up their crosses and follow him, not trying to save their lives, but willingly giving them up for the sake of the Gospel.]

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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*Baptismal Liturgy now follows at Christ Church*

## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Creator of the nations, your bold covenant with Abraham and Sarah is still being kept. Help us walk before you, grateful to be recipients of your faithful promises. The day of the Lord is coming; **he abounds in steadfast love.**

Lord God, you do not despise the laments of those in dire need; you promise that the poor shall eat and be satisfied, and the yet unborn will proclaim your mercy; we pray for your world, for peace, justice and prosperity that all may share in the earth's resources.

The day of the Lord is coming; **he abounds in steadfast love.**

Holy Spirit, you turn our hearts toward faith as the means by which we know we are your children; bless and sustain all who minister in your name; for members of the World Council of Churches; for the Australian Church and for Phillip our Primate and Metropolitan; for John our Bishop, and the people of this parish that in taking up our cross to follow you we may find abundant life; we pray especially for newly baptised Arden James; for his parents Catherine and Steve and godparents Nicole and Michael; that he may grow in faith, love and trust, and come to know you as his own, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

The day of the Lord is coming; **he abounds in steadfast love.**

Heavenly Father, your singular gift beyond all others is your divine love for us; we pray for our nation and all tasked with leadership, for the first peoples of this nation and all new arrivals; for those who seek refuge amongst us and those held in detention.

The day of the Lord is coming; **he abounds in steadfast love.**

Suffering among us is always present, we pray for those living with pain and disease of body and mind; for those who are troubled by situation and circumstance; and we commend to you those we name and all who have special needs for your presence and healing;

**Requests for 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, Jenny Curry, Dianne Mitsakis, Mark Bennetts, Barry Watts;* we give thanks for healing and blessings received.

The day of the Lord is coming; **he abounds in steadfast love.**

Though we remember we are dust and to dust we shall return, yet we remember that we are your precious dust; we commend to you all the recently departed and those anniversaries of death occur at this time .

**Year's mind:** *Mar 1st Mieczyslaw, Walter Homewood; 3rd Ernest Bidstrup; 4th Jamie Buck, Mavis Eades, Doris Inness, Pearl Foster; 6th Lawrence Foster, Alfred Parry, Eleanor Homewood, Somphouphone Souvanhnalath; 7th Eddie Napper.*

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

Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite; called to take up the cross, give us hope in our calling. For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

**Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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### Reflection on the readings

The readings this week challenges what we understand by the word “faith”. What becomes clear here is that faith is not about some intellectual assent to certain propositions. Rather, faith is about trusting in God and about the losing of our lives for the sake of the Gospel, which includes both the purpose to which we devote our lives, and the practices by which we seek to live out that purpose. In Abraham’s case, God renews the promise which called Abraham from his homeland. In response Abraham had tried to use very human methods to fulfil God’s promise, with undesirable results. Now God emphasises that it is not just the purpose, but the ways that purpose is fulfilled, that must be directed by God’s agenda. In the Psalm, God’s rulership of the earth is celebrated, along with the justice and grace that this brings to the earth. In the midst of this song of celebration, the psalmist recommits to fulfilling vows to God. In the letter to the Romans, Paul reflects on Abraham’s faith and how it was this, and not obedience to law, that was his righteousness. Here faith is once again viewed as the giving of life to follow God’s purposes, as opposed to simply agreeing to some legalistic propositions. Finally, the Gospel drives the theme home in a very challenging way. Peter, who had just expressed faith in Jesus, is reprimanded because his faith has not yet embraced the implications of what he believes. So, Jesus challenges him, and the other disciples, to allow their faith to become the driving cause for their lives – to lose their lives for the sake of Jesus and the message of God’s Reign that Jesus embodied. Here faith moves from an intellectual activity to a radical, transforming, all-consuming way of being. The challenge of this, and of the Lenten journey, of course, is whether we are ready and willing to embrace this faith, or simply remain with a safer, intellectual pseudo-faith.

*Adapted from John van de Laar (2015) [www.sacredise.com](http://www.sacredise.com)*

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## NOTICES

### **Harvest Festival Next Sunday 10.00am St Matthews Broadford**

Fresh produce, fruit, jams, preserves, vegetables  
requested for the thanksgiving



**Parish AGM – next Sunday 8th March 11.45am @ Gavan Hall,  
Broadford following the 10.00am Parish Eucharist.**

**World Day of Prayer** 10.30am Friday 6th March St Matthews Broadford. Speaker Ms Vivian Richie. All welcome.

**Lenten Faith Enhancement Group** Friday 6th March 7.00pm @ 13 The Parade, Broadford. Although this study has started you are welcome to attend at any time and lifts are available, please contact Fr Kim or Caroline Burge.

**Property Committee meeting - NOTE! there will be no meeting this month.**

**Parish Eucharist at St Matthews next Sunday.** A luncheon is to follow the meeting with St Matthew's providing meats and salads and the rest of the parish bringing desserts.

**Nomination forms** for position of Church Wardens and Parish Councillors for 2015 are available.

**Christ Church Op Shop - Situations Vacant** – An energetic person is required for the position of **Op Shop Manager** - responsibility for Op Shop operations, training provided. **Volunteers** required to assist in the Op Shop; variety of positions and times available, training provided. Please contact Fr Kim or Dianne Dixon 5782 1446 for more information.

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

### **Parish Diary**

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

**1<sup>st</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

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

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

## Parish life this week

First week of March

Monday 2nd	<i>[Chad, bishop of Lichfield, missionary (d. 672)]</i>
Tuesday 3rd	3.00pm Patronage Board Meeting Wangaratta 5.00pm Bishop in Council Wangaratta
Wednesday 4th	10.00am Eucharist Christ Church Seymour 4.00pm Eucharist Dianella
Thursday 5th	10.00am Eucharist St Matthews Broadford 10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade
Friday 6th	10.00am- 4.00pm Deanery Retreat 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House 7.00pm Lenten Study
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>[Perpetua and her companions, martyrs at Carthage (d. 203)]</i> 10.00am- 12.00pm Op Shop, Church House

### SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 8th March 2015 – Third Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 20.1-7; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22

Christ Church	9.00am	No Service this day
St Matthews	10.00am	Harvest Festival & Parish Eucharist & AGM
St Stephens	11.00am	No service this day
Transfiguration	4.00pm	No service this day

### Parish Clergy:

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