



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta



## The Parish of Kilmore

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

**30th August 2015**

### **Feast of the Martyrs of New Guinea Mission Sunday**

**HYMNS: 455, 560(i), 607, 599**

*A warm welcome to everyone, please stay and enjoy hospitality after the service.*



*Introit Hymn from the red Hymn Book*

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

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. *Romans 8.35, 37*

## THE COLLECT

Almighty God, we remember before you this day the blessed Martyrs of New Guinea, who, following the example of our Saviour, laid down their lives for their friends; and we pray that we, who honour their memory, may imitate their loyalty and faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Zephaniah 3.14-20**

*A reading from the prophet Zephaniah*

Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. On that day they will say to Jerusalem, 'Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.' 'I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you. At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you. I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honour in every land where they have suffered shame. At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honour and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes,' says the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PSALM 130**

**Response: Those who know your name will put their trust in you, O Lord.**

Response Keith Duke  
v. 10a Those who know your name will put their trust in you, O Lord.



Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice;  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication./R

If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you shall be feared./R

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;  
in his word is my hope.  
My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than the night watch for the morning,  
more than the night watch for the morning./R

O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy;  
With him is plenteous redemption  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins./R

## SECOND READING

**Romans 8.33-39**

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians*

Paul writes, 'Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: 'For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
Whoever serves me,  
the Father will honour.  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**John 12.20-32**

*A reading from the holy gospel according to John*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and

told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. ‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Sovereign God, we thank you for all those with the courage to speak out in your name, to declare their faith and testify to the new life you give in Jesus Christ; we thank you for the Apostles, for missionaries, preachers and teachers, those who have offered compassion, love and mercy enduring hostility, ridicule, and persecution to the point of death, yet, despite it all proclaiming the gospel with power.

For you love and goodness; **we give you thanks, O God.**

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray once more for your Church and for its ministry and mission to the world; for Church agencies; for the staff and workers of the Anglican Board of Missions, Anglicare, Anglicord and Dioceses across the Anglican Communion working to alleviate poverty and injustice, responding to natural disasters, wars and suffering, bringing relief, care, comfort and support to the peoples of the world, especially those seeking asylum; we pray for Bishop John and our parish, giving thanks for Catherine and Glen Turnbull’s contribution to our parish; may we all play our part in the showing of your love, displaying your care and in fulfilling your purpose.

Lord, you call us to respond in to those in need; **help us to reach out in love.**

Lord of all, we pray for our community; for the poor, the hungry, the homeless; those impacted by the floods in NSW; for those those caught up in violence and abuse; for the lonely and those broken in body and mind, and for those who endure another day of pain; for the bereaved and the dying and those who wait with them; for all in need; for those known to us and those who have requested prayer;

**Requests for Prayer:** *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Tom Scrivens, Franca Caia, Tom & Sandra Davidson & Bianca Davidson, Jenny Curry, Dianne Mitsakis,*

*Seth Gunter, Barbara Kaye, Sarah, Lisa, Alex Impols, Elizabeth, Mark Bennetts, Margeurite Kisvardai, Penny;*

We give you thanks for healing and blessings wherever received; may tears be turned into laughter and sorrow into gladness.

For you love and goodness; **we give you thanks, O God.**

Holy God, we remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age; for the recently departed, for the Martyrs of New Guinea: John Barge (priest), Bernard Moore (priest), John Duffill (builder) Margery Brenchley, (nurse), Lilla Lashmar (teacher), Lucian Tapiedi (teacher/evangelist), Henry Matthews (priest/missionary), Leslie Gariadi (teacher/evangelist), Henry Holland (priest), Vivian Redlich (priest), May Hayman (nurse), Mavis Parkinson (teacher); and those whose years mind occurs this time;

**Year's mind:** 23rd *Jack Woods, Amelia Moore;* 24th *Ronald Matthews;* 25th *Charles Smith;* 26th *Stephen Smith;* 27th *Kathleen Craker;* 28th *Brian Wright, Gayle Witty;* 29th *Leslie Gullifer.*

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

For you love and goodness; **we give you thanks, O God.**

Lord Jesus, hear us as we pray for ourselves .....; inspire and enable us to be missionaries; to speak for you when the opportunity arises, not to fail in our responsibilities or rely on others to do what we should for ourselves, but to tell gladly and honestly what you mean to us and what you have done in our lives.

You have given us the good news: **teach us how to share it.**

Now to God who is able to of immeasurably more than all we can ask or conceive; **be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages. Amen.**

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## REFLECTION ON THE MARTYRS OF NEW GUINEA

New Guinea (also called Irian), one of the world's largest islands, has very difficult terrain that discourages travel between districts. Consequently, it is home to many isolated tribes, with many different cultures and at least 500 languages. Christian missionaries began work there in the 1860's. When World War II threatened Papua and New Guinea, it was obvious that missionaries of European origin were in danger from the Japanese. There was talk of leaving. From February 1942 there were frequent night and day air raids on Port Moresby. By August 3rd the Japanese were advancing on Port Moresby. All Australian civilians in the town were being evacuated to Australia and civilians of mixed race were evacuated to islands in the Gulf, near Daru. Bishop Philip Strong wrote to his Anglican clergy: *"We must endeavour to carry on our work. God expects this of us. The church at home, which sent us out, will surely expect it of us. The universal church expects it of us. The people whom we serve expect it of us. We could never hold up our faces again if, for our own safety, we all forsook Him and fled, when the shadows of the Passion began to gather around Him in His spiritual and mystical body, the Church in Papua."* They stayed!

Almost immediately there were arrests. Eight clergymen and two laymen were executed "as an example" on September 2, 1942. In the next few years, many Papuan Christians of all Churches risked their own lives to care for the wounded. A total of 333 were killed: 12 Anglicans; 197 Roman Catholic; 5 Evangelical Church of Manus; 16 Lutheran; 77 United Church; 22 Salvation Army; and 4 Seventh Day Adventists. These three headings help us to focus on the Martyrs:

### **Common Humanity and the Debt we Owe**

In September 1946 James Benson wrote: *“Particularly enheartening is the changed attitude towards Christian Missions here in Australia. No longer is there so great a need for an apologetic. Men who have had to do with the Papuans, on the Kokoda Trail and in the battles of the beaches, no longer ask silly questions about the cultural possibilities of primitive races. There is a growing sense of the oneness of the human family. Two soldiers at Lae were telling me of the way the Papuans worked carrying stores and ammunition up to our front lines, and bringing the wounded back gentle as my mother. One of them said, “You don’t think of yourself as a superior bloke in those circumstances.”* These boys telling such stories are the best missionary deputations. That generation of soldiers is fast dying out and it is up to us to heed their message and to remember the huge debt we owe to the people of PNG today for their devoted service to us in our time of need in 1942-1944. We also need to heed the message of our oneness with them then and now as members of the human race and children of the same heavenly Father.

### **Forgiveness and Reconciliation**

No single group of words can convey the sense of openness to the Japanese who were his captors which James Benson conveys throughout his book. He recounts the stories of the good and the cruel men who dealt with him during his captivity. He suffered loss of friends and colleagues as well as the privations of being a prisoner of war, yet his attitude remained that of Christian compassion and forgiveness. The Anglican Church in Japan made its contribution to the commemoration of the martyrs. Firstly in 1950 the Primate of Japan gave several bamboo crosses as an act of contrition and these were erected in the parish churches of each of the martyrs. In 1980 the bishops of the Anglican Church of Japan asked to hear the story of the martyrs, however hard that would be for them. As a result their congregations the following year gave a substantial donation toward the chapel at Newton Theological College near Popondetta.

### **Inspiration to pursue our own calling from God**

This is one of the most important reasons why we need to hear the stories of those faithful people who have gone before us. Bishop David Hand, in his book *Modawa* (2002), explains that after reading the story of the martyrs of Papua New Guinea in 1946 he heard God calling him to go there, as a replacement for Father Redlich. A major development in the Anglican Church of PNG, inspired by the death of these women and men is the foundation of the Martyr’s Memorial School in July 1947 in the Northern Province. The first head teacher Margaret de Bibra, a remarkable woman, set the school’s pattern of excellence only to be killed four years later during the eruption of Mount Lamington.

*Adapted from Bride M. (2000). A resource book of the Martyrs of New Guinea and Melanesia. Sydney: Anglican Board of Missions*

## NOTICES

**Today we valed Catherine and Glen Turnbull** who are moving to a parish in Melbourne Diocese as Catherine continues her theological studies. A farewell shared lunch 12.30pm at Caroline Burge's 20 Chrystobel Way Kilmore.

**Next Sunday we will welcome The Revd Maryann Leonard** (Deacon) who will commence her CPE placement in the Parish from 1st September. Revd Maryann and husband John will be joining with us as soon as practicable.

**Property Committee Meets Wednesday 2nd September @ Church House**

**ABM - MYANMAR FLOOD EMERGENCY APPEAL** - The aim is to raise \$50,000 to help rebuild the many communities affected by this disaster. Please donate generously.

**Episcopal Parish Visitation - 25-27 September.** Watch this space for details. Book now for Gavan Hall Dinner Friday 25th \$30/head contact John Patterson.

**Parish Fete - Saturday 21st November** - Next Fete Meeting Wednesday 9th September at 7.00pm at the home of Caroline Burge. Those interested in running or assisting on a stall please attend or contact Caroline, Lucy or Robyn.

**Plant Cuttings** - With spring just around the corner, please start striking some cuttings or planting some seeds for the Plant Stall.

**Christ Church Rosters** - volunteers needed for dusting, vacuuming, reading, sides persons and morning tea rosters. Please contact Robyn Whitehouse.

**Offering Envelopes** are now available - please help yourself. You might consider using Electronic Transfer of Funds.

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

### Parish Diary

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1st Wed	7.30pm	Property Committee Meeting	venue TBA
1st & 3rd Fri	7.00pm	Faith Enhancement Study	13 The Parade, Broadford
2nd Sun	12.30pm	Parish BBQ	See Notices for details
3rd Tues	1.30pm	St Matthew's Friendship Group	Gavan Hall Broadford
3rd Wed	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	venue TBA
4th Sun	5.00pm	Church 4 Kids	Christ Church

## Parish life this week

First week of September

- Monday 31st *[John Bunyan, preacher & spiritual writer (d. 1688)]*  
Tuesday 1st Sept Revd Maryann Leonard begins her placement in the Parish  
Wednesday 2nd 10.00am Eucharist Christ Church Seymour  
7.30pm Property Committee @ Church House  
Thursday 3rd *[Gregory of Rome, bishop & teacher (d. 604); Eliza Darling, pioneer social reformer in NSW (d. 1868)]*  
10.00am Eucharist St Matthews Broadford  
10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade  
4.00pm Eucharist Dianella  
Friday 4th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House  
11.30am Eucharist, Caladenia  
Saturday 5th 10.00am- 12.00pm Op Shop, Church House

### SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 6th September 2015 – Pentecost XV [23]**

Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22–23; Psalm 125; James 2. 1-17; Mark 7.24-37

<b>Christ Church</b>	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
<b>St Matthews</b>	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
<b>St Stephens</b>	11.00am	Morning Prayer
<b>Transfiguration</b>	4.00pm	Holy Eucharist

### Parish Clergy

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