

The Diocese of Wangaratta
**The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook**

9th July 2017

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



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SENTENCE

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,’ says the Lord. ‘Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.’ Matthew 11.28–29

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us; yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67

A reading from the book of Genesis

The chief servant of Abraham said, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' I said to my master, 'I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. They said, "We will call the girl, and ask her." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she

became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death. *Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 45: 10-17

Response to the Psalm: **The peoples shall praise you forever.**

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear:
forget your own people and your father's house.
The king desires your beauty:
he is your lord, therefore bow down before him. *Response*

¹The richest among the people, O daughter of Tyre:
shall entreat your favour with gifts.
The king's daughter is all glorious within:
her clothing is embroidered cloth-of-gold. *Response*

In robes of many colours she is led to you, O king:
and, after her, the virgins that are with her.
They are led with gladness and rejoicing:
they enter the palace of the king. *Response*

In place of your fathers you shall have sons:
and make them princes over all the land.
And I will make known your name to every generation:
therefore the peoples shall give you praise for ever. *Response*

SECOND READING

Romans 7:14-25

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to

do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin. *Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.* **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to children. **Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:15-19,25-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Let anyone with ears listen! “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Gracious and merciful God, you have promised rest to the weary and relief to heavy laden: hear the prayers we bring for your people. We pray for those weighed down by the hardships of daily life: for those who live in poverty, without adequate food or shelter; for those in places of war- civilians, soldiers and refugees. Relieve their burdens, that all your people may live in dignity and peace. Gracious God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those wearied by responsibility in your church. Refresh and revitalise them; we pray for our Bishop John, for the future priest for our parish and for all parishioners. For those without resources to fulfil their tasks; those whose dreams were shattered, whose vision others do not share. Renew their spirits, that they may find their strength in you. Gracious God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those exhausted by overwork or the responsibility of care; for carers of young children, of the disabled and the informed; for those unable to provide for their families or themselves. Lighten their loads, that they may know your encouragement and support. Gracious God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those burdened by guilt, self doubt, anxiety or despair: for those unable to leave behind the past; for those afraid of the present and without hope for the future. Lift these weights from them, that they may let go of their fears. Gracious God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those worn down by pain, grief or by a sense of uselessness; for those who mourn, particularly the Staring, Evans and deNiet families; for those whom society does not value or want; for the lonely, the friendless, the sick and dying. Sooth their hurt and calm their distress, that they may find their peace in you. We pray for those who are in need and those we name this day... *Karen Goodger, Belinda Shannon, Jenny Curry, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Mark Bennets, Fay Muddyman, Rob Muddyman, Elaine Haddock, Joy Rowe, Francis Piva, Sharron de Battista, Iris Haywood, Tania Morgan (Norman & Ann's Daughter), Kathleen Taylor (recovering from surgery).* We thanks for where healing blessings have been received. Gracious God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember all those who have died in your love, praying especially for the souls of Jean Evans and Theo Staring who died this week, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *Edmund Randall (priest), Carrie Izod, Priscila Mulenga-Langamu, Marjorie Galley, Thomas Rowe, Francis Chapman, Harry Wilkie, Margaret Luckie, Jim Still, Mary Chapman, Phillis Climas, Sidney Bradshaw, Benjamin Baines, Olive Shan, Keith Jenkins.* Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Gracious God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving and merciful God, you come to us in the risen Christ, and you prepare a place for us in your home as Mother-and-Father of us all; hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; draw us more deeply into yourself through scripture read, water splashed, bread broken, wine poured, so that when our hearts are troubled, we will know you more completely as the way, the truth, and the life.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers:

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may, by your grace receive through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mitchell Shire Suicide Prevention Network. The theme of this meeting is to be BULLYING--AT ALL LEVELS. This meeting will be under auspices of the Mitchell Shire Suicide Prevention Network and our mentor organisation, Wesley Mission.

The speaker will be from Bully Zero Australia:-

Date: Thursday 13 July 2017 6.30pm to approx 8.00pm

Venue: Golden Reign Room, Kilmore Trackside

Any enquiries to Bruce Radford-0466 974 061. <bradford@vtown.com.au>

Parish monthly Winter Lunch: Today at Caroliner Burge's place: 20 Chrystobel Way. Kilmore from 12.30pm. Due to the winter, the next couple of Parish 'BBQ's will be in the form of a bring and share 'hot food' luncheon. The next date is August 13th, at the home of Beris Hannam. Looking for a host for September 10th. If you would like to offer your place, please contact Caroline Burge or Fr. Paul.

Our Sympathy to the Evans and deNiet family on the death of their Mum/Mother-in-law, Jean Evans, this week. Jean's funeral will be held at Christ Church on 12th July at 11.00am. Our sympathies too to Ian Staring and family on the death of Theo.

Chris Schafer's Memorial Service: 14th July, Christ Church at 11.30am. Private Family interment of Chris' ashes before memorial.

Preparation for Fete: Plants really need to be potted now so as you are cutting back or digging up or moving plants or bulbs please pot and label them. Barbara Radford

Kids Church: Following some Baptism Requests, Fr. Paul has committed himself to holding a "Kids Church" on the last Saturday in each month, at 5.00pm, beginning on 22nd July. He will need a lot of help. If there are some people called to help with this ministry, please speak to Fr. Paul soon!

Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm Wednesday 19th July at Bradford. If you have items for the agenda, please send them to John Patterson <johndpatterson@yahoo.com.au>

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser: Our next Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser will be held next **Saturday July 15th**. Thank you to all who have volunteered to assist on this day.

Watch This Space: BBQ of information of welcome for students from the international school.

Exhibition: Wangaratta Cathedral: "Once Upon A Time" Theatre costume Display - July 8th - 16th.

Direct Debit /EFT Offerings - Account details: BENDIGO BANK - Account Name 'Anglican Parish of Kilmore'; BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921. Parishioners using direct debit or electronic funds transfer please use these bank details when making offerings.

PARISH DIARY

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

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

Parish life this week

Thursday 13th 10.00am Eucharist - St Matthew's
 11.30 am
 10.00am Eucharist - Blue Cross
 4.00pm Eucharist - Dianella

Friday 14th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

Saturday 15th 10.00am - 12.00pm Op Shop Church House
 8.00am - 4.00pm Bunnings Fundraising BBQ @ Craigieburn

Next Sunday: SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - 16th July		
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Readings: Genesis 25 19-34; Psalm 119 105-112 Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9 18-23		
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Christ Church	9am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthew's	11am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephen's	11am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration	4pm	Holy Eucharist

Parish Clergy:

Locum Priest (Thursday - Sunday only): Fr Paul Dalzell. 9 Union Street, Kilmore, 3764; Ph 5782 1155; mobile 0467 682 036
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Special Note:

From now on, could you please send information for the pew sheet to Fr. Paul at the above e.mail address.

Parishioners and visitors are advised that photographs may be taken of activities in the Parish from time to time for use on Parish website, Facebook and for publication in the Advocate. If you do not wish to be included in a photo please stand clear of the group at the time. Photos are never taken without a warning.