



THE ANGLICAN PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF BEECHWORTH

*Christ Church St Peter & St Paul,
Beechworth with St Jude's Eldorado*

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Regular Services in the Parish:

Christ Church Beechworth

Sundays 10.00am Sung Eucharist

1st Sunday Morning Prayer

Wednesdays 10am Holy Eucharist

St Jude's Eldorado

1st Sunday, Holy Eucharist, 10.00am

*2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays, Morning
Prayer, 10.00am*

*5th Sundays, one service in the
Parish at Christ Church, 10am*

Acknowledgement of Country

*As we gather and journey on lands sacred to the First Nations:
those peoples who faithfully stewarded Creation in this region
for thousands of years, we pay our respects to their elders:
past, present, and emerging, and pray that our shared journey
forward may lead to greater reconciliation and healing.*

MOTHERING SUNDAY & SIMNEL CAKE

Each year on the fourth Sunday of Lent, countries around the world celebrate Mothering Sunday. In many countries e.g. UK & Eire, this typically involves lavishing Mums with gifts and attention and celebrating the women who have nurtured us throughout our lives. In Australia we follow the American model, observing it in May, and which is very commercialised and benefiting the retailers via the mums!

Here are some of the traditions that have shaped Mothering Sunday into the celebration recognised today:

The Journey to the Mother Church

In the 16th century, Mothering Sunday was less about mothers and more about church. Back then, people would make a journey to their 'mother' church once a year. This might have been their home church, their nearest cathedral or a major parish church in a bigger town. The service which took place at the 'mother' church symbolised the coming together of families. This would have represented a significant journey for many.

A day off to visit Mother

Another tradition was to allow those working in the fields on wealthy farms and estates in England to have the day off on the fourth Sunday of Lent to visit their mothers and possibly go to church too. This was a variation on the theme of visiting the 'mother' church and was a move towards a more family focussed occasion. Before the days of cars and roads, family get-togethers were far more rare, (and facetime was still a long way off). In some ways this tradition is still alive today as grown up children often visit their parents on mothering Sunday.

Simnel Cake

Simnel cake has a strong affiliation to Mothering Sunday as it is usually associated with spring and Easter. It resembles a Christmas fruit cake but should be slightly lighter in texture. The other difference is the two layers of marzipan. Yum. Simnel cake should have a layer of marzipan running through the middle like a victoria sponge and then another layer of marzipan on the top. Traditionally, you should also roll some marzipan into eleven eggs and place these on the top. The eggs are supposed to symbolise the disciples who followed Jesus – note that Judas is excluded.

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presiding:	Fr Matthew Healy
Preaching:	Fr Matthew Healy
Welcomer:	Meryl Johnson
Serving:	Stephen Morris
Readings:	Margaret Hinton & Meryl Johnson
Intercessions:	Kate Sutherland
Morning Tea:	Helen McIntosh
Organist:	Sandra Williams

Welcome and introduction.

Welcome to Christ Church this morning, especially those visiting or here for the first time.

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light.

Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness, but his reply overturns the question — through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Furthermore, the healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. Later, after the man born blind is expelled from the synagogue, Jesus seeks him out, revealing to him that he is the Son of Man, with the man coming to faith and worshiping Jesus. The irony is clear: those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Like the Samaritan woman narrative, this reading is used in Lent to prepare catechumens for baptism at Easter.

Following the liturgy please stay for light refreshments served at the tea and coffee bar.

Before we commence the liturgy, please, take a moment to settle, to be prayerfully aware, to gather the various threads of our lives, to be mindful of the needs of others, and to offer it all to God in this Eucharist.

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN

God of Eve and God of Mary (Words: AM 137 & Tune: TiS 217ii)

**God of Eve and God of Mary,
God of love and mother-earth,
thank you for the ones who with us
shared their life and gave us birth.**

**As you came to earth in Jesus,
so you come to us today;
you are present in the caring
that prepares us for life's way.**

**Thank you that the Church , our Mother,
gives us bread and fills our cup,
and the comfort of the Spirit
warms our hearts and lifts us up.**

**Thank you for belonging, shelter,
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,
and for those who have no children,
yet are parents under God.**

**God of Eve and God of Mary,
Christ our brother, human Son,
Spirit, caring like a Mother,
take our love and make us one!**

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Invocation & Greeting

✠ Bless the Lord who forgives our sins:

whose mercy endures forever.

The Lord be with you:

and also with you.

Welcome & Introduction

Scripture Sentence

'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord; 'those who follow me will have the light of life.' *John 8.12*

Kyrie (A New People's Mass – Gregory Murray)

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The Collect

Let us pray that we will seek to live in the light of Christ.

Gracious God, in order that we children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world: as the light of Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in truth and goodness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13

David was anointed king over Israel.

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

- 1 The Lord said to Samuel,
 "Fill your horn with oil and set out;
 I will send you to Jesse of Bethlehem,
 for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."
- 6 When the sons of Jesse came,
 Samuel looked on Eliab and thought,
 "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord."
- 7 But the Lord said to Samuel,
 "Do not look on his appearance
 or on the height of his stature,
 because I have rejected him;
 for the Lord does not see as mortals see;
 they look on the outward appearance,
 but the Lord looks on the heart."
- 10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel,
 and Samuel said to Jesse,
 "The Lord has not chosen any of these."
- 11 Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?"
 And he said, "There remains yet the youngest,
 but he is keeping the sheep."
 And Samuel said to Jesse,
 "Send and bring him;
 for we will not sit down until he comes here."

- 12 Jesse sent and brought David in.
Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes,
and was handsome.
The Lord said,
"Rise and anoint him; for this is the one."
13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil,
and anointed him in the presence of his brothers;
and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David
from that day forward.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

PARAPHRASE OF PSALM 23

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;**

**my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.**

Psalm 23, Scottish Psalter, 1650

Tune: CRIMOND Composer (attributed to) Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1836-1887

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5.8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

- 8 Once you were darkness,
but now in the Lord you are light.
Live as children of light—
- 9 for the fruit of the light is found
in all that is good and right and true.
- 10 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.
- 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness,
but instead expose them.
- 12 For it is shameful even to mention
what such people do secretly;
- 13 but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,
- 14 for everything that becomes visible is light.
- Therefore it is said, "Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

**Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
You are the Word who leads us into light;
You are the Word who brings us thorough the desert:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! (Refrain)

GOSPEL
John 9.1-41

The man who was blind washed his eyes and came back able to see.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1 As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth.
- 2 His disciples asked him,
"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents,
that he was born blind?"
- 3 Jesus answered,
"Neither this man nor his parents sinned;
he was born blind
so that God's works might be revealed in him.
- 4 We must work the works of him
who sent me while it is day;
night is coming when no one can work.
- 5 As long as I am in the world,

I am the light of the world.”

6 When he had said this, he spat on the ground
and made mud with the saliva
and spread the mud on the man’s eyes,
7 saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam”
(which means Sent).
Then the man who was blind went and washed,
and came back able to see.

8 The neighbours and those who had seen him before
as a beggar began to ask,
“Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?”
9 Some were saying, “It is he.”
Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.”
He kept saying, “I am the man.”

10 But they kept asking him,
“Then how were your eyes opened?”
11 He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud,
spread it on my eyes,
and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’
Then I went and washed and received my sight.”

12 They said to him, “Where is he?”
He said, “I do not know.”

13 They brought to the Pharisees
the man who had formerly been blind.

14 Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud
and opened his eyes.

15 Then the Pharisees also began to ask him
how he had received his sight.
He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes.
Then I washed, and now I see.”

16 Some of the Pharisees said,
"This man is not from God,
for he does not observe the sabbath."
But others said,
"How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?"
And they were divided.

17 So they said again to the blind man,
"What do you say about him?
It was your eyes he opened."
He said, "He is a prophet."

18 They did not believe that he had been blind
and had received his sight
until they called the parents of the man
who had received his sight

19 and asked them,
"Is this your son, who you say was born blind?
How then does he now see?"

20 His parents answered, "We know that this is our son,
and that he was born blind;

21 but we do not know how it is that now he sees,
nor do we know who opened his eyes.
Ask him; he is of age.
He will speak for himself."

22 His parents said this
because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities,
who had already agreed
that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah
would be put out of the synagogue.

23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

24 So for the second time

they called the man who had been blind,
and they said to him, "Give glory to God!
We know that this man is a sinner."

25 He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner.
One thing I do know,
that though I was blind, now I see."

26 They said to him, "What did he do to you?
How did he open your eyes?"

27 He answered them,
"I have told you already, and you would not listen.
Why do you want to hear it again?
Do you also want to become his disciples?"

28 Then they reviled him, saying,
"You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.

29 We know that God has spoken to Moses,
but as for this man,
we do not know where he comes from."

30 The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing!
You do not know where he comes from,
and yet he opened my eyes.

31 We know that God does not listen to sinners,
but he does listen to one who worships him
and obeys his will.

32 Never since the world began has it been heard
that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.

33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

34 They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins,
and are you trying to teach us?"

And they drove him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had driven him out,

and when he found him, he said,
"Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
36 He answered, "And who is he, sir?
Tell me, so that I may believe in him."
37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him,
and the one speaking with you is he."
38 He said, "Lord, I believe."
And he worshipped him.
39 Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment
so that those who do not see may see,
and those who do see may become blind."
40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard this
and said to him,
"Surely we are not blind, are we?"
41 Jesus said to them,
"If you were blind, you would have no sin.
But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Apostles Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the ✠ life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the world and the church.

Each petition ends with the response to
...in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

After the last petition:

✠ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

The prayers conclude with:

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.**

Confession & Absolution

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Silence may be kept.

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God,

our maker and our judge,

**we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:**

we have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;

we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

Father, forgive us.

**Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The absolution

With our hearts turned to God in repentance, with the knowledge of our sins laid bare before the cross of Jesus Christ, in the name of the living God, ✠ your sins are forgiven. Receive God's mercy, take hold of your forgiveness, and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, walk in the light of Christ.

Amen.

The Peace

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 always with you

and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Notices and announcements

THE SACRAMENT

Preparation of the Altar-table & taking of the Bread and Wine

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord Christ, at your first eucharist you prayed (TiS 521)

**Lord Christ, at your first eucharist you prayed
that all your church might be for ever one;
may at each eucharist this prayer be made
with longing heart and soul, 'Your will be done.'
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**For all your church, O Lord, we intercede;
make all our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to you, O Prince of Peace:
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**We also pray for wanderers from your fold;
O bring them back, Good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to your church which still that faith must keep:
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.**

**So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease
may we be one with all your church above,
one with your saints in one unbroken peace,
one with your saints in one unbounded love;**

**more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.**

Author: William Henry Turton, 1856-1938 (alt.) Tune : SONG 1 Composer: Orlando Gibbons, 1583-

1625

Arrangement (attributed to): Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

Blessing of the Simnel Cake

Almighty God, giver of all joy: Receive at our hands this cake, that it may be to us a symbol of our communion with you and with one another; as its flour was once scattered over our land as wheat and now is one, so let us be one in anticipation of your gift of the new Jerusalem which, as your redeemed people, is our joy, our hope, our destiny, and our home. Hear us, O Lord, through Jesus Christ your Son, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Prayer over the gifts of bread and wine.

Let us pray.

God our Creator, show forth your mighty works amidst your people. Enlighten your Church, that we may know your Son as the true light of the world and through our worship confess him as Christ; for he lives and reigns for ever.

Amen.

The first exercise is written on a five-line staff. It consists of a sequence of eighth notes: G4 (first line), A4 (first space), B4 (second line), C5 (second space), D5 (third line), E5 (third space), F5 (fourth line), G5 (fourth space), A5 (fifth line), and B5 (fifth space). The notes are grouped in pairs with a slur over each pair, and there is a vertical bar line after the fourth note (C5).

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The first line of musical notation consists of a five-line staff. The notes are placed on the following lines from left to right: the first line (G), the second line (A), the third line (B), the fourth line (C), the first line (G), the second line (A), and the third line (B). The final two notes, A and B, are beamed together with a slur above them.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san na in the high - est.

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,
 who, in your tender mercy,
 gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
 to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
 who made there by his one oblation
 of himself once offered
 a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice,
 oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world;
 he instituted,
 and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,
 a perpetual memory of his precious death
 until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,
 and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 we receiving these gifts of your creation,
 this bread and this wine,

according to your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed ✕ body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU;
DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

DRINK THIS, ALL OF YOU;
THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT,
WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS, AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK IT,
IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has_ died, Christ is__ ri-sen, Christ will come a - gain.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
we offer you through him

this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Grant that by his merits and death,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins
and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer you any sacrifice,
yet we pray that you will accept this
the duty and service that we owe.
Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,
and fill us all who share in this holy communion
with your grace and heavenly blessing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.



The Lord's Prayer
Let us pray with
confidence as our

Saviour has taught us:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The Agnus Dei



The musical notation for 'The Agnus Dei' is written on two staves. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 2/2. It contains the lyrics: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins__ of the world:'. The second staff is also in G major and 2/2 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 2/2. It contains the lyrics: 'have mer-cy on us. grant__ us peace.' The notation includes a first ending bracket labeled '1.2.' and a second ending bracket labeled '3.'.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins__ of the world:

have mer-cy on us. grant__ us peace.

The invitation to Holy Communion

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of
Christ in remembrance that he died for us.

**We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much
as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord**

**whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

The Holy Communion will be administered in both kinds in the following manner:

- *The sanctified bread (pre-intincted) will be administered at a station on your left side outside the communion rail*
- *The sanctified wine (common cup) at a station on your right side outside the communion rail.*

Sentence after Communion

The man said: 'One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' *John 9:25b*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Compassionate and loving God,
through your Son Jesus Christ you have fed us
and have reconciled your people to yourself.
Following his example of fasting and prayer,
may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

The Blessing

The Lord be with you

And also you.

Christ give you ✠ grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Our Father God in heaven (Words: AM138 Tune: TiS 361)

**Our Father God in heaven
on whom our world depends,
to you let praise be given
for families and friends;
for parents, sisters, brothers,
a home where love belongs,
but on this day for mothers
we bring our thankful songs.**

**What wealth of God's bestowing
for all the world to share!
what strength of heart outgoing
to children everywhere!
Our deepest joys and sorrows**

**a mother's path must trace,
and earth's unknown tomorrows
are held in her embrace.**

**How well we know the story
that tells of Jesus' birth,
the Lord of heaven's glory
become a child of earth;
a helpless infant sleeping,
yet King of realms above,
to find in Mary's keeping
the warmth of human love.**

**Our Father God in heaven,
to you we lift our prayer,
that every child be given
such tenderness and care,
where life is all for others,
where love your love displays:
for God's good gift of mothers
let earth unite in praise!**

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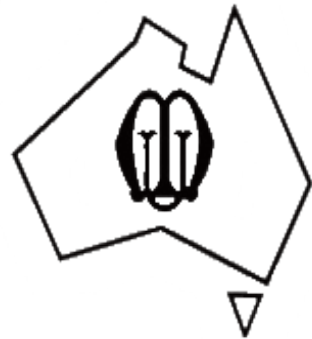
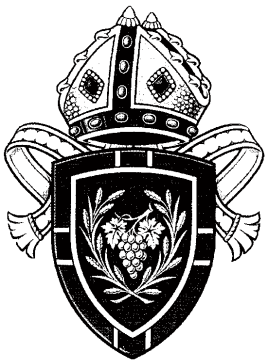


Lady Day

Hosted by Diocese of
Wangaratta Mothers' Union

25th March

Holy Trinity Cathedral,
Wangaratta



Eucharist for Lady Day at 10:30am

Followed at 11:45am by Prevention of Family Violence Workshop in
Purbrick Hall to be led by The Reverend Tracy Lauersen.

Representatives of Lay and Cleric Members of all parishes and
parochial districts are warmly encouraged to attend this important
Diocesan initiative. Workshop will conclude at 3pm.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Please RVSP to Fiona at registry@wangaratta-anglican.org.au by 21st March

ABOUT AKWAK:

I have been a group leader in Aussies Knitting for War Affected Kids (AKWAK), an Australia wide group, for several years now. We are a humanitarian group supporting the war-affected kids in the IDP camps in Syria. You can find us on Facebook where we are fast approaching 2000 members. We work with the Australian Syrian Association (ASA) of Victoria for their winter appeal each year, to try and provide warm, woolly clothing for the kids to help them to get through the bitter winters while living in tents, often with no heating.

ASA Vic sends a container of support which is distributed by the Rahma Humanitarian Foundation. Because of our annual container we are well placed to help with items that the earthquake victims now need. We are currently collecting 'summer items' for an extra container, to be packed at the end of March. We will accept adult and child items, but Customs in the receiving port of Turkey forbid secondhand items so everything MUST be brand new and unwashed or the whole container is put at risk.

Items for our packs can include:

T shirts

Windcheaters

Long pants/shorts for boys

Dresses/skirts for girls (for 10yrs and over they should be ankle length and nothing strappy)

Undies

Socks

Singlets

Gumboots or closed toe shoes

Hygiene kits of toothbrush, toothpaste, comb/brush, 2 soap (take care it isn't made with animal fat), washer & towel.

Light blankets

Soft toys

Beth Davidson
Coordinator

PARISH NOTICES

**Scripture readings for:
The Fifth Sunday in Lent**
Ezekiel 37.12-14; Psalm 130;
Romans 8.8-11; John 11.1-45

St Jude's: Gentle Exercises' Monday's at 10am. St Jude's Hall.

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES: from Sunday 2 April 2023 the Sunday Services times will be: 9.30am at Beechworth & 11.00am at Eldorado.

LENT STUDY: Pilgrim Course—The Beatitudes. Wednesday's after 10am Mass.

PREVENTION OF FAMILY VIOLENCE WORKSHOP: March 25th, Purbrick Hall, Wangaratta RSVP to Fiona at registry@wangeratta-anglican.org.au by 21/03

PALM CROSS MAKING: Both Yackandandah & Beechworth are joining forces to make Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday. Friday, 31 March, 10.30am at Holy Trinity, Yackandandah.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 2023

Palm Sunday 2 April 2023

9.30am Beechworth; 11.00am Eldorado

Holy Monday & Wednesday

10.00am Beechworth

Maundy Thursday 6 April 2023

7.00pm Beechworth

Good Friday 7 April 2023

11.00am Eldorado; 3.00pm Beechworth

Holy Saturday 8 April 2023

7.00pm Easter Vigil, Beechworth

Easter Day, Sunday 9 April 2023

9.30am Beechworth; 11.00am Eldorado

Fresh Fields: Fr Gunnar & Marg Ripon will be taking on the Locum Tenens ministry at the Parish of Numurkah & Nathalia, from Monday, 15 May 2023. Fr Gunnar and Margaret will be formally farewelled at Evensong on Sunday, 16 April 2023 at 5.00pm at Christ Church, Beechworth. A luncheon or dinner details to follow. Please let Fran know if you would like to attend. 0400 355 769

AKWAK ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS OF NEW CLOTHING ETC FOR DIRECT DELIVERY TO SYRIAN REFUGEE CAMPS. SEE FRAN FOR MORE INFORMATION AND A LIST OF SUITABLE ITEMS. MARCH 26TH IS THE DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS.

**Please pray for:
THE PEOPLE OF VANUATU,
CYCLONE VICTIMS. PARISH
COUNCIL HAVE DIRECTED \$500 TO
DISASTER RELIEF.**

The World & Australia: The oceans and their care. Ship Owners; Shipping Agents; Port Authorities, International Labour Organisation. The Missions to Seafarers, Star of the Sea (Stella Maris) and all who care for Seafarers.

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Wangaratta - Bishop Clarence (*Michelle, Kyle and Kian*)

The Diocese of Wangaratta: All retired Clergy-give thanks for their service to God's Church. All Clergy with Permission to Officiate (PTO) - Give thanks for their ORKSHOP support and enrichment of the life of the Diocese and its parishioners.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Bev, Carol, Gayne, Lachlan, Sue, Peter, Anna, Fr Robert Whalley, Bishop John Parkes. For the residents and staff at Beechworth Health, and for the prisoners, Chaplain and staff at Beechworth Correctional Centre.

Year's Mind: MARCH: ; 20th - Philip Skinner; 21st - Thomas Kellett, Ernest Warner, Daniel Borschmann; 22nd - Walter Thompson, Anna Stoman, Fr Charles Nagle; 23rd - Herbert Pyke, Ruby Dunn, Margaret Freeman, Bp Thomas Armstrong; 24th - Hilda Price, Rosina French, William de la Rue, Freda Sinclair; 25th - Nancy Halsell, Mary Broughton