



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA
PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYS

The Second Sunday after Pentecost
2nd June 2024

Dear Parishioners, it is good to be back after a couple of weeks Leave. Sue and I enjoyed much relaxation and valued time with family in Canberra. We celebrated our 35th Wedding Anniversary while away and that was a delightful milestone to reach. However we are always glad to get back home.

Thank you to all who kept things ticking while we were away, especially our Relief Clergy and the Wardens. Thank you all.

Neil Hicks.

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This week we remember and give thanks for the Martyrs of Uganda, at two periods of time and also a person who oddly enough does not appear in our Australian Church Calendar but is commemorated in the Church of England as well as his local Church in Melanesia.

The Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7 and 1977

In 1884 Mwanga became ruler (kabaka) of Buganda in Uganda. When three of his subjects, obeying a missionary's instruction, unwittingly disobeyed his orders, he had them executed: Yusufu Lugalama, Mako Kakumba and Nuwa Serwanga went to their deaths on 31 January 1885. In November, Joseph Mkasa Balikuddembe, a Roman Catholic courtier, was executed for protesting at the murder of Bishop James Hannington. The persecution reached its height in 1886, when some courtiers and palace officials refused Mwanga's sexual advances. Mwanga was enraged that the Christians acknowledged a higher authority than the kabaka and ordered their execution. Forty-six whose names are known, Roman Catholic and Anglican, were martyred; most, led by Charles Lwanga, were burnt alive on Ascension Day, 3rd June 1886. The last martyrdom was that of Jean-Marie Muzeyi in the following January. The description of the deaths of these Ugandans reads like a martyrdom narrative from the early Christian centuries.

The Churches in Uganda came under extreme pressure during the presidency of Amin and the second presidency of Obote in the 1970s and 1980s. Among those who lost their lives at this time was Archbishop Janani Luwum. Christians in Uganda unite on this day to remember those who witnessed in their country for Christ, even unto death.

Ini Kopuria, 1945

As a native policeman, Ini Kopuria's job took him all over Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands, but a vision of Jesus, calling him to do different work for his people, led him to a life of evangelism in which he aimed to take and live the gospel in the remotest villages and islands in Melanesia. He began a

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Dates for your Diary

13th June, Thursday—Parish Council following the 9.30am Eucharist.
19th June Wednesday “Drop-In” ConTact - Soup & Sandwiches

NEW TABLES FOR ST MICHAEL’S HALL.



A very warm thank you to the generous folk who have contributed or purchased tables for St Michael’s Hall.

We have reached our target. **THANK YOU!**

The light-weight tables are so much easier to handle, and as the hall is now used on most weekdays, with the necessary swapping and changing, it makes life much easier for everyone.



At the recent parish council meeting Fr Neil presented a proposal to ask the people of St. Michael’s if it would be OK to have the pulpit reduced in size made to be on only one step, so lower as well.

The space in St Michael’s is constrained and we need to move the computer operator out of the corner of the front pew.

The pulpit is large and apart from the current Priest, rarely used.

The proposal is to retain only the front section of the pulpit, as shown at left and to have a larger book stand so that it can be used for both reading the scriptures and preaching.

Comments to be made in writing to the Wardens until 9th June.

THE CHOSEN, Series Three—Episode Eight. Sustenance.

As Jesus preaches, thousands of people show up to listen and argue.

Preaching continues the following day, where many are hungry but there is no food.

5.00 p.m. St Michael’s Church followed by short discussion then a shared light meal.

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Brotherhood for Melanesians in 1925 and, with help from his bishop, prepared a Rule and made vows himself in which he dedicated his life and his land to God. Men were asked to make only a five-year commitment to service within the community and many came to join him and stayed for much longer. It quickly grew into one of the largest religious communities in the Anglican Communion and its method of evangelism proved highly effective. Ini died on this day in 1945, revered throughout the Pacific Islands and Papua New Guinea.

WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, 3rd June *The Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7 and 1977*
John XXIII, bishop of Rome, reformer (d 1963.)
2 Peter 1. 2-7. Psalm 91. 9-16. Mark 12. 1-12.

Tuesday, 4th
2 Peter 3. 11-18. Psalm 90. 13-17. Mark 12.13-17.
9.30 a.m. Pangerang at St Michael's Hall.

Wednesday, 5th *Boniface of Mainz, bishop and martyr (d 754)*
2 Timothy 1. 1-12. Psalm 123. Mark 12. 18-27.
9.30 a.m. Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.
10.00 a.m. Eucharist—Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Thursday, 6th *Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945*
2 Timothy 2. 8-15. Psalm 25. 8-15. Mark 12. 28-34.
9.30 a.m. Eucharist—St. Michael's Hall
10.15 a.m. Bible Study—St. Michael's Hall.

Friday, 7th
2 Timothy 3. 10-17. Psalm 119. 161-168. Mark 12. 35-37.
9.30 a.m. Pangerang at St Paul's Hall.
5.00 p.m. The Chosen—St. Michael's.

Saturday, 8th June
2 Timothy 4. 1-8. Psalm 71. 17-24. Mark 12. 38-44.

Third Sunday after Pentecost, 9th June

9.30am, Eucharist @St. Michael's, Wangaratta.

11.00am, Eucharist @St. Paul's, Glenrowan.

1 Samuel 8. 4-11 [12-15], 16-20 + 11. 14-15. Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4. 13 — 5. 1. Mark 3. 20-35.



All non-perishable items are appreciated, and as a special treat for children - muesli bars or similar.

tinned peas, tinned beans, chunky and cuppa soup; Shampoo & Conditioner; jam.

This month's special focus:

Milo, tinned tuna, honey, sweet biscuits.

It is also OK to buy dog food as this cannot be obtained through the food share programme.



Sunday 2nd June 2024

- ◆ **The World:** Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Eswatini.
The producers of food around the world.
A fair sharing of the world's resources.
- ◆ **Australia:** The Premier of Victoria—Ms. Jacinta Allen.
Leader of State Opposition—Mr. John Pesutto.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Chinese Methodist Church.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).
The Chancellor: Clyde Croft. The Advocate: Rachel Ellyard
The Diocesan Trustees. Diocesan Synod Members.
The Cathedral Parish Dean: *vacant*
the Parish leaders and communities at: Holy Trinity Cathedral
All Saints', Moyhu, Holy Trinity, Whitfield.
- ◆ **Our Parish:** CONTACT "Drop-In" at Glenrowan.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Mark H, Sharon W. Robert P. Zoe. Nina Colson. Melanie.
Wayne. Warren G. Kaye McKenzie. Josef.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 2nd—8th June.**
[02/06] Margaret Goff, 2013. Thelma Blair, 1994.
[03/06] Robin Wickham, 2012.
[04/06] Noel Schultz, 1993. Norman Wind, 1988. Daisy Moore, 1971.
[05/06] Beverley Vonarx, 2022. [07/06] 'Jack' Menhennitt, 1999.
[08/06] Lillian Tait, 2003. 'Ella' Sessions, 2022.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.
And may light perpetual shine upon them.

Prayer of the week (*pray daily*) {OS 9}

Almighty and everliving God,
increase in us your gift of faith,
so that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before us,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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