



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

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
23rd June 2024

Dear Parishioners, below I quote our Bishop, using words he has written today for the Cathedral Parish Pewsheet. It was good to have Bishop Clarence with us last Sunday and I trust you found the information sharing to be helpful at this time.

Neil Hicks.

“This afternoon at 1.45pm, the Parish Councils of both the Cathedral and Wangaratta West will meet at Purbrick Hall to further conversation about how the cooperative ministry will work, to share in fellowship and to get to know one another.

Hopefully during July, we will create an opportunity for both congregations to meet at Bishop’s Lodge for a meal and to get to know each other. I want to stress again that this is not a process of amalgamation, but a hope that the Wangaratta Anglicans will begin to look at one another as they will share a Priest with effect 1 September.”

Birth of John the Baptist—June 24.

John, the son of Elizabeth, a relative of Mary, and of Zechariah, a priest, was born six months before our Lord. The series of miraculous events connected with John’s birth indicated that his was to be no ordinary vocation. The angel Gabriel, having been sent by God, appeared to Zechariah, while fulfilling his priestly duties in the Temple, to inform him that his wife Elizabeth, who was both barren and well along in years, was to have a son. When Zechariah expressed his doubt, he suddenly became mute (Luke 1:1–25). Later, when Mary visited Elizabeth, the unborn child in Elizabeth’s womb leaped with joy in the presence of his Lord (Luke 1:39–41). And as today’s Gospel reading (Luke 1:56–66, 80) narrates, at the child’s circumcision, Zechariah suddenly regained his voice, when he insisted that the child’s name was John, the name given him by the angel. John was to be no ordinary saint; he was chosen by God to have a very special place in the role of redemption—it was his task to preach repentance and prepare the people for Christ’s coming.

It is infrequent that the Church in her liturgical calendar celebrates a birthday; there are only three such, that of Christ (December 25), that of our Lady (September 8), and today’s, that of John the Baptist. For all other saints, we regularly celebrate the day they died, that is, their birthday in Heaven. John’s unique role was that of precursor—he was chosen to prepare the world for the coming of Christ.

N.B. August 29 commemorates the Beheading of John the Baptist.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 17th July, Christmas Food in July—St Paul's Glenrowan.

St. Paul's Patronal Festival 2024

All are welcome to come together at St. Paul's Glenrowan to celebrate the Patronal Festival on Sunday 30th June at 2.00pm. Afternoon Tea will follow in the Hall.

At the Parish Annual Meeting (PAM) last November, the Parish Council was asked to consider installing Solar panels at St Michael's. The PC have investigated this matter and the costs we have been given are as follows.

For the Church and Hall \$8,557.00.

For the Vicarage \$6,881.00.

PC has considered this matter and puts this proposal to the parishioners. As we do not have the funds to carry out this work PC invites pledges from parishioners willing and able to contribute to this expense. Only when and if sufficient funds are pledged will any of the work occur.

Parishioners may nominate which project they are pledging to i.e. Hall or House.

PC cannot take money at this stage as the project is still hypothetical.

Neil Hicks.



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



This month's special focus:

**Tomato Sauce. Peanut Butter. Honey.
Chunky Soup varieties. Shampoo & Conditioner**

It is also OK to buy dog food

as this cannot be obtained through the food share programme.



WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, 24th June BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Isaiah 49. 1-6. Psalm 139. 111. Acts 13. 22-26. Luke 1. 57-66, 80.

Tuesday, 25th

2 Kings 19. 8-20, 29-36. Psalm 48.1-8. Matthew 7. 6, 12-14.

9.30 a.m. Pangerang at St Michael's Hall. **FINAL SESSIONS.**

Wednesday, 26th

2 Kings 22. 8-13, + 23. 1-3. Psalm 119. 33-40. Matthew 7. 15-20.

9.30 a.m. Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.

10.00 a.m. Eucharist—Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Thursday, 27th *Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Bishop & Teacher, (d 444)*

2 Kings 24. 8-17. Psalm 79. 1-9. Matthew 7. 21-29.

9.30 a.m. Eucharist—St. Michael's Hall

10.15 a.m. Bible Study—St Michael's Hall.

Friday, 28th *Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, (d. c.200)*

2 Kings 25. 1-12. Psalm 137. 1-6. Matthew 8. 1-4.

9.30 a.m. Pangerang at St Paul's Hall.

Saturday, 29th PETER & PAUL, Apostles and Martyrs

Acts 12. 1-11. Psalm 87. 2 Timothy 4. 6-8, 17, 18. John 21. 15-22.

10.00am, Pre-Synod Meeting for Synod Members—Purbrick Hall.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, 30th June

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

2 Samuel 1. 1, 17-27. Psalm 130. 2 Corinthians 8. 7-15. Mark 5. 21-43.

2.00 p.m. Patronal Festival Evensong at St Paul's, Glenrowan.

Jeremiah 1. 4-10. Psalm 67. Galatians 1. 11-17. Matthew 16. 13-19

Irenæus, c.200

Irenæus was probably a native of Smyrna, born in about the year 130. As a boy, he had heard Polycarp preach, who had in turn been a disciple of the apostle John. Irenæus is thus one of the important connections between the apostolic Church and the second century. He studied at Rome, and became a priest at Lyons in Gaul, succeeding as bishop upon the martyrdom of his predecessor in 177. He contended against the mythological, unhistorical beliefs of the Gnostics, giving positive value to the full humanity of the incarnate Christ, and affirmed the public teaching rôle of the episcopate to combat false doctrine. He is honoured as the first great Catholic theologian, one who drew upon the emerging traditions of East and West. Irenæus died in about the year 200.

Sunday 23rd June 2024

- ◆ **The World:** Kenya, Tanzania.
- ◆ **Australia:** Ethnic and Cultural diversity in our nation, for harmony between all peoples. We pray for any who suffer from racial prejudice.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Coptic Orthodox – Dioceses of Melbourne & Sydney
- ◆ **ACA:** The Diocese of Tasmania: Bishop Richard Condie (*Helen*)
Assistant Bishop: Chris Jones (*Christine*). The Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).
The Parish of Wodonga: P-i-C: Jacques Jefferies (*Denise*).
Assistant Priest: Cathy Carden (*Mark*). Parish leaders and communities at:
St John's, Wodonga and Emmanuel, West Wodonga.
- ◆ **Our Parish:** Community groups and organisations that parishioners participate in and belong to.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Mark H. Robert P. Zoe. Nina Colson. Melanie. Wayne. Warren G. Kaye McKenzie. Josef. Bp Garry Weatherill. Shirley C.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 23rd—29th June.**
[23/06] 'Dick' Edwards, 1997. Frances Henry, 1986.
[25/06] Joan Hiskins, 2011.
[26/06] 'Nick' McGibbon, 2007. Brigita Gladstone, 1999.
James Williams, 1991. Joseph Harding, 1988.
[27/06] Patricia Hicks, 1991. May Plant, 2000. 'Hec' Ridd, 1997.
[28/06] Mary Dalton, 2003. Alice McNamara, 1994.
[29/06] Alma Culph, 2012. Russell Sessions, 2002.

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

Prayer of the week (*pray daily*) {OS 12}

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray,
and give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid,
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask,
save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ,
your Son our Lord. **Amen.**



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