

#### **ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA**

#### PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYS

# The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 25th August 2024

Dear Parishioners,

In the church's calendar this week we have a plethora of holy people whose lives we can muse on when considering the work of the Holy Spirit in the world.

**Monica,** (d 387) whose prayers led eventually to the conversion of her son whom we know as **Augustine of Hippo,** (d 430) one of the most significant Bishops and teachers of the Christian Faith in his own day but still in our own day a considerable influence on the way we think about church and society and the love of God in action.

Earlier than these two saints we recall the **Beheading of John the Baptist** which featured as the Gospel reading on July 14th.

In the Australian Church Calendar we have two saints on 31st August: *Aidan of Lindisfarne, (d 651)* a significant bishop and missionary in 7th century northern England and one of the cluster of English Church saints remembered in dedications in this Diocese in the latter part of the 19th and early part of the 20th centuries. Aidan is a favourite saint of mine and is the name we gave to our second son. This year Aidan's remembrance has the added flavour of my Induction and Installation, so it assumes another place in my family's heart.

The other saint remembered on the 31st is **John Bunyan**, (d 1688) a preacher and spiritual writer of the Independent stream of Christianity of England in the 17th century. He became a popular preacher but because he was an uneducated and unordained preacher he came into conflict with the local clergy who resented such people. After the Restoration of Charles II in 1660, the Church of England reasserted its authority and action was taken against unlicensed preachers. Bunyan, who refused to stop his preaching ministry, spent most of the next twelve years in Bedford jail. Bunyan's greatest work was *The Pilgrim's Progress*, a prose allegory of the pilgrimage of a soul in search of salvation, which was published in 1678. The instant popularity of Pilgrim's Progress can be deduced from the fact that ten editions were printed during the remaining ten years of Bunyan's life. It eventually became the most widely read book in the English language after the Bible and it greatly influenced later English writers. Noted for its simple, biblical style, The Pilgrim's Progress is now generally considered one of the finest allegories in all of English literature – not just among spiritual writings – and has been translated into many languages.

The Hymn 'To Be a Pilgrim' is based on this work and memorable lines

# **Dates for your Diary**

Sunday 25th August, Soup Sunday at St Paul's

Friday 30th August, 6.30pm Friends of H.T. Cathedral Annual Dinner. \$50 pp.

**Saturday 31st August,** Installation & Induction—Holy Trinity Cathedral—11am.

September 16th-19th, Diocesan Clergy Retreat—Pallotti College, Millgrove.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October: LyCiG Seminar at Rutherglen.

# Trade Table today at St Michael's

Please support today's trade table, it is a valuable source of income, lovely selection of home made and home grown goodies.

# Soup for Sale Sunday @St Paul's today

There are several varieties to choose from as well as crusty bread, some sandwiches, and perhaps even a slice to have with your tea/coffee.

We are asking \$5.00 per cup of soup, all proceeds will be for Loaves and Fishes-Christians Caring.

## Parish Raffle **for Father's Day.**

Tickets now on sale until next Sunday - \$2 ea.

Are any parishioners able to sit at the Appin Street shops to sell some raffle tickets? Also, please ensure your books and money are returned to Suzie before Saturday 31st August

Raffle drawn on Father's Day, 1st September.

Afghan Feast & Film Afternoon, Saturday August 31, 12.00 pm Violet Town Community Hall, 35 Cowslip St Violet Town.

Lunch & Film \$50; Lunch only \$30; Film only \$25. See Notice Board for more info.



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

#### **AUGUST FOCUS:**

Instant Coffee. Milo. Tinned Tuna varieties. Honey. Shampoo & Conditioner. Sweet Biscuits.

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, 26th August 2024

2 Thessalonians 1. 1-12. Psalm 96. 1-6. Matthew 23. 13-22.

Tuesday, 27th Monica, mother of Augustine (d 387)

2 Thessalonians 2. 1-17. Psalm 96. 7-13. Matthew 23. 23-26.

**Wednesday, 28th** Augustine of Hippo, bishop and teacher (d 430)

2 Thessalonians 3. 6-18. Psalm 128. Matthew 23. 27-32.

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

10.00 a.m. Eucharist—Holy Trinity Cathedral—Lady Chapel.

Thursday, 29th Beheading of John the Baptist

Jeremiah 1, 4-10, Psalm 11, Hebrews 11, 32—12, 2, Matt 14, 1-12,

9.30 a.m. Eucharist—St Michael's Hall

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

Friday, 30th John Bunyan, preacher and spiritual writer (d 1688)

1 Corinthians 1. 17-25. Psalm 33. 1-8. Matthew 25. 1-13.

5.00pm. Cathedral Chapter meeting.—Purbrick hall.

6.30pm Friends of H.T. Cathedral Annual Dinner—Gateway Hotel

**Saturday, 31st** Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop and missionary (d 651)

1 Corinthians 1. 26-31. Psalm 33. 13-21. Matthew 25. 14-30.

11.00am, Induction of Vicar of Holy Trinity Parish &

Installation of the Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta.

# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 1st September [22]

Bishop Clarence Bester presiding.

9.30 a.m., Eucharist @St. Michael's, Wangaratta.

11.00 a.m., Ante Communion @St Paul's, Glenrowan.

Song of Solomon 2. 8-13. Psalm 45. 1-2, 6-9. James 1. 17-27. Mark 7. 1-8, 14-23.

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from that hymn are:

Then fancies fly away, He'll fear not what men say, He'll labour night and day To be a pilgrim.

There's no discouragement Shall make him once relent His first avowed intent To be a pilgrim.

May we all know God's Blessing this week as we continue to be pilgrims.

Neil Hicks

## **Sunday 25th August 2024**

- ◆ The World: Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal. Pray for peace in Jerusalem and the Holy Land.
- Australia: Ambassadors and Diplomats and Trade Missions serving Australia in the world.
- ◆ The Church in our nation: Syrian Orthodox Church.
- ◆ **ACA:** The Diocese of The Northern Territory: Bishop Gregory Anderson (*Annette*). The Clergy and People.
- ◆ Our Diocese: Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle. Kian & Kyle*). The Parochial District of Yackandandah: P-i-C: Matthew Healy (*Katherine Presley*) (*Elizabeth, Madeleine*).

Priest Assisting: Elwyn Enos (Riya Mathew).

Assistant Priest: Lesley Lewis (David)

Parish leaders and communities at: Yackandandah, Kiewa, Dederang, Allans Flat & Tawonga.

- Service & Social Clubs in our Diocese, e.g. RSL; CWA; Probus; Rotary; Lions; Inner Wheel, etc. Give thanks for the service offered to God through these organisations by many parishioners.
- ◆ Our Parish: Our support of Loaves & Fishes Christians Caring.

  The Co-operating Ministry between our parish and Wangaratta Parish.
- ◆ Baptism Anniversary: 29/08, Valmai McMonigle. Confirmation Anniversary: 25/08, Warren Coles.
- ◆ Those in Need: Mark Heaton. Shirley Cameron. Bp Garry Weatherill. Josef. Nina Colson. Melanie. Wayne. Warren Gould. Kaye McKenzie.
- ◆ Year's Mind: 24th—31st August. [25/08] Neliya Don Leonard, 2023.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

## Prayer of the week (pray daily) {OS 20}

Creator God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 





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