



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA

PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYNS

22nd September 2024

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Dear Parishioners,

This past week, along with rest of the parish clergy of our Diocese and our neighbouring Diocese of Riverine (NSW), I have been on a Retreat. This is an annual event for the clergy in this Diocese and part of what we are expected to do as a member of the Diocese. So what is a **Retreat**? It is a period of days (for us 2½ days) spent in silence, and occupied with meditation and other religious exercises. In essence the practice is older than Christianity, but the 40 days Christ spent in the wilderness have been considered to give the ultimate authority for its Christian use. In the Church of England and by extension the Anglican Church of Australia, the practice of retreat was adopted under the influence of the Oxford Movement, the first formal retreat being held in 1856 in Christ Church, Oxford.

This year our Retreat Conductor was The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer, Dean of Newcastle. We began each day with Morning Prayer at 8.30am followed by an Address from Katherine, then “free time” until the next Address followed by Eucharist at Midday (lunch, then more “free time) then in the late afternoon Evening Prayer and another address followed Dinner. Retreat is not a holiday, it is supposed to be time away from our usual life (a retreat from that) in order to concentrate on “God stuff”. It is hoped that in doing this we might find spiritual refreshment, renewal and insight.

*Some women from our 2 parishes are soon going to Jamberoo to make a retreat at the Abbey there, it is not only clergy who make retreats.*

Katherine, through the use of music, poetry and Bible readings led us on a journey of thinking about the topic “**How can we sing the Lord’s Song in a Strange Land**”. This phrase comes from Psalm 137 and is the basis for Boney M’s song ‘By the Rivers of Babylon’ (1978).

What is the Lord’s Song? In Essence it the Good News (Gospel). There are moments of deliverance from oppression (the Exodus) which give rise to songs of thanksgiving for God’s protection. There is Zechariah’s song (Luke 1.68-79) when John the Forerunner is born as part of God’s plan for the salvation of the world which is matched only by Mary’s Song at becoming pregnant with Jesus (The Magnificat) and Simeon’s Song when Jesus is presented in the Temple following his Birth (Nunc Dimittis).

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## Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September**, St. Michael's Patronal Festival. 9.30am. Parish Service.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct:** LyCiG Seminar at St Stephen's Rutherglen. 9.30am—1.30pm.



### Anglican Church Calendar 2025

\$16.50 ea. + postage.

Please give orders to

Margaret Gibson or Fr Neil.

Orders will be placed 1st October.

## Community Raffle

We have once again agreed to take Community Raffle books, and they are available today. Dot Hurley has offered to co-ordinate the raffle this year.



### WWW Finances June – August 2024

Month	IN	OUT	Monthly Balance	Year to Date Balance
Jun-24	\$6,148.05	-\$6,683.61	\$3,085.84	\$2,550.28
Jul-24	\$5,033.79	-\$7,403.29	\$716.34	-\$1,653.16
Aug-24	\$5,772.07	-\$4,968.85	\$1,519.56	\$2,322.78

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Then there are all the songs expressing how God's Love gives life true meaning and how when we live in love we live in God (1 John 1.16). So how do we sing this song of God's goodness today when most people seem to not want to know God, nor believe that following God is the best way to be as a human being? That is the challenge of our time. The Retreat gave us some time and space to think about this and hopefully helped us with our personal connection with God so that we might follow God's leading and guiding in proclaiming God's Good News.

*Neil Hicks.*

## WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### Monday, 23rd September 2024

Proverbs 3. 27-34. Psalm 15. Luke 8. 16-18.

### Tuesday, 24th

Proverbs 21. 1-13. Psalm 119. 33-40. Luke 8. 19-21.

11.00 a.m. Central Deanery Clergy meeting—Wangaratta.

### Wednesday, 25th *Sergius of Moscow, abbot and teacher (d 1392)*

Proverbs 30. 5-9. Psalm 119. 97-104. Luke 9. 1-6.

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

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

2.00 p.m. Cathedral Parish Council

### Thursday, 26th *Lancelot Andrewes, bishop of Winchester (d 1626)*

Ecclesiastes 1. 2-11. Psalm 90. 1-6. Luke 9. 7-9.

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

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

### Friday, 27th *Vincent de Paul, priest and worker with the poor (d 1660)*

Ecclesiastes 3. 1-11. Psalm 144. 1-4. Luke 9. 18-22

### Saturday, 28th

Ecclesiastes 11. 9 — 12. 8. Psalm 90. 13-17. Luke 9. 43b-45.

### ST MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS

All of Parish Eucharist, 9.30 a.m.,

@St. Michael's, Wangaratta.

Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14. Psalm 138. Revelation 12. 7-12a. John 1. 45-51.

## BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

After an initial influx of forms, there have been no further forms for quite a few weeks.

It seems more and more dioceses are focussing on the need to grow their parish churches. Perhaps ***Leading your Church into Growth*** could help you with a pathway forward and your churches could benefit from our shared experiences.

We have been running for almost 30 years and have moved on from our origins in the North of England, and now operate throughout the UK, Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

***Revd Canon Robin Gamble, Team Leader.***

## Sunday 22nd September 2024

- ◆ **The World:** Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru.
- ◆ **Australia:** For all involved in organised tourism: transport, hospitality, catering.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Assyrian Church of the East.
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:** The Diocese of Sydney  
Archbishop Kanishka Raffel (*Cailey*).  
Regional Bishops: Christopher Edwards (*Belinda*), Gary Koo (*Pearl*), Peter Lin (*Isobel*), Peter Hayward (*Julie*), Michael Stead (*Felicity*)  
Archdeacon for Women: Kara Hartley. Sisters of the Church, Glebe.  
Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle*). (*Kian & Kyle*).  
The Parochial District of Corryong: P-i-C: *vacant*.  
Locum Deacon in Charge, Peter Pocock.  
The Parish leaders and communities at: All Saints', Corryong; Holy Trinity, Cudgewa; the Biggara Congregation.
- ◆ **Our Parish:** Parish Council.  
The Co-operating Ministry between our parish and Wangaratta Parish.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Mark Heaton. Shirley Cameron. Bp Garry Weatherill. Josef. Melanie. Wayne. Warren Gould. Kaye McKenzie.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 22nd—28th September.**  
[22/09] Keith Butler, 1997.  
[24/09] Dorothy Rigby, 1998. Benjamin Wheeler, 1983.  
[26/09] Peter French, 2018.  
[27/09] John Backlund, 2013.

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

### **Prayer of the week** (*pray daily*) {OS 25}

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



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