



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

3rd November 2024
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Dear Parishioners,

We have arrived at the first weekend of November and the first of the new edition of the Jazz and Blues Festival and my first Jazz Mass as the new Dean. When I was a Curate in Maryborough (VIC) in 1987, some parishioners from there travelled to Wangaratta for a Jazz festival and were excited to be attending a worship service as part of that event. Those who know the history of the Wangaratta Jazz and Blues Festival will recognise that this pre-dates the Festival which has had a Jazz Mass as part of it for so many years. Whatever it was that those people participated in back in 1987, this Sunday we continue the tradition of offering worship to God which incorporates some aspects of Jazz and Blues music. That this Sunday we are celebrating All Saints is a happy coincidence because it reminds us all once again that what we do now on earth is part of a greater worship taking place continually in the dimension where the Almighty God dwells—we commonly call this place heaven. Sometimes events here on earth are so transporting in their effect that we exclaim “it’s a bit of heaven on earth”! While not every occasion of worship falls into this category, it is our hope that most times our worship of God offers a little bit of a glimpse onto God and life eternal. This is often dependent on how well focussed we are on what is happening, how ‘in the moment and present’ we are so that we are taken out of ourselves and into the Presence of God.

The Greek word usually translated saint is *hagios*. Literally it is an adjective meaning: "holy" It can refer to "holy things" or "holy people". The word "holy" means "to set apart". To paraphrase it, holy means "special". Holy Communion is a "special" fellowship between God and us and each other. The Holy Bible is a "special" book. The Holy Spirit is the "special" breath or wind from God. So what's a saint? A saint is a holy person, a special person. Being a saint comes as a gift from God. You are a saint because you are in contact with the Holy God—or better, because the Holy God has come in contact with you. Being a saint is not something you do for yourself, although we often use the word in that way. We often think of a person as a saint because they live a very good life, but a saint is a saint because of his/her contact with the Holy God.

Peace and Joy, Neil Hicks.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 10th November—Parish Annual Meeting at St Michael's.

Wednesday 13th Nov 2.00 p.m.—Cliché Clothing Purbrick Hall

Saturday 16th November—Season of Creation Service 10.00 a.m. Bp's Lodge

Tuesday 26th November—Parish Fellowship - Remel 185, Whorouly—midday.

Saturday 30th November—Artisan Market @ St Michael's

Purbrick Hall,

Wednesday 13th Nov 2.30 p.m.

We have agreed to co-operate with the **Cathedral Parish** for a display of Cliché Clothing on this day.

\$10.00 entry that includes lucky door prize and afternoon tea. We will supply some afternoon tea. We have agreed to assist in any way we can.

If you feel you are unable to assist that's fine but it would be nice to see a few of us attend and bolster the numbers.

Please consider this a co-operative function.

**—Parish Fellowship—
Midday, 26th November**

at Remel 185 Whorouly.

Please let Jean Martens know
(0408 497 169)
by November 17th
if you are attending.

Christmas Raffle -

We are holding a "Christmas raffle" and are once again seeking donations—Christmassy type of course. Please leave your items in the green box in the hall.

Thank you all in anticipation.

Raffle drawn December 15th.

Car Park Upgrade

At the last meeting of Parish Council it was agreed that we MUST upgrade our car park - and as you will see, it has been done!

And at a cost of \$2,000.

As we are not able to go ahead with the solar panels Council suggested that you may care to contribute to this cost.

All and any donations gratefully received

A reminder that Annual Meetings are Sunday 10th November for Wangaratta West and The Warbys Parish and Sunday November 24th for the Holy Trinity Wangaratta Parish.

Neil Hicks.



WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, 4th November

Day for Anglicans and Roman Catholics to pray for one another.

Philippians 2. 1-4; Psalm 131; Luke 14. 12-14.

Tuesday, 5th

Philippians 2. 5-11; Psalm 22. 26-32; Luke 14. 15-24.

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

~~10.15 a.m. No Bible Study this day.~~

Wednesday, 6th

Philippians 2. 12-18; Psalm 27. 11-14; Luke 14. 25-33.

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

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

Thursday, 7th

Philippians 3. 3-8a; Psalm 105. 1-7; Luke 15. 1-10.

11.00 a.m. Illoura Aged Care Eucharist

11.15 a.m. Rangeview H.C.

Friday, 8th

Saints, Martyrs, missionaries and teachers of the Anglican Communion

Philippians 3. 17-4.1; Psalm 122; Luke 16. 1-8.

6.00 p.m., The Chosen, screening in St Michael's, then a light tea in Hall.

Saturday, 9th

Philippians 4. 10-19; Psalm 112; Luke 16. 9-15.

Sunday 10th November, Committed to Community Sunday

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

Proverbs 31. 7-9; Psalm ; Acts 2. 44-47; Luke 10. 25-37.

10.45 a.m. Annual Parish Meeting—St Michael's Hall.

Season of Creation Celebration

Saturday 16th November 10.00 a.m. at Bishop's Lodge.

includes launch of

The Gilliam Baker and David Mitchell Environment Memorial Award.

High Tea after the service. Max of 4 persons from each parish, please email Michelle Bester (michelle.bester2@gmail.com) to register your interest any time before 4.00 p.m. on 12th November.

Please see posters on notice boards.

Sunday 3rd November 2024

- ◆ **The World:** Oceania: French Polynesia, Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.
- ◆ **Australia:** Formulators of public policy, legislators. Politicians, their staff, and all in public office. Justice System: police, courts, judges. All who deal with law and its administration.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Lutheran Church. The Victorian Council of Churches
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:** The Diocese of Armidale Bishop Rod Chiswell (*Jenni*). Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle*). (*Kian & Kyle*). The Episcopal District of Milawa: Locum: The Ven. John Davis.
- ◆ **Bishop in Council:** the Bishop, the Registrar, Vicar-General, The Dean, Chancellor, Advocate, Treasurer. Jerome Francis, Matthew Healy, Mel Clarke, Maryann Leonard. Imogen Gillespie, Rhonda Holden, Mark Carden.
- ◆ **Baptism Anniversary:** Tom Cameron, 04/11.
- ◆ **Our Parish:** Wangaratta Refugee Advocacy Network. The Co-operating Ministry between our parish and Wangaratta Parish.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Rob Butler. Mark Heaton. Shirley Cameron. Melanie. Bishop Garry Weatherill. Josef. Wayne. Warren Gould. Michael E. Kaye McKenzie.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 3rd—9th November.**
[06/11] Laurence Denton, 2004.
[09/11] Beatrice Hill, 2003.

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

Prayer of the week (*pray daily*) {OS 31}

God our Father, whose will it is to bring all things to order and unity in our Lord Jesus Christ: may all the peoples of the world, now divided and torn apart by sin, be brought together under his sovereign rule of love; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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