



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

5th January 2025
EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Dear Parishioners,

Firstly, thank you to all who helped make the Christmas Services in our parishes so special. Below I have created a table to show attendances this year and last. Remember that in 2023 there was a mighty storm on Christmas Eve and that lowered attendances a bit.

It is interesting to note that over time the Christmas Day services are becoming less attractive and the Christmas Eve ones more attractive.

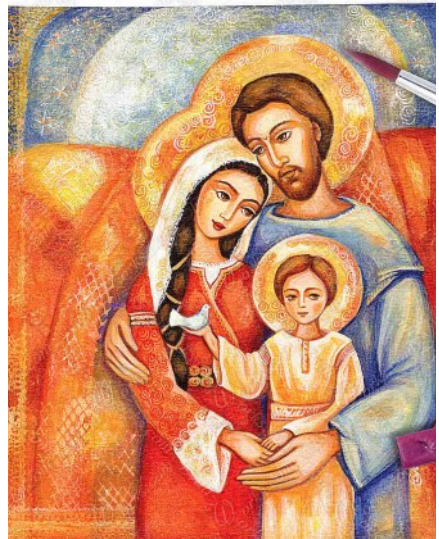
Then last Sunday we had our first COMBINED PARISHES SERVICE at St Michael's, and what a wonderful service it was.

What might well have been two lightly attended services was a well attended and representative strong service. Our next Combined Parishes Service is planned for March 30th, this time at Holy Trinity Cathedral which happens to be Mothering Sunday. A happy coincidence to meet at the Mother Church on this day.

As we resume regular services and somewhat "normal" activities, may the Peace, Love and Joy of Christmas continue to shape us and our communities.

*Exciting Epiphany to all.
Neil Hicks*

Centre	2024	2023
Holy Trinity, 6.00pm	50	64
Holy Trinity, 10.30pm	80	49
Holy Trinity, 8.00am	29	14
Holy Trinity, 10.00am	38	57
Moyhu, 9.30am	11	16
Whitfield, 11.00am	31	11
Glenrowan, 7.00pm	53	22
St Michael's, 9.30am	25	30



Dates for your Diary

Save the Date 2025 - Artisan Markets Saturday 3 May & Saturday 29 November
Parish Council - Thursday Wednesday 22nd January 2.00pm???

Car Park Upgrade - more fill has been added to the centre of the St Michael's car park, it is hoped this will resolve the issue of the very wet middle that we experience after the heavy rain.

As the cost has now risen to over \$3,500, any contributions will be very welcome.

EMERGENCY APPEAL LAUNCHED FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE VANUATU EARTHQUAKE

ABM AID has just launched an emergency appeal for those who have been affected by the 17 December earthquake that hit near Port Vila, causing deaths, injury, and destruction of buildings and other infrastructure in Vanuatu's capital city and surrounds.

We ask you to pray for all people affected, and for our partner, the Anglican Church of Melanesia, and especially for the Diocese of Vanuatu and New Caledonia, as it responds to the tragedy.

by force increasingly aroused the intense hostility of the Puritans. Among the chief grievances were that he made the communion table rather than the pulpit the centre of the church, that he suppressed Puritan lecturers, and that he punished all opposition to his designs with heavy penalties. At the sitting of Convocation in 1640 he introduced new canons, proclaiming the Divine Right of Kings, and compelling whole classes of men to swear never to 'consent to alter the government of this Church by archbishops, deans, and archdeacons, etc.'. This formula, known as the 'etcetera oath', exposed him to general ridicule and had to be suspended at the order of the King. Soon afterwards he was impeached by the Long Parliament. In 1641 he was imprisoned in the Tower, but his trial did not begin until 1644. It is generally held to have been conducted without regard for the demands of justice. He was executed on Tower Hill, London, on 10 Jan. 1645, after repudiating the accusation of 'Popery' and declaring his adherence to the Protestant Church of England.

Laud's apparent failure arose from his inability to understand the popular leaning towards Puritanism and the hatred aroused by his violent measures against all who did not share his own views on ritual. In doctrinal matters he showed himself broad-minded and conciliatory. He sought to improve the economic condition of the national Church, but thereby he promoted its identification with a political party. He left a remarkable private diary recording especially the events of his last years.

WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, 6th January THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Isaiah 49. 1-13. Psalm 97. Matthew 12. 14-23.

Tuesday, 7th 1 John 3. 22—4. 6. Psalm 2. 6-11. Matthew 4. 12-25.

9.30 a.m., Eucharist @St. Michaels' Hall.

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

Wednesday, 8th

1 John 4. 7-10. Psalm 72. 1-7. Mark 6.34-44.

10.00 a.m. Eucharist @Cathedral—Lady Chapel.

Thursday, 9th 1 John 4. 11-18. Psalm 72. 8-14. Mark 6. 45-52.

Friday, 10th *William Laud, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr (d 1645)*

1 John 4. 19—5. 4. Psalm 72. 15-19. Luke 4. 14-22.

Saturday, 11th 1 John 5. 5-13. Psalm 147. 12-20. Luke 5. 12-16.

Sunday 12th January, First Sunday after the Epiphany THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

8.00 a.m. Eucharist @ Holy Trinity Cathedral—Lady Chapel (NH)

10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist @ Holy Trinity Cathedral (NH)

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

11.00 a.m., Eucharist @ St. Paul's Glenrowan. (CC)

Isaiah 43. 1-7. Psalm 29. Acts 8. 14-17. Luke 3. 15-22.

10th January—William Laud, 1573-1645

Archbishop of Canterbury. The son of a master tailor, he was born at Reading and educated at St John's College, Oxford, of which he became a Fellow in 1593. In 1601 he received holy orders, and in 1611 he was made President of St John's. From a very early date he opposed the prevailing Calvinist theology, and sought to restore something of the pre-Reformation liturgical practice to the C of E. In 1616 he was made Dean of Gloucester, where he moved the communion table to the east end of the choir, an action that brought him into violent conflict with the local Puritans. He was appointed Bishop of St Davids in 1621 and in 1622 he conducted a controversy with the Jesuit, J. Percy, commonly known as 'Fisher the Jesuit', in which he maintained that the RC Church and the C of E are both parts of the same Church Catholic. Under Charles I his influence increased. In 1626 he was translated to Bath and Wells, and in 1628 to London and in 1633 he was again translated to become Abp. of Canterbury.

As a member on the High Commission his attempts to impose liturgical uniformity

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Sunday 5th January 2025

- ◆ **The World:** Middle East: Egypt, Israel and Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon.
- ◆ **Australia:** Hospitals. Health Care providers. All medical and health personnel. Medical and Health administrative workers.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Anglican Church.
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:** The Diocese of Bathurst: Bishop Mark Calder (*Susan*). Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle*). (*Kian & Kyle*).
For the safety of Michelle and Clarence on their holiday.
The Parish of Benalla: Locum, Helen Malcolm. Priest in Charge elect: Mel Clark.
the Parish leaders and communities at: Holy Trinity, Benalla St Aidan's, Swanpool.
- ◆ Bishop in Council Executive Committee: Bishop, Vicar-General, Registrar, Treasurer, Helen Gilbert, John Gilson, Alex Monk, Christine Nesbit.
- ◆ **Our Parish:** That the Co-operating Ministry between the Wangaratta Parishes may be guided by the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Sharon W. Margot C. Warren Gould. Rob Butler. Mark Heaton. Gwen Benstead. Shirley Cameron. Bp Garry Weatherill. Josef. Wayne. Michael E. Kaye McKenzie.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 5th January—11th January.**
[08/01] Frank Warren Rickards, 1999.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

Prayer of the week (*pray daily*) {*Epiphany*}

O God, by the leading of a star
you manifested your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles:
mercifully grant, that we, who know you now by faith,
may after this life be led to the vision of your glorious Godhead;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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