



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

12th January 2025
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Dear Parishioners,

Firstly this week I pay tribute to Mary Vickers, long time Cathedral parishioner and active member of the Wangaratta community. We give thanks for Mary's long life and extend our sympathies to her family especially Matthew and Frank and their families. Mary's funeral is at midday this coming Wednesday, 15th January.

Secondly, there are two holy people of the fourth century commemorated in our Calendar this week—Hilary of Poitiers and Antony of Egypt, that I think are interesting.

Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367.

Hilary became a Christian only after a prolonged period of study and enquiry. Initially an Orator, born of pagan parents, Hilary became disenchanted with pagan philosophy and started to investigate Christianity. He became a staunch defender of orthodoxy against Arianism, which denied the full divinity of Christ. He was made a bishop in 350. Hilary wrote many doctrinal and historical works, and also hymns. He is the first known writer of hymns in the Western Church. Hilary was impressed by the Eastern use of song as a means of spreading orthodox doctrine, and on his return to the West introduced such hymns to Western Christianity. Unsurprisingly Hilary's hymns develop Trinitarian themes and stress the relation of Christ to the Father. However, some of them are so intricate and precise in their theology that they were said to be difficult to sing! *Nothing new there! NH.*

Antony of Egypt, 356

Born in about the year 251, Antony heard the gospel message, 'If you would be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' He was twenty years old and rich, following the death of his parents, but he did as the gospel instructed and went to live in the desert, living an austere life of manual work, charity and prayer. His many spiritual struggles left him both wise and sensible and he became a spiritual guide for many who flocked to him. His simple rule of personal discipline and prayer was taken up and spread throughout Christendom. He died peacefully in the desert in the year 356, asking that he be buried secretly, so that his person might be hidden in death as in life.

Peace and Joy.
Neil Hicks

Dates for your Diary

Save the Date 2025 - Artisan Markets: Saturday 3 May & Saturday 29 November
Parish Council—Wednesday 22nd January at 2.00pm—St Michael's Hall.

Proposed Car Boot Sale and Bake Sale

Last Sunday I asked the congregation if they would support cooking for a Cake Stall and having it in conjunction with a Car Boot Sale at St Michael's. The conversation came about at the last parish council meeting when a letter was tabled from Dot Ashton with the idea of having an event like this. It became apparent after our washed out Artisan Market last November that people will come to the Hall—rain, hail or shine, to purchase cakes, and after Dot's successful garage sale last year, she felt that it might be a good fit for us. Also, there is less setup required for an event like this.

It seems from everyone's reaction last week that there would be support, so we will go ahead and organise this. After the service and discussing with Neil and Margaret, it was decided that the sale will take place on **Saturday 15th March.**

I am conscious that for the bakers/cooks in the parish that it is an additional monetary outlay to cook. If there is anyone who does not bake but who would like to contribute, to consider donating produce or cash to purchase ingredients, to be handed on to the cooks. ***Please see me if you would like to do this.***

We won't advertise as much for this event – no letterbox drop this time! So, could you **please** spread the word about the sale and also ask family/friends if they would like a car space in the carpark to sell their second hand goods. We will charge \$10.00 per car and a BYO table can be set up behind the boot if they wish. I have heard that some people would like to have a garage sale to sell unwanted items but are loath to do it on their private property for security reasons, so having it in the church carpark might be a solution for those people.

If there is anyone who would like to help organise this event please let me know as soon as you can.

Thanks for your support,
Sue Wheeler, for Parish Council.

WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, 13th January *Hilary of Poitiers, bishop and teacher (d 367)*

Hebrews 1. 1-6. Psalm 97. 6-12. Mark 1. 14-20.

Tuesday, 14th *Sava, first archbishop of the Serbian Church (d 1235).*

Hebrews 2. 5-12. Psalm 8. 1-6. Mark 1. 21-28.

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

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

Wednesday, 15th

Hebrews 2. 14-18. Psalm 105. 1-7. Mark 1. 29-39.

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

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

Thursday, 16th Hebrews 3. 7-14. Psalm 95. 6-11. Mark 1. 40-45.

Friday, 17th *Antony of Egypt, abbot (d 356)*

Hebrews 4. 1-11. Psalm 78. 1-8. Mark 2. 1-12.

Saturday, 18th CONFESSON OF PETER

Acts 15. 7-11. Psalm 145. 1-13. Galatians 5. 7-16. Matthew 16. 13-19.

Sunday 19th January, Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

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

8.00 a.m., Eucharist @St George's, Taminick (NH)

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

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

Isaiah 62. 1-5. Psalm 36. 5-10. 1 Corinthians 12. 1-11. John 2. 1-11.

I make a plea for parishioners to wear a name badge please.

With clergy coming and going and hopefully some visitors too, it helps with conversation and fellowship. Thank you. *Neil Hicks.*

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.

Sunday 12th January 2025

- ◆ **The World:** Iran, Iraq, Syria.
- ◆ **Australia:** Philosophers, thinkers, writers, poets, artists, ethicists.
Those involved in the various branches of the media.
Philanthropic organisations and Charities.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Antiochian Orthodox Church.
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:** The Diocese of Grafton: Bishop Murray Harvey (*Leanne*); Clergy and People. Little Brothers of Francis.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle*). (*Kian & Kyle*).
For the safety of Michelle and Clarence on their holiday.
The Parochial District of Marysville: Locum: John Jessop (*Anne*)
the Parish leaders and communities at Christ Church, Marysville and
St Thomas', Buxton.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Died Recently:** Mary Vickers, obit 6th January.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 12th January—18th January.**
[12/01] Dorothy Anne Hutchinson, 2006.
[13/01] James (Jim) Slaughter, 1999.
[14/01] Margot Noelle Ballard, 2016.

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

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

Almighty God, who anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit
and revealed him as your beloved Son: inspire us, your children,
who are born again of water and the Spirit, to surrender our lives to
your service, that we may rejoice to be called your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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