



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

**26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
**The Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Australia Day. I am bemused annually by the debate/discussion/hoo-ha that surrounds January 26th. My remembrance of this day as a youngster is of just another public holiday which was often too hot to do anything much on without breaking out into a massive sweat, so why bother. There have been many attempts over several decades to gee up the Australian people to make something of this day, particularly as our overseas media became more USA focussed than UK. The laconic, laid back Australian approach is not good enough for some and so efforts have been poured into making it a day of significance. In more recent times, there have been the voices raised trying to make the majority of Australians aware of the fact that there are some among us who don't want to see the day as a positive one but as a dark and negative day. Last week I quoted from the year 1938 of some Aboriginal Leaders calling for the Christian Churches "to pray for and uplift the light of Aboriginal peoples" at this time of celebration.

Personally I think it surprising that our national day is January 26 and not some other date. The vastness of our island continent means that the landing of a small band of soldiers, convicts and assorted others in Botany Bay probably doesn't fit the bill as a truly national day, rather it is Sydney's day, but then again from Sydney's point of view 'what's good for us is good for all!'

It is sad though that some strident voices seem to want to erase the presence and legitimacy of people other than Indigenous people in this land. More people have come voluntarily to this land than were ever forced to come and for most it was because living here held the promise of a better life. Arguably the post World War 2 era has been one of great affluence for the vast majority of Australians no matter where our ancestors originated from. We have much to be thankful for in this country, and much to be still aspiring to improve as well.

Above all as a disciple of Jesus I yearn every day for an increase of doing justly, loving mercy and humble walking with God by all who live in this Great Land of the Holy Spirit.

*Peace and Joy,*  
*Neil Hicks.*

### Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 8th February—Sounds Organic @H.T. Cathedral. 9, 10 & 11 a.m.**

**Sunday 16th February—Choral Evesong @ H.T. Cathedral. 5.00 p.m.**

**15<sup>th</sup> March—Car Boot Sale /Cake & Bake Sale / Plant Sale.**

*Artisan Markets: 2025: Saturday 3 May & Saturday 29 November*

### **Car Boot Sale /Cake & Bake Sale / Plant Sale.**

#### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March.**

Anyone who does not bake but who would like to contribute towards ingredients for those who do, ***please see Sue Wheeler.***

**Please** spread the word about this event among family/friends—also ask them if they would like a car space to sell their second hand goods.

\$10.00 donation per car and a BYO table can be set up behind the boot.

Anyone who would like to help organise this event please let me know as soon as you can.

Sue Wheeler, for Parish Council.

### **Kitchen Clean at St Michael's.**

Recently the kitchen underwent it's annual deep clean. Please note that food items in the fridge and pantry that were out of date, or didn't have a date on them, were thrown out.

In order to avoid ant infestations in the future please:

- make sure the lid is secure on the sugar container in the pantry.
- make sure that all opened biscuits are placed in a SEALED CONTAINER.
- make sure that ALL bins are emptied after EVERY use of the kitchen.
- DO NOT leave rubbish, recycling, or green waste in the bins after using the kitchen.

Thankyou for your co-operation.

Parish Council met this last week. Among things discussed was the idea of inserting a half-pane of glass in the top section of the (usually) non opening doors on both sides of St Michael's Hall. This would serve 2 purposes,

1) if anyone is outside and needs to see if people are inside and maybe the door is locked they can attract attention and gain admittance.

2) from a 'Safe Church' perspective it minimises the risk that a person can be in an unsafe situation if outsiders can see in.

If you are interested in defraying the cost \$1700 approx., please see the Wardens.

### **Friends of Holy Trinity Cathedral AGM.**

The Friends of Holy Trinity Cathedral Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held in Purbrick Hall on Sunday 16th February 2025 at 2.00 p.m.

New Members are very welcome.

## WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January—Public Holiday

*John Chrysostom, bishop of Constantinople, teacher (d 407).*

*International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust*

Jeremiah 29. 4-14. Psalm 33. 12-21. 1 Thessalonians 5.12-24. John 8. 36-36.

### Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> *Thomas Aquinas, theologian (d 1274).*

Hebrews 10. 1-10. Psalm 40. 1-4, 7-10. Mark 3. 31-35.

9.30 a.m., Morning Prayer @St. Michaels' Hall.

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

8.30 a.m.—1.00 p.m., Yooralla group (Purbrick Hall).

### Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup>

Hebrews 10. 11-18. Psalm 110. 1-4. Mark 4. 1-20.

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

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

5.00 p.m., Bell ringing practice—Cathedral.

### Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> Hebrews 10. 19-25. Psalm 24. 1-6. Mark 4. 21-25.

10.00 a.m., Eucharist at St John's Chapel.

8.30 a.m.—2.30 p.m., Yooralla group (Purbrick Hall).

### Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> Hebrews 10. 32-39. Psalm 37. 35-41. Mark 4. 26-34.

9.30 a.m.—10.30 a.m., Embracing Hearts exercise group (Purbrick Hall).

6.00 p.m., Induction of The Rev'd. Mel Clark—Holy Trinity Benalla.

### Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> February

Hebrews 11. 1-19. Song of Zechariah (Luke 1. 68-79). Mark 4. 35-41.

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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

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

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

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

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

9.30 a.m. Eucharist @ All Saints, Moyhu (MB)

11.00 a.m. Eucharist @Holy Trinity, Whitfield (MB)

Malachi 3. 1–4. Psalm 24. 7-16. Hebrews 2. 14–18. Luke 2. 22–40.

## FEBRUARY FOCUS:

**Shampoo & Conditioner. Milo. Jam varieties.  
Sweet Biscuits. Tinned Beans. Tinned Spaghetti.  
Tinned tuna varieties. Chunky Soup.**



*Dog food, as this cannot be obtained through the food share programme.*

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

- ◆ **The World:** Cyprus, Greece, Turkey.  
The oceans and their care.
- ◆ **Australia:** All who are involved in shipping: Ship owners; Shipping Agents; Port Authorities, The International Labour Organisation. The Missions to Seafarers, Star of the Sea (Stella Maris) and all who care for Seafarers.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Assyrian Church of the East.
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:** The Diocese of Wangaratta.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle*). (*Kian & Kyle*). Retired Clergy and Permission to Officiate (PTO) Clergy—give thanks for their service to God's Church.
- ◆ **Our Parish:** For all opportunities for fellowship in our parish. That the Co-operating Ministry between the Wangaratta Parishes may be guided by the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ **Baptism Anniversary:** Jean Martens, 31<sup>st</sup> January.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Sharon W. Warren Gould. Mark Heaton. Gwen Benstead. Shirley Cameron. Bp Garry Weatherill. Josef. Wayne. Michael E. Kaye McKenzie.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 26<sup>th</sup> January—1<sup>st</sup> February.**  
[01/02] John Brough Smyth.

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

### **Prayer of the week** (*pray daily*) {*Epiphany 3*}

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you:  
mercifully accept our prayers,  
and because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do nothing good without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in keeping your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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### **Please remember to wear a name badge at Church.**

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