# **ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA**

# PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYS

# 2nd March 2025 The Last Sunday after Epiphany Transfiguration Sunday

Dear Parishioners.

It was a good thing to see a larger than normal congregation at Holy Trinity Cathedral for the 10.00am Eucharist last Sunday as we acknowledged the five years anniversary of Bishop Clarence.

The Afternoon Tea at Bishop's Lodge on Sunday was the occasion for the launch of the **Bishop's Home Mission Fund** and both parishes and parishioners are encouraged to make donations either in person or online to the fund. Special donation envelopes for a Lent Donation are available from this Sunday in support of this fund. What is thew BHMF for? The fund will support certain social and parish and diocesan ministries, as well as having a focus on some overseas support for specific needs. This was all referenced in the Bishop's Synod Charge last year. The Ministry Action Planning Team (MAPS) together with the Bishop will administer the fund. Your support will be highly appreciated. *Diocesan Corporation Account (BSB 033-260 – Acc No: 363247) with reference BHMF followed by your name.* 

Just a reminder that the next time Wangaratta Anglicans have an opportunity to gather in the one place for worship will be on Sunday 30th March at 10.00am at the Cathedral.

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This week we have all been invited to **Bishop's Lodge** for pancakes on **Shrove Tuesday** at 6.00 p.m. — BYO favourite filling, though there will be some fillings provided. Entry is either up the drive from Cusack Street or from the Anglicare carpark. Please let Fr Neil know if you are intending to participate (0427 584 624 or <a href="mailto:dean@wangaratta-anglican.org.au">dean@wangaratta-anglican.org.au</a>) by Monday 3rd.

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**On Ash Wednesday**, there are 2 services being offered in the parishes, in the morning at 10.00 a.m. at the Cathedral and in the evening at 6.00 p.m. at St. Michael's.

Following the 10.00 a.m. service we will have morning tea in Purbrick Hall thus setting the pattern for the rest of Lent but without the Lenten Study which will only start from March 12th.

The Lenten Study this year will be the book produced for HOPE 25. Cost is \$13 per book. Order now if you haven't already.

The only other Study Group being offered is at 10.00am –11.30am at St Paul's Glenrowan, beginning this Friday 7th March.

Peace and Joy, Neil Hicks.

# **Dates for your Diary**

5th March—Ash Wednesday—Service at Holy Trinity @ 10.00 a.m. 8th March - Blessing of Grapes Baileys' Vineyard - 5.00 p.m.—8.00 p.m. 15th March—Car Boot Sale /Cake & Bake Sale / Plant Sale.

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

HOPE 25—The Anglican Church across Australia are getting ready to bring HOPE into their communities. There will be a range of opportunities and activities in which to get involved. The main events will take place during the six weeks between Easter and Pentecost. However, as we prepare there will be Lenten studies with a daily reflection and weekly study groups. There are also resources and videos online. https://hope25.com.au. You will be hearing more about this, but in the meantime, we can pray this prayer:

God of Hope, you call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world: by your Spirit awaken in us a true vision of your kingdom, a greater certainty of our salvation, and a deeper dedication to your service; that through our words and actions the same Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found, and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

Please keep in mind our appeal for contributions for the parish cooks! Any donations of cash or butter, eggs etc will be greatly appreciated. Please see Sue Wheeler if you would like some butter or eggs or ??? with which to cook, as we have received some cash donations to assist you with your baking contribution.

A note to those folk who took plants home to care for them, please continue — prune, feed, get them looking their best. Our plant stall has always proved to be quite popular. And of course, anyone else with green thumbs and some plants suitable for sale please bring them along.

Contributions to the upgrading of the car park, and the insertion of glass planes in the doors of the hall is ongoing. Any donation appreciated. An envelope in the plate marked accordingly will suffice.

Easter Raffle - Suzie DL has offered to organise this. We will keep the Easter raffle quite low key, just Easter items only, so if anyone cares to donate a chocolate item it will be gratefully received.

We are now collecting for the Mother's Day Raffle; this will be our usual several (we hope) baskets and sold more widely than the Easter raffle, and will be drawn at the Market on 3rd May.

### WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March Ecclesiasticus 17. 24-29 Psalm 32. 1-7. Mark 10. 17-27.

10.30 a.m.—11.30 a.m., Embracing Hearts exercise group (Purbrick Hall).

**Tuesday, 4**th Shrove Tuesday.

Ecclesiasticus 35. 1-12. Psalm 50. 20-24. Mark 10. 28-31.

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

5.30 p.m. Goju Kai Karate (Purbrick Hall)

6.00 p.m. Bishop's Lodge, for pancakes—BYO favourite filling.

# Wednesday, 5th ASH WEDNESDAY,

Joel 2. 1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58. 1-12. Psalm 51. 1-18.

2 Corinthians 5. 20b — 6.10. Matthew 6. 1-6, 16-21 or John 8. 1-11.

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

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

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

6.00 p.m. Eucharist @St. Michael's.

6.30 p.m., Sing Australia (Purbrick Hall)

**Thursday, 6th** Deuteronomy 30. 15-20. Psalm 1. Luke 9. 22-25

10.00 a.m., Eucharist at St John's Chapel, with the Commissioning of The Rev'd Canon Moira Evers as Chaplain (part-time) St John's Respect.

11.00 a.m., Eucharist at Illoura Aged Care.

11.15 a.m., H.C. at Rangeview Aged Care.

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

Friday, 7th Perpetua and her companions, martyrs at Carthage (d 203)

Isaiah 58. 1-9a. Psalm 51. 15-19. Matthew 9. 14-15. 9.30 a.m.—10.30 a.m. Embracing Hearts exercise group (Purbrick Hall).

Saturday, 8th John of God, worker among the sick and poor, Spain (d 1550)

Isaiah 58. 9b-14. Psalm 86. 1-7. Luke 5. 27-32.

James Flores in Sounds Organic @ H.T. Cathedral @ 9am, 10am & 11 am.

5.00 p.m. Blessing of the Grapes—Bailey's of Glenrowan.

# Sunday 9th March, The First Sunday in Lent

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

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

8.00 a.m. Eucharist @Holy Trinity Cathedral—Lady Chapel (NKH)
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist @Holy Trinity Cathedral (NKH)

Deuteronomy 26. 1–11. Psalm 91. 1–2, 9–16. Romans 10 4–13. Luke 4. 1–15.

# Sunday 2nd March 2025

- ◆ **The World**: The producers of food around the world. A fair sharing of the world's resources. Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands.
- **Australia:** The Premier—Jacinta Allen. Ldr of State Opp—Brad Battin.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** The National Council of Churches. Greek Orthodox Church.
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:** Diocese of Adelaide: Archbishop Geoffrey Smith (*Lynn*). Assistant Bishops; Tim Harris (*Fiona*), Chris McLeod, Aboriginal Ministry (*Susan*). The Clergy and People The Society of the Sacred Mission.
- Our Diocese: Bishop Clarence (*Michelle*). The Cathedral Parish: Vicar & Dean: Neil Hicks (*Suzanne*) the Parish leaders and communities at Holy Trinity Cathedral, All Saints' Moyhu, Holy Trinity, Whitfield.
- ◆ The Chancellor: Clyde Croft. The Advocate: Rachel Ellyard. The Diocesan Trustees. Diocesan Synod Members.
- Our Parish: Our support of Loaves and Fishes—Christians Caring.

  That the Co-operating Ministry between the Wangaratta Parishes may be guided by the Holy Spirit.
- **Baptism Anniversary**: Virginia Kenworthy (04/03).
- ◆ Those in Need: Warren Gould. Mark Heaton. Gwen Benstead. Shirley Cameron. Josef. Wayne. Michael E. Kaye McKenzie, Jenny Molders.
- ♦ Year's Mind: 2<sup>nd</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> March.

[5/3] Alison Nolan. [6/3] William Floyd, 1989

[8/3] Barbara Austin-Doherty, 2011.

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

**Prayer of the week** (pray daily) {Prayer of the week until Ash Wednesday} Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# **MARCH 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.