



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA  
PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYS  
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT—NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> 2022

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**, Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 11.00am  
in St. Michael's Church Hall, Wangaratta.

**Please Note: One Service ONLY this day in the Parish 9.30am at St. Michael's.**

Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday's Local Annual Meetings saw Jenni Mitchel (St Gorge's) and Robyn Coles (St Paul's) elected as Wardens in our Parish. Together with Jean Martens (St. Michael's) and Margret Gibson (Incumbent's appointment) these people will be on Parish Council for the next 3 years.

**For Positions to be filled at the Annual Parish Meeting on November 27th I have received nominations for:**

**4 Parish Councillors** (4 required),

**3 Parochial Nominators** (3 needed),

**Nil—Supplementary Parochial Nominators** (3 required);

**1 Synod Representatives** (2 required),

**Nil—Supplementary Synod Representatives** (2 required).

Advent is the period of four Sundays and weekdays before Christmas. Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weekdays of Advent to prepare for and remember the real meaning of Christmas.

There are three meanings of 'coming' that Christians describe in Advent. **The first**, and most thought of, happened about 2000 years ago when Jesus came into the world as a baby to live as a man and die for us. **The second** can happen now as Jesus wants to come into our lives now. And **the third** will happen in the future when Jesus comes back to the world as King and Judge, not a baby.

No one is really sure when Advent was first celebrated but it dates back to at least 567 when monks were ordered to fast during December leading up to Christmas. In many Orthodox and Eastern Catholics Churches, Advent lasts for 40 days and starts on November 15th and is also called the Nativity Fast. (Advent also starts on November 15th in Celtic Christianity.)

In medieval and pre-medieval times, in parts of England, there was an early form of Nativity scenes called 'advent images' or a 'vessel cup'. They were a box, often with a glass lid that was covered with a white napkin, that contained two dolls representing Mary and the baby Jesus. The box was decorated with ribbons and flowers (and sometimes apples). They were carried around from door to door. It was thought to be very unlucky if you hadn't seen a box before Christmas Eve! People paid the box carriers a halfpenny to see the box.

**WWW.com**— The quarterly magazine will be going to print soon, please let Margaret have any relevant information ASAP, ie. Photos, articles etc. This will be the last edition for the year, and will be circulated 1st week in December, so that the Parish Annual Meeting could be reported and the new listing of parish councillors published.

**Ladies Fellowship—“End of Year Luncheon” Thursday December 8th.**

King River Cafe.—12noon We usually offer a gift voucher or cash for Loaves and Fishes, if you can contribute, it will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Jean Martens to register your interest: 0408 497169

**9 Lessons and Carols—Wednesday 14th December**—6.30pm at St Paul’s Glenrowan, followed by supper—we haven’t had a Carol Service for a number of years, so please keep this date free . Car pooling can be arranged nearer the date.

**CONTACT** Christmas Lunch and celebration **Thursday 15th December**—at Vintage Café Glenrowan. 12 noon RSVP Robyn 0427 662 208

**Pangerang** have commenced its programme in the west end in St Michael’s Hall each Tuesday. If you are anywhere near the hall on Tuesdays, please pop in and make yourself known. Eventually we hope to be more involved with them, and they have expressed an interest in running a programme in St Paul’s Hall next year—so watch this space for more info next year..

**Loaves and Fishes:** All non-perishable items are much appreciated and for December particularly: the usuals plus— **It is a good time to think about some Christmas Goodies, please consider purchasing some for the Loaves and Fishes Christmas Basket.**



*Your generosity is very much appreciated.*

## WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### Monday 28th November

*Ember Day* Psalm 124; Genesis 8. 1-19; Romans 6. 1-11

### Tuesday 29th

*Ember Day* Psalm 76 & 82; Genesis 9. 1-17; Hebrews 11. 32-40  
9.00am Pangerang Community House @ St Michael's

### Wednesday 30th ANDREW, Apostle & Martyr

Psalm 28 & 62; Isaiah 54. 1-10; Matthew 24. 23-35  
9.30am Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.  
2.00pm, Bible Study—St Michael's Hall.  
4.00pm Eucharist @ St Michael's  
Romans 10. 8-18. Psalm 19. 1-6. Matthew 4. 18-22

### Thursday 1st December

Psalm 9; Isaiah 4. 2-6; Acts 1. 12-17, 21-26  
11.00am, Rangeview Aged Care Service.

### Friday 2nd

*Frances Perry, founder Royal Women's Hospital (d 1892)*  
Psalm 11 & 14; Isaiah 30. 19-26; Acts 13. 16-25

### Saturday 3rd

*Francis Xavier, priest and missionary (d 1552)*  
Psalm 72. 1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 40. 1-11; John 1. 19-28

### Sunday December 4th—The Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am Eucharist @ St. George's, Taminick  
9.30am Eucharist @ St. Michael's, Wangaratta  
11.00am M.P. @ St. Paul's, Glenrowan.

#### [Readings for 4th December {Advent 2}](#)

Isaiah 11. 1-10. Psalm 72. 1-7, 18-21.  
Romans 15. 4-13. Matthew 3. 1-12.

Ember Days were once four groups of three days, in the Church year, namely the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after St Lucy (13 Dec.), Ash Wednesday, Whitsunday, and Holy Cross Day (14 Sept.) observed as days of fasting and abstinence in the Churches of the W. Their early history and original purpose are obscure.

From at least the 5th cent. the Ember seasons were recognized as especially appropriate for Ordinations, and the BCP provides prayers for those 'to be admitted into Holy Orders' to be said every day in the Ember Weeks. The association of Ember days with prayer for ordination candidates is preserved in modern Anglican liturgies, even when the usual times for Ordinations has changed.

*Cross, F. L., & Livingstone, E. A., eds. (2005).*

*In The Oxford dictionary of the Christian Church (3rd ed. rev., p. 546). Oxford University Press.*

**In the Anglican Church of Australia there are 2 sets of Ember Days which can be observed—the weekdays following Pentecost and the week before St Andrew's Day (Nov 30).**

## Sunday 27th November—First Sunday of Advent {Year A Begins}

- ◆ **The World:** Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore.
- ◆ **Australia:** All who work while most sleep—Shift workers  
Casual labourers. Seasonal workers
- ◆ **The Church in Australia:** Roman Catholic Church in Australia.
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:** The Diocese of Willochra: Bishop-elect, Jeremy James tssf. Administrator: Martin Bleby.  
Clergy and People. Community of SS Barnabas & Cecilia.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bp Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).
- ◆ Province of Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia: Co-presiding Archbishops: Donald Tamihere (Aotearoa) Philip Richardson (New Zealand) vacant (Polynesia). Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Parish.** Give thanks for the Annual Meetings (Local & Parish) and for those who are the new Parish Council. Pray that the plans for the Parish Office may get approval soon.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Kate Jessup. John Parkes. Vi Bussell. Jayne Jarrad. Neliya Don Leonard. Nina Colson. Bronwyn. Josef. Kaye McKenzie. Nancy Backlund, Ross Backlund.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 27th November—3rd December:**  
[27/11] Glenda Warnock.  
[29/11] Craig Bevan. Amy McWaters. Edna Gray. Ian Kemp.  
[30/11] Alexander Palamarczuk.  
[01/12] Mary McLeod.  
[03/12] Robert Hodson. Sandra Tonna. Arthur Bedford. Thomas Wallis.

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

**Prayer of the week—***pray each day this week*

Almighty God,  
give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness  
and put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility,  
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious  
majesty to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**