



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA
PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYS
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT—DECEMBER 11TH 2022

Dear Parishioners,

It is with great delight I can announce that my second and final appointment to Parish Council for 2022-2025 is Dot Hurley. This gives us our full complement of 4 Wardens; Margaret Gibson, Jean Martens, Robyn Coles and Jenni Mitchell; and 6 Parish Councillors: Marion Rak, Ela Heaton, Pam Lewis, Sue Wheeler, Denise Gould, Dot Hurley.

Please pray for the new PC and especially as it meets for the first time this Sunday 11th.

Fr. Neil Hicks

DECEMBER 13: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

St. Lucy, also called **Saint Lucia** (*Latin: Sancta Lucia*) or **Saint Lucy**, is said to have been martyred in Syracuse, Sicily, about 304, during the persecution under Diocletian (emperor 284–305). Devotion to her in Sicily was popular by the fifth century, and from there, during the following centuries, it spread to Rome and northern Italy. Her name is found in the Roman Canon, one of eight women included in this prayer. Whatever else is said about St. Lucy's martyrdom is derived from an account of her death written about two centuries later and is hence of questionable reliability. The name Lucy means "light," and this is most probably why she had been invoked, especially during the Middle Ages, against blindness and in cases of eye disease. She is often portrayed with two eyes on a dish. St. Lucy is the patron saint of the city of Syracuse in Sicily. On her feast day a silver statue of St. Lucy containing her relics is paraded through the streets before returning to the Cathedral of Syracuse.



With Lucy's feast day being on 13 December, it once coincided with the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year, (*this was before calendar reforms*), so her feast day has become a festival of light this is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and parts of Finland, girls dressed as Lucy carry **St. Lucia buns** in procession as songs are sung. It is said that to vividly celebrate St. Lucy's Day will help one live the long winter days with enough light.

The Caribbean island of Saint Lucia, one of the Windward Islands in the Lesser Antilles, is named after her.

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.

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.



Parish Ladies—29 parish ladies and one brave gentleman enjoyed a splendid meal and fellowship at the King River Café on Thursday. We were all assembled before 12 noon, a pre-ordered meal of 3 choices of both mains and desert came out on time. Many enjoyed a drink of their choice, swapped around seating, generally had a good catchup, and discussed ideas for next year. The gathering very generously gave \$458.00 for Loaves and Fishes. Thanks everyone who came and contributed to a very pleasant day of pre-Christmas cheer.

O-Antiphons (also known as the Greater Antiphons). 17-23 December

The antiphons sung before and after Magnificat at Vespers, according to Roman use, on the seven days preceding Christmas Eve, i.e. from 17th to 23rd December.

The name is derived from their initial 'O'—'O Sapientia', 'O Adonai', 'O Radix Jesse', 'O Clavis David', 'O Oriens', 'O Rex gentium', and 'O Emmanuel'. The Sarum Use (Salisbury Rite) began the Antiphons on 16th Dec., and provided an additional 'O' for 23rd Dec. ('O Virgo virginum'), and this arrangement is reflected by the insertion of 'O Sapientia' for 16 Dec. in the calendar of the BCP. Now changed to 17th December in the modern Calendar. The authorship and date of composition of the Antiphons are alike unknown; but they were already in use by the 8th cent.

Antiphon (Greek, originally. 'something sung alternately by two choirs'). In the Western Church, these are sentences, usually from Scripture, recited before and after the Psalms and Canticles in the Divine Office. They vary with the season or feast, and are often intended to indicate the spirit in which the (invariable) Psalms and Canticles are sung.

Cross, F. L., & Livingstone, E. A., eds. (2005).
In The Oxford dictionary of the Christian Church (3rd ed. rev., p. 1176). Oxford University Press.

WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday 12th December

Psalm 42; Isaiah 29. 17-24; Acts 5. 12-16

Tuesday 13th *Lucy, martyr & virgin (d 304)*

Psalm 99; 100; Ezekiel 47. 1-12; Jude 1. 17-25

9.00am Pangerang Community House @ St Michael's

Wednesday 14th *John of the Cross, mystic and teacher (d 1591)*

Psa 28; 62; Zechariah 8. 1-17; Matthew 8. 14-17, 28-34

9.30am Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.

10.30am, Eucharist at St. John's Respect.

4.00pm Eucharist @ St Michael's

Isaiah 45. 6-26; Psalm 85. 8-13; Luke 7. 19-23.

Thursday 15th Psalm 9; 2 Samuel 7. 1-17; Galatians 3. 23-29

11.00am, Rangeview Aged Care Service.

12 noon, **CoNTACT** at Vintage Café, Glenrowan.

Friday 16th Psalm 11; 14; 2 Samuel 7. 18-22; Galatians 4. 1-7

Saturday 17th *'O Sapientia'*

Psa 80. 1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7. 23-29; John 3. 31-36

Sunday December 18th—The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am Eucharist @ St. George's, Taminick

9.30am Eucharist @St. Michael's, Wangaratta

11.00am Morning Prayer @St. Paul's, Glenrowan.

Readings for 18th December {Advent 4}

Isaiah 7. 10-16. Psalm 80. 1-7; 17-19. Romans 1. 1-7. Matthew 1. 18-25.

Prayer of the week—pray each day this week

Almighty God,
you have made us and all things to serve you:
come quickly to save us,
so that wars and violence shall end
and your children may live in peace,
honouring one another with justice and love;
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,
who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sunday 11th December—Third Sunday of Advent

- ◆ **The World:** Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam.
- ◆ **Australia:** Schools; TAFE Colleges; Universities
All involved in Education Chaplaincies and SRE.
- ◆ **The Church in Australia:** The Salvation Army in Australia.
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:** The Diocese of Gippsland; Bishop Richard Treloar (*Leanne Habeeb*). Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bp Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).
LAY MINISTRIES: We give thanks and pray for the ministries of all Anglicans in their homes, friendships, daily lives and work in the wider community.
The Parochial District of Marysville: Locum: John Jessop (*Anne*); the Parish leaders and communities at: Marysville & Buxton.
- ◆ **Our Parish.** Pray for the new Parish Council.
Pray that the plans for the Parish Office may get approval soon.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Kate Jessup. Vi Bussell. Nina Colson. Bronwyn. Josef. Kaye McKenzie. Neliya Don Leonard. Nancy Backlund, Ross Backlund.



Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to

Parish of Wangaratta West & The Warbys

In appreciation of your ongoing support and contribution to the operations of L&F-CC throughout 2021/2022

Dated: 24 November 2022

Signed by the Chairperson of L&F - CC

Michael Oerlemans, Regional Director
North Central Region, Anglicare Victoria

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