



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA
PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYS
THE FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST—DECEMBER 25TH

Dear Parishioners,

We've made it to the Mass of Christ's Birth once again.
Happy and Holy Christmass to you all.

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Please Note that there will **NOT BE** a midweek Eucharist this week.  
 The next midweek Eucharist at St. Michael's will be on  
**Thursday January 5th 2023, at 9.30am.**  
 For most of the year 2023 this will be the case.

*Fr. Neil Hicks*

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This was the moment when Before  
 Turned into After, and the future's  
 Uninvented timekeepers presented arms.

This was the moment when nothing  
 Happened. Only dull peace  
 Sprawled boringly over the earth.

This was the moment when even energetic Romans  
 Could find nothing better to do  
 Than counting heads in remote provinces.

And this was the moment  
 When a few farm workers and three  
 Members of an obscure Persian sect  
 Walked haphazard by starlight straight  
 Into the kingdom of heaven.

Ursula Fanthorpe, Extracted from UA Fanthorpe's 'Christmas Poems',  
 published by Enitharmon Press



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*St. Michael's, Wangaratta. St Paul's, Glenrowan. St George's, Taminick.*

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**Loaves and Fishes:** - Our basket has been full to overflowing the last few weeks, we are blessed with so many generous folk in our congregations.

***Your generosity is very much appreciated.***



**Anglican Board of Mission Advent and Christmas appeal  
—a message from ABM.**

A gentle reminder from ABM that it is not too late to promote this appeal in the parish. **Wontulip-Bi-Buya** and **Nungalinya Colleges** both train Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to become future leaders.

If you cannot locate your ABM envelope, please use a parish giving envelope or one of your own and mark it ABM Advent/Christmas 2022.

Dear wonderful people  
at my favourite church

Have a Merry Christmas  
and Happy New year

**Merry Christmas**

I appreciate everything  
you do! Keep up the  
great work

Love Will Moore

Handwritten signature of Will Moore.

## WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**Monday 26th December** *Public Holiday*

**ST. STEPHEN, Deacon and First Martyr**

Psalm 31. 1-8; Acts 6. 8-10; 7. 54-60; Matt 10. 17-22

**Tuesday 27th**

**ST. JOHN, Apostle and Evangelist**

Psalm 97; 1 John 1. 1-5; John 20. 2-8

**Wednesday 28th**

**THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

Psa 124; 1 Jeremiah 31. 15-20; Matthew 2. 13-18

**Thursday 29th**

*Thomas Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr (d 1170)*

Psalm 145; Jeremiah 31. 15-22; Luke 19. 41-44

**Friday 30th**

*Josephine Butler, social reformer (d 1905)*

Psalm 149; Isaiah 26. 1-9; 2 Corinthians 4. 16-18

**Saturday 31st**

*John Wyclif, teacher and reformer (d 1384)*

Psalm 148; 1 Kings 3. 5-14; John 8. 12-19

**Sunday January 1st 2023—Sunday After Christmas**

**PLEASE NOTE, the only Worship Service in the parish this day is—**

**9.30am Eucharist @St. Michael's, Wangaratta.**

1 Samuel 2. 18–20, 26. Psalm 148. Colossians 3. 12–17. Luke 2. 41–52

### New Diocesan Health, Safety and Equality Considerations for Christmas Songs and Carols

#### While Shepherds Watched

While shepherds watched  
Their flocks by night  
All seated on the ground  
The angel of the Lord came down  
And glory shone around

The Union of Shepherds has complained that it breaches health and safety regulations to insist that shepherds watch their flocks without appropriate seating arrangements being provided, therefore benches, stools and orthopaedic chairs must be made available. Shepherds have also requested that, due to the inclement weather conditions at this time of year, they should watch their flocks via CCTV cameras from centrally heated/or cooled observation huts.

**Please note**, the angel of the Lord is reminded that before shining his or her glory all around, she/he must ascertain that all shepherds have been issued with glasses capable of filtering out the harmful effects of UVA, UVB. and Glory.

## Sunday 25th December—Christmass Day

- ◆ **The World:** For peace in Jerusalem and the Holy Land. Japan. North Korea. South Korea. Taiwan.
- ◆ **Australia:** All who work while most sleep. Shift workers. Casual labourers. Seasonal workers.
- ◆ **The Church in Australia:** The Uniting Church in Australia.
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:** The Diocese of The Northern Territory: Bishop Gregory Anderson (*Annette*). Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bp Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*). Service & Social Clubs in our Diocese e.g. RSL; CWA; Probus; Rotary; Lions; Inner Wheel, etc. Give thanks for the service offered to God through these organisations by many parishioners.
- ◆ **Our Parish.** Give thanks for those who clean our Church buildings.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Kate Jessup. Vi Bussell. Nina Colson. Bronwyn. Josef. Kaye McKenzie. Neliya Don Leonard. Nancy Backlund, Ross Backlund, Trent.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 18th—24th December:**
  - [25/12] Peter Heffernan.
  - [27/12] John Cryer. Claude Constable.
  - [29/12] June Williams. Gordon Nugent.
  - [30/12] Jean Clyde. Ethel Oates.
  - [31/12] Muriel (Migs) Peacock.

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

### **Prayer of the week—*pray daily***

Almighty God,  
you have shed upon us the light of your incarnate Word:  
may this light, kindled in our hearts,  
shine forth in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Pangerang** will re-commenced its programme in St Michael's Hall each Tuesday late in January. Pangerang have also negotiated to start a programme at St Paul's Glenrowan, commencing on Friday 3rd March, meeting each second Friday for the 1st term, and dates to be ascertained in the future. What good news it is to have our church halls utilised for such a programme!