



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

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
JANUARY 8TH 2023

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord which as a 'stand alone Commemoration' has only been a feature of our Worship Cycle for a bit over 50 years, so pretty new really. This can be seen most clearly in the absence of special hymns for the Feast until the 1970's (see today's Gradual Hymn, written in 1977). Before The Baptism of Our Lord was separated out on its own it was part of the celebration of Epiphany.

[Epiphany is Greek word and literally means 'light around' but for us has the meaning of 'manifestation' as in the light shining from Jesus shows us who he is].

Epiphany had three elements way back in the 'old days' (the 300's) they were: first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, and the manifestation of his divinity, as it occurred at his baptism in the Jordan River and at his first miracle, at Cana in Galilee.

These three elements plus some others now make up our commemoration of Jesus's Manifestation to the world. To assist us to continue to celebrate the great mystery of God Coming Among Us as a Human, I propose that the Crib continue to be displayed until February 2nd which is 40 Days after Christmas and a fitting completion to the Christmass Celebration.

Joyous Epiphany to all.

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

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Saturday 4th February 2023

10:00am - 2:00pm

St Stephen's Anglican Church, Rutherglen



'Lent with Bach' - Scripture, art, reflections
& music from JS Bach's St Matthew Passion

Leader: The Rev'd Canon Scott Jessup

No charge. BYO Lunch.

Tea/coffee provided.

Bookings (by 1st February) Scott

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All members of
Parish Council,
Churchwardens,
Parish Treasurers &
Synod Representatives
are invited to a
WORKSHOP
on Saturday 18th February
at Trinity House.

10.00am—3.00pm



A Quiet Day is an opportunity for you to step aside from the demands of your usual daily life, to be still and quiet, and to be nourished and refreshed by God.

The quiet days have a theme, with the leader giving a couple of short talks, providing resources and using scripture, music, poetry, art etc., as a springboard for reflection and prayer.

Just Checking

A 5-year-old said grace at a family dinner one night. "Dear God, thank you for these pancakes." When he concluded, his parents asked him why he thanked God for pancakes when they were having chicken. He smiled and said, "I thought I'd see if he was paying attention tonight."

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!

WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday 9th January

Psalm 29; Genesis 35. 1-15; Acts 10. 44-48

Tuesday 10th

William Laud, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr (d 1645)
Psalm 25; Jeremiah 1. 4-10; Acts 8. 4-13

Wednesday 11th

Psalm 28 + 29; Isaiah 51. 1-16; Matthew 12. 15-21
9.30am, Craft Group—St Michael's Hall
10.30am, Eucharist—St John's Respect.

Thursday 12th

Psalm 30; Isaiah 22. 15-25; Galatians 1. 6-12
9.30am, Eucharist @ St Michael's
Hebrews 3. 7-14. Psalm 95. 6-11. Mark 1. 40-45.

Friday 13th

Hilary of Poitiers, bishop and teacher (d 367)
Psalm 31; Genesis 27. 30-38; Acts 1. 1-5

Saturday 14th

Sava, first archbishop of the Serbian Church (d 1235)
Psalm 40. 1-14; 1 Kings 19. 19-21; Luke 5. 1-11

Sunday January 15th 2023—2nd Sunday After Epiphany

8.00am Eucharist @ St. George's, Taminick.

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

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

Isaiah 49. 1-7. Psalm 40. 1-14. 1 Corinthians 1. 1-9. John 1. 29-42.

I Dare You

At a church meeting, a very wealthy man rose to tell the rest of those present about his Christian faith. "I'm a millionaire," he said, "and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I remember that turning point in my faith. I had just earned my first dollar and I went to a church meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I knew that I only had a dollar bill and I had to either give it all to God's work or give nothing at all. So at that moment, I decided to give my whole dollar to God. I believe that God blessed that decision, and that is why I am a rich man today." When he finished and moved toward his seat, there was an awed silence. As he sat down, a little old lady sitting in the same pew leaned over and said to him, "I dare you to do it again."

Sunday 8th January 2023—Sunday after Epiphany

- ◆ **The World:** Iran, Iraq, Syria.
- ◆ **Australia:** Refugees and asylum seekers. The homeless; street kids; all who have no proper home. All who try to assist the homeless.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Antiochian Orthodox Church.
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:** The Diocese of Bunbury: Bishop Ian Coutts (*Anne*). Clergy and People.
- ◆ ANGLICAN PROVINCE OF VICTORIA: Diocese of Ballarat, Bendigo, Gippsland, Melbourne, Wangaratta. Victorian Provincial Council representatives – Rachel Ellyard, Ken Goodger, Neil Hicks, Julie Torpey.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bp Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*). The Parochial District of Central Goulburn: Priest in Charge, Richard Pennington (*Jen*). The Parish leaders and communities at: St Paul's, Avenel, St John's, Nagambie, Christ Church, Seymour.
- ◆ **Our Parish.** Give thanks for those sustain 'the cuppa time'.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Kate Jessup. Vi Bussell. Nina Colson. Bronwyn. Josef. Kaye McKenzie. Neliya Don Leonard. Nancy Backlund, Ross Backlund, Trent.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 8th—14th January:**
 - [08/01] Frank Rickards. Charles Thompson.
 - [09/01] 'Dot' Dinsdale. Lucy Porter. Wilhelmina Tippet.
 - [10/01] Margaret Bewes. Eileen Ryan
 - [12/01] Dorothy Hutchinson. Emily Wallace.
 - [13/01] Patricia Anthony
 - [14/01] Margot Ballard. 'Jim' Slaughter.

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

Prayer of the week until Epiphany—pray daily

Almighty God,
who anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit
and revealed him as your beloved Son:
inspire us, your children,
who are born again of water and the Spirit,
to surrender our lives to your service,
that we may rejoice to be called your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**