



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

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY—  
JANUARY 22ND 2023

**Two important days this week, January 25th and January 26th.  
For January 26th see page 3.**

**JANUARY 25** is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle.

This is the day when we commemorate when our Lord, by the power of his grace, transformed a zealous persecutor into an impassioned apostle. Saul of Tarsus was brought up as a Pharisee and an enemy of Jesus Christ. After the death of St. Stephen, at which Saul was present (Acts 7:58), he participated in a fierce persecution against the Christians. He “began to harass the Church. He entered house after house, dragged men and women out, and threw them into jail” (Acts 8:3). He was then empowered by the Jerusalem Council to go to Damascus to arrest and bring to Jerusalem anyone who lived according to the new way (Acts 9:2). As Saul approached Damascus, it was then that the Lord intervened. By means of a sudden flash of light, Saul was thrown to the ground, and at the same time he heard a voice saying: “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” In response, he asked: “Who are you, Lord?” Then the voice identified itself: “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting” (Acts 9:3–6). This was the moment of his conversion, and he who was once a determined persecutor now became a vessel of election.



This feast originated in Gaul in the sixth century and is celebrated on January 25, the presumed date of the transfer of the relics of St. Paul to the Constantinian basilica on the Ostian Way.

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## **Diocesan Quiet Day**

—Saturday February 4th

@ St Stephen's, Rutherglen.

10.00am—2.00pm

No charge, BYO Lunch

Bookings to Fr Scott 0418-254-158

## **5th Sunday—29th January**

**Don't forget—Trade Table** on this day please **contribute and buy!**

The fresh garden produce that has recently been made available has been very eagerly snapped up!

**Fr Neil & Sue** will be on Leave

from Monday 23rd January to Monday 6th February. We wish them a restful and enjoyable break from their parish and diocesan duties, and look forward to them coming home refreshed for the year ahead.

For the next 2 Sundays Rev'd Maureen Beattie will be leading our Worship.

There will be a Baptism on Sunday 29th January, please pray for Jasper Woodstock, his Parents and Godparents.

**WWW.com**—articles and photos are being collected for the Autumn edition—thank you to those who have contributed photos of Christmas activities—but more articles, pics etc are needed. Please email to parish or hand to Margaret or Pal



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 plea for assistance- Afghan refugees.***

*Please see longer letter insert.*

*Any financial assistance anyone is able to provide will be much appreciated.*

*I can get the funds directly to the sponsees and will provide receipts for payment and messages of acknowledgement from the recipients.*

*Hope you can help*

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## **On a lighter note—**

A man was telling his neighbour, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect.'

'Really,' answered the neighbour.

'What kind is it?'

'Twelve thirty.'

*Thanks Suzie DL for this gem!*

## WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### Monday 23rd January

Psalm 27. 7-14; Judges 6. 11-24; Ephesians 5. 6-14

### Tuesday 24th

*Companions of Paul, including Timothy, Titus & Silas*  
Psalm 56; Judges 7. 12-22; Philippians 2. 12-18

### Wednesday 25th

CONVERSION OF PAUL THE APOSTLE  
Acts 9. 1-22. Ps 117. Gal. 1. 11-24. Luke 24. 44-48  
9.30am, Craft Group—St Michael's Hall

### Thursday 26th

AUSTRALIA DAY—Public Holiday  
Psalm 65; Deuteronomy 16. 18-20; 1 Peter 3. 8-12

### Friday 27th

*John Chrysostom, bp of Constantinople, teacher (d 407)*  
Psalm 66; Deut. 24. 17—25. 4; 1 Timothy 5. 17-24

### Saturday 28th

*Thomas Aquinas, theologian (d 1274)*  
Psalm 15; Micah 3. 1-4; John 13. 31-35

### Sunday January 29th 2023—Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

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

1 Corinthians 1. 18-31. Matthew 5. 1-12.

### Australia Day – Thursday 26 January 2023

*Deuteronomy 8.5-14a; Psalm 125; Hebrews 11.8-16; Matthew 5.1-12*

The reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews talks about those who feel themselves to be 'strangers and foreigners on earth'. The writer of the letter tells us that 'they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one'. Australia is a wonderful nation, but it is not perfect. No country is.

How can we work to improve Australia, to make this great southern land into a 'heaven on earth'?

What kinds of things need to be achieved to make this place closer to God's vision?

- Lord Jesus Christ, I give you thanks for all the blessings that I enjoy in this wonderful country. Help me to do those things you would have me do to improve it for all who live here.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

*Text: Robert McLean*

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## Sunday 22nd January 2023—3rd Sunday after Epiphany

- ◆ **The World:** Cyprus, Greece, Turkey.
- ◆ **Australia:** For all involved in organised tourism: transport, hospitality, catering.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Assyrian Church of the East.
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:**  
The Diocese of Sydney: Archbishop Kanishka Raffel (*Cailey*).  
Regional Bishops: Christopher Edwards (Belinda), Gary Koo (Pearl), Peter Lin (Isobel), Peter Hayward (Julie), Michael Stead (Felicity),  
Archdeacon for Women: Kara Hartley. Sisters of the Church, Glebe the Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bp Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).  
Church Lay Leaders especially: Wardens and Parish Councillors  
Parish Guilds and fundraising efforts.  
The Parochial District of Tallangatta. Priest in Charge: Alan Kelb (Lee).  
the Parish leaders and community at Christ Church, Tallangatta.
- ◆ **Our Parish.** Give thanks for those who count the Offerings each week.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Trent. Emily. Brady. Kate Jessup. Vi Bussell.  
Nina Colson. Bronwyn. Josef. Kaye McKenzie. Neliya Don Leonard.  
Nancy Backlund. Ross Backlund.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 22nd—28th January:**  
[22/01] Marjorie Mathews. William Salisbury. Doug Elliott.  
[23/01] Leo Jewell.  
[25/01] Bobby Muir. Frank Star.  
[26/01] Bradley Hilder.

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

### **Prayer of the week—pray daily**

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you:  
mercifully accept our prayers,  
and because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do nothing good without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in keeping your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**