



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA
PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYS
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY—
FEBRUARY 5TH 2023

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus told the crowd how to live Godly lives. He explained one part of his lesson by telling the people that they are the “Salt of the Earth” and the “Light of the World”. People need to see Christians living godly lives. Perhaps this is more an example than a parable.

Jesus gives this short parable during the Sermon on the Mount but it is also repeated throughout the gospels in different contexts (

Rock salt came from underground mines. The Dead Sea produced salt but it was considered inferior. Nevertheless, it was easy to get so it was often used.

Salt was used for flavouring and preserving. Another use for salt was to prevent infection. It was rubbed on the skin of newborn babies for that reason. Salt was also added to sacrificial offerings

Then Jesus called his disciples the salt of the earth, he could have been referring to the preserving quality of salt. Christians bring salvation and eternal life to those around them by sharing the word of God. Their lives are preserved.

Also, salt makes a difference in flavour. Can you imagine a world where there was no Christian influence? Constitutions, laws, benevolence, human rights, love, joy, peace and more are all products of Judeo-Christian influence in the world. Christians, like salt, are to make a difference in the society around them.

In early times lamps were stone bowls filled with melted animal fat, in which floated a wick of twisted plant fibres. Later lamps were small clay saucers with a part of their rims pinched to form a spout. Wicks were placed in the pinched section so they could soak up the oil in the saucer. During the time of Jesus people used small clay lamps that burned olive oil drawn up by a wick. Olive oil gives off less smoke than animal fat. Lamps were placed inside homes in niches in the wall or on stands.

Common lamps used in the first century were small, about the size a hand. They were made from clay and were like shallow, covered dishes with two holes in the top. Olive oil was poured through the larger of the holes and a wick was placed in the smaller. Special care was taken to keep the wick trimmed. If it burned down too low then it would smoke and finally go out.

There are many passages throughout the Bible that talk about light. All good things to do with God are light while sin is often paralleled with darkness.



Thankyou to **The Rev'd Maureen Beattie** for leading our Worship these past 2 Sundays. The Baptism last week was a delightful occasion, and we have enjoyed Rev'd Maureen's ministry to us.

.Fr Neil & Sue return from Leave tomorrow.

Thank you Matthew Shultz for your willingness to be our organist today. If you wish to hear more of Matthew's brilliant playing, he has 3 recitals on Saturday 11th February, 9.00am, 10.00am and 11.00am featuring the newly restored Willis Organ at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Trade Table The trade table last Sunday resulted in about \$200, thank you all who supported this effort. Next one will be held on Sunday 25th February.

Community Raffle—Thank you to all who have taken books and purchased raffle tickets in this fundraiser. Please return your books as soon as possible so that Carol can reconcile and forward tickets in plenty of time for the drawing of the raffle. Who knows who will be the lucky ones!



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**

Shrove Tuesday - Pancakes

Tuesday 21st February

Please keep this evening free to come to St Michael's for Pancakes, 4.00pm to 7.00pm,

And—if you can assist in any way, supplying fillings (cury , setting up, , serving etc, please let Sue Wheeler or Margaret know and we will draw up a roster. Please bring your friends and family.

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.

WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday 6th February

Psalm 119. 105-112; 2 Kings 22. 3-20; Rom 11. 2-10

Tuesday 7th

Psalm 90; 2 Kings 23. 1-8, 21-25; 2 Cor 4. 1-12

Wednesday 8th

Psalm 89. 1-18; Proverbs 6. 6-23; John 8. 12-30
9.30am, Craft Group—St Michael's Hall
10.30am, Eucharist at St John's Respect.

Thursday 9th

Psalm 89. 39-53. Genesis 26. 1-5; James 1. 12-16
9.30am, Eucharist @ St Michael's
Genesis 2. 18-25. Psalm 128. Mark 7. 24-30.

Friday 10th

Psalm 92 & 93; Leviticus 26. 34-46; 1 John 2. 7-17

Saturday 11th

Psalm 119. 1-8; Deut 30. 1-9a; Matthew 15. 1-9

Sunday February 12th 2023—Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

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

11.00am. Eucharist @St. Paul's, Glenrowan.

Isaiah 9. 1-4. Psalm 27. 1-10. 1 Corinthians 1. 10-18. Matthew 4. 12-25.

Parish Office—Please be aware that work on the footings for the new parish office will be commencing on Saturday, and will continue for the next couple of Saturdays.

OUR VISION IS TO STRENGTHEN AND GROW A COMMUNITY OF FAITH IN CHRIST

Our Mission therefore is to: REAP

Reach out to all people, families, the marginalised and disadvantaged through Parish, community and personal engagement.

Encourage and educate our parish community through discipleship initiatives.

Advance and develop relationships with each other and the community through Pastoral Care.

Promote, nourish and deepen our spiritual lives

Sunday 5th February 2023—5th Sunday after Epiphany

- ◆ **The World:** Vatican City, Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain.
- ◆ **Australia:** Hospitals: Health Care providers, All medical and health personnel. Medical and Health administrative workers.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Churches of Christ.
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:**
The Diocese of Bathurst: Bishop Mark Calder (*Susan*). Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bp Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).
B-i-C Executive Committee: Bishop, Vicar-General, Registrar, Treasurer, Helen Gilbert, John Gilson, Alex Monk.
The Parish of Benalla: Priest in Charge: Dino Gabriel (*Elizabeth*)
the Parish leaders and communities at: Benalla & Swanpool.
- ◆ **Our Parish.** Pray for the Parish Council.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Trent. Emily. Brady. Kate Jessup. Vi Bussell. Nina Colson. Bronwyn. Josef. Kaye McKenzie. Neliya Don Leonard.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 5th—11th February:**
[06/02] Amy Langburne. Alma Newton. 'Duke' Goldsmith.
[07/02] Betty Barnard.
[8/02] Bill Wood. Charles Thompson. 'Jenny' Honey.
[10/02] Floreen Ingarfield. George Crosher.
[11/02] Bill Powell.

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

Prayer of the week—pray daily

Father of all,
who gave your only-begotten Son
to take upon himself the form of a servant
and to be obedient even to death on a cross:
give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,
that, sharing in his humility,
we may come to be with him in his glory;
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**