



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA
PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYS
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER—23/04/23

Anzac Day: what does it mean for Christian people?

Anzac Day commemorates the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli, Turkey (then part of the Ottoman Empire) on 25 April 1915. After enduring a determined enemy, difficult living conditions and significant losses, ANZAC forces made a successful withdrawal in December, planned by their leaders. The campaign was a failure, but their military reputation was enhanced, marked by bravery under fire, acceptance of danger, a spirit of 'make-do' and independence, and deep camaraderie. That Anzac Day marks a noble defeat is important for Australian identity, evoking the pioneer tradition of persevering through adversity.

Anzac commemorations began the following year, and have continued since. Two Anglican clergymen shaped its early character. The Rev'd Albert White initiated a dawn service in Albany, WA, the point of departure for most Australian troops. After the refrain "*As the sun rises and goeth down, we will remember them*", he led those present in prayer, and 'Last Post' and 'Reveille' were played. In Queensland, Canon David Garland promoted the day as "Australia's All Souls' Day"; he placed Binyon's 'Ode to the Fallen' on the cover of a 1921 service booklet. But the Great War had brought a deep sense of mourning which transcended Australian class and sectarian divisions. Both men were thus conscious that the day held a wide significance, and sought to develop rituals in which those of any faith or none could participate. Thus, in the face of diverse understandings of 'prayer for the dead', the (originally two) minute silence was introduced to allow each person present to pray, or not pray, in accordance with his or her individual beliefs.

Anzac Day services have been sponsored by bodies such as the RSL since 1929, when the day was first observed nationally, and the participation of Christian clergy is generally welcomed. There are dangers involved, not so much of glorifying war, as of confusing ideas about 'sacrifice', notably overly close parallels between the atoning death of Christ and the tragic death of military forces. Soldiers do not go to war looking to die, to 'sacrifice themselves', but rather look to return home safely. Yet the willingness to face danger, becoming disabled or even dying is profoundly praiseworthy.

The ambiguous character of the day remains important, including the linking of the serious services of the morning with the games of the afternoon. Christian churches can make a significant contribution by continuing to point to solidarity in the face of defeat as shaping our national character, rather than the triumphal celebration of our achievements.

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Mother's Day raffle. There are five baskets of goodies on offer, a first prize and if you have 2-5 winning ticket, pick your own basket.

We will be looking for some street sitter at the shops in Appin Street. If you can help, please see Margaret Raffle will be drawn 2nd May Please return your books to Suzie or your warden this week to ensure that they can be reconciled in time for the draw.

No trading table next Sunday - owing to our busy week with the Artisan Market. Thank you all who supplied the fresh vegies lately, they were eagerly snapped up!



Photocopy Paper needed With the extra services over Easter, we are again running a little short, all and any contribution very welcome

Artisan Market - Next Saturday 29th April

We look forward to seeing EVERYONE here next Saturday.

Any help you can offer will be appreciated. We are ;looking for help to set up at 7am and clear up at 1pm. If you have friends or family who may be able to help it will be very much appreciated. Please let us know. Plates, cellophane and plastic bags and labels are available today in the green box, Please take what you need. If there is insufficient for your needs, please let Sue or Margaret know and more will be produced!.

Cupboard for Sanctuary - as mentioned recently, we are seeking donations to cover the cost of making this cupboard, if we could get 20 parishioners to give \$20 each it would cover the cost, but of course, all donations are more than welcome!

Thankyou to those who have made contributions to date.



***All non-perishable items are appreciated,
particularly the following:***

Tinned Spaghetti. 2 Minute Noodles
Jam. Tomato/BBQ Sauce. Tinned Soup
Instant coffee. Red Cracker biscuits. Honey.

A reminder that anyone who wishes to receive the Common Cup at Communion, is asked to tell the Priest BEFORE the service that this is their preference.

WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY—24th April Psalm 134; Genesis 18. 1-14; 1 Peter 1. 23-25

TUESDAY—25th *Anzac Day—public holiday*
Micah 4. 1-4. Psalm 46. Romans 5. 1-8. John 15. 9-17.

WEDNESDAY—26th **MARK, Evangelist and Martyr**
Acts 8. 1-8. Psalm 66. 1-8. John 6. 35-40
9.30am Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.

THURSDAY—27th Psalm 23; Exodus 2. 15b-25; 1 Peter 2. 9-12
9.30am, Eucharist—St. Michael's.
Acts 8. 26-40. Psalm 66. 7-11. John 6. 44-51
10.15am, Bible Study—Hall.

FRIDAY—28th
Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34. 1-16; Luke 15. 1-7.

SATURDAY—29th **9.00am—1.00pm—ARTISAN MARKET**
Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34. 1-16; Luke 15. 1-7

The Fourth Sunday of Easter—April 30th 2023 **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

Acts 2. 42-47. Psalm 23. 1 Peter 2. 19-25. John 10. 1-10.
9.30am Eucharist @St. Michael's, Wangaratta.

11.30am Parish Council meeting—St Michael's Hall.

St. Mark, Evangelist (in Australia—April 26th)

St. Mark is the author of the second Gospel and was a member of the first Christian community in Jerusalem. His mother, Mary, owned the house where the Jerusalem Christians met for prayer and where Peter stayed after he had been miraculously liberated from prison (Acts 12:12–17). Mark accompanied Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey (Acts 12:25) to Antioch (today's Antakya, Turkey). He was likewise with Paul in Rome (Col. 4:10; Phlm. 24) and was associated with Peter in that same city (1 Pt. 5:13). It was most probably in Rome that Mark wrote his Gospel sometime after Peter's death (about 64) and before the year 70, basing it on Peter's preaching. Tradition has it that Mark subsequently went to Alexandria, where he was bishop and where he was martyred toward the end of the first century. His relics were taken (828)—supposedly to keep them from being profaned by unbelievers—by two Venetian merchants to Venice. His feast has been celebrated on April 25 from earliest times.

Sunday 23rd April 2023—Second Sunday of Easter

- ♦ **The World:** Armenia. Azerbaijan. Georgia.
- ♦ **Australia:** for harmony between all peoples
Those who suffer from racial prejudice
- ♦ **The Church in our nation:** The Syrian Orthodox Church.
- ♦ **Anglican Church of Australia:**
The Diocese of Tasmania: Bishop Richard Condie (*Helen*)
Assistant Bishop: Chris Jones (*Christine*). Clergy and People.
- ♦ **Our Diocese:** Bp Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).
The Parish of Wodonga: P-i-C: Jacques Jefferies (*Denise*).
the Parish leaders and communities at: St John's, Wodonga, Emmanuel, West Wodonga
- ♦ **Our Parish.** Artisan's Market & all fund raising.
- ♦ **Those in Need:** Bronwyn. Josef. Neliya Don Leonard. Kaye McKenzie. Chris E. Trent. Vi Bussell. Nina Colson.
- ♦ **Recently Departed:** pray for the repose of the soul of Nola Edgar, obit 21/04.
- ♦ **Year's Mind: 23rd – 29th April:**
[23/04] Annette McWaters. Jean Moncrieff. Agnes Moore.
Dorothy Allen.
[24/04] Beris Cropley. Linda Butler. [25/04] Gloria Greene.
[26/04] Dianne Anderson. Lorna Cavey.
[27/04] Bertha Wilson. Ada McKenzie.
[28/04] Natalia Palamarczuk. Mary Dalton. Linton Briggs.
[29/04] Heather Murphy.

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

Prayer of the week (*pray daily*)

Gracious Father,
who in your great mercy made glad the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such awareness of his presence with us
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life,
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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