



**ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA**  
**PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYS**  
**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—21/05/23**

**May 27–June 3: Week of Prayer for Reconciliation**

**What is the 'Week of Prayer for Reconciliation'?**

The historic 'Mabo judgment' was handed down by the Australian High Court on 3 June 1992. This recognised that Eddie Mabo, on behalf of his people, held 'native title' to the lands in the Torres Strait on which they had lived for generations. In effect, their possession of this land — in part sustained by their Anglican identity — had never been removed. The decision gave all Australians a new 'imagining' of the land, setting aside the notion of it being 'terra nullius' — empty prior to European settlement.

The date fell a week after the anniversary of the Referendum, which took place on 27 May 1967, that removed words from the Constitution that (i) excluded government responsibility for the "the aboriginal people in any State", and (ii) excluded Aboriginal people from being counted in the Census. The Referendum, which passed with over 90 per cent voting in its favour, took effect from 10 August 1967. The change was a small step — not until 1995 could indigenous Australians vote in every state — but marked the beginnings of the process of reconciliation.

When the National Council of Churches in Australia formed in 1994, its first Forum set up the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation, to run each year from 27 May to 3 June. The week was included in the Calendar of APBA (1995), along with 'Coming of the Light' on 1 July, which commemorated the arrival of the Gospel to the Torres Strait.

But there is a longer history behind these commemorations. Despite many failures and misunderstandings, Australian churches have sought to share the Gospel with the indigenous people of this land from the first arrival of Europeans. In 1910, based on their experience of mission work, the Australian Board of Missions and the Church Missionary Society proposed that each church set aside one Sunday each year to focus on indigenous issues. They proposed the scripture readings set out in the Resources for liturgical use on p. 55. 'Reconciliation' has a wide meaning in the scriptures. It is grounded in the life-giving work of Jesus Christ, whose atoning death was the means of all things being reconciled to God — and calling us to be reconciled to one another (cf Matthew 5:24).

In this land, the mistreatment, misunderstandings and abuse of its indigenous peoples by those who have arrived since 1788 has been called its 'original sin'. It carried over to racist behaviour and attitudes towards 'non-white' immigrants — the 'White Australia' policy, finally dismantled in 1973. Australia's churches long acted toward one another in sectarian ways, rather than seeing each other as fellow citizens of heaven. All these, and other aspects of reconciliation, can be brought to mind in this week, but its particular focus must remain on our 'original sin'.

*from Australian Anglicans Remember.*



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**ABM's Easter Gift** will help build up Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands ministries in locations as far afield as the Nyngan in Central NSW, Arnhem Land, Cape York, the Torres Strait and elsewhere in our vast lands.

Projects which will benefit from the Easter Gift include Gloria Shipp's ongoing Walkabout Ministries in the Diocese of Bathurst, our Mission Grants and our Reconciliation Project.



### Vocal Dimension

#### *Life, Love, Death & Taxes*

Choral Concert with Matthew Schultz  
and Dr Kieran Crichton - Holy Trinity  
Cathedral Sunday 28th May @ 3.00pm

\$20 cash or EFTPOS at the door

### ***Gospel Singalong***

Wesleyan Methodist Church  
Sunday 28th May, 3.00—5.00pm.

Tea & Coffee to follow.



Please join us for the  
**ARNA national eGathering on Sat 27th May**, commencing at 3:30pm.  
You can either join (or create) a local hub  
and meet together for the ZOOM  
gathering or watch it with friends from the  
comfort of your own lounge room.

### Save the date

Please ensure you have the date for  
the next **Artisan Market** in your Diary  
— Saturday 18th November —

We look forward to welcoming back  
the stall holders with their Christmas  
goodies!

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

Milo. 2 Minute Noodles. Jam. Tomato/BBQ Sauce.  
Instant coffee. Honey. Sweet Biscuits. Cup A Soup.



## WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### *The week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Until Eve of Pentecost)*

#### **MONDAY—22nd May**

Psalm 99; Leviticus 9. 1-11, 22-24; 1 Peter 4. 1-6

#### **TUESDAY—23rd**

Psalm 47; Numbers 16. 41-50; 1 Peter 4. 7-11  
9.00am, Pangerang—St. Michael's Hall.

#### **WEDNESDAY—24th** *John (d 1791) & Charles (d 1788) Wesley, evangelists.*

Psalm 16, 30; 1 Kings 8. 54-65; John 3. 31-36  
9.30am Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.

#### **THURSDAY—25th** *Venerable Bede of Jarrow, priest, and teacher (d 735)*

Psalm 103. 12-22; Exodus 19. 1-9a; Acts 2. 1-11.  
9.30am, Eucharist — St. Michael's.  
Acts 22.30 + 23. 6-11. Psa 16. 1-6. John 17. 20-26  
10.15am, Bible Study—Hall.

#### **FRIDAY—26th** *Augustine of Canterbury, missionary and bishop (d 605)*

Psalm 116. 12-22; Exodus 19. 16-25; Romans 8. 14-17

#### **SATURDAY—27th**

Psalm 33. 12-22; Exodus 20. 1-21; Matthew 5. 1-12  
10.30am, Induction of David Kerr as P-i-C, Kilmore.

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#### **DAY OF PENTECOST—May 28th 2023**

Acts 2. 1-21. Psalm 104. 26-36. 1 Cor 12. 1-13. John 20. 19-23.

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

11.00am Eucharist @St Paul's, Glenrowan.

#### **St Michael's Ladies Guild:**

Contact: Sue Wheeler (Events and catering Coordinator) 0414 259 154.

**Parish Women's Fellowship:** Contact: Jean Martens 0408 497169.

**Parish Men's Fellowship:** Contact: the Vicar.

**Glenrowan Community Contact:** Convenor: Robyn Coles 0427 662 208.  
Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from 2 pm--3.15pm.

**St Michael's Friendship & Craft Group:** Contact Jenny Still 5721 8241.  
Meets Wednesdays at 9.30 am.

#### **Parish Paper & Pewsheets:**

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#### **St Michael's Hall Bookings**

## Sunday 21st May 2023—Seventh Sunday of Easter

- ♦ **The World:** Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles.
- ♦ **Australia:** Those who suffer following natural disasters.
- ♦ **The Church in our nation:** Armenian Apostolic Church.
- ♦ **Anglican Church of Australia:** The Diocese of Rockhampton: Bishop Peter Grice (*Virginia*). Clergy and People
- ♦ **Our Diocese:** Bp Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).  
The Parochial District of Corryong: P-i-C: Maryann Leonard (*John*).  
The Parish leaders and communities at: Corryong, Cudgewa, Biggara Congregation, Walwa.
- ♦ **Our Parish.** Children's Outreach—Ecumenical.
- ♦ **Those in Need:** David M. Bronwyn. Josef. Neliya Don Leonard. Kaye McKenzie. Chris E. Trent. Vi Bussell. Nina Colson.
- ♦ **Year's Mind: 14th—20th May:**  
[22/05] Dusan Kazich, 2000. Daniel Ritchens, 1996. Ian Menhennitt, 1976.  
Dallas Boustead, 1964.  
[23/05] Amy McNamara, 1998. Doris Sheppard, 1995.  
[24/05] Ted Bienvenu, 1985.  
[25/05] Herbert Carmody, 2008. 'Les' Sanders, 2003.  
[26/05] Norm Dean, 1996.  
[27/05] Betty Dodemaide, 2007. Ida Pool, 1987.

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

### **Prayer of the week** (*pray daily*)

O God, the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we pray you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us,  
and exalt us to the same place where our Saviour Christ  
has gone before;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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