



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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
3rd September 2023

Hello Parishioners,

This week (from Monday to Thursday) the clergy of both Wangaratta and Riverina Dioceses will be together for Retreat. This will be at the Pallotti Retreat & Conference Centre in Millgrove, usually that is a cold place and we are told to prepare for that to be the case this year. Our Conductor is Assistant Bishop of Adelaide, Denise Ferguson.

In your prayers ask God to grant us all a time of spiritual refreshment and peace and guidance for Bp Denise as she leads us in thinking.

I'm guessing that many of you have now received the official notice from the Electoral Commission about the upcoming Referendum and with the date finally be given for the vote a sharper focus on the matter will begin to occur in the media and community. I was in a conversation this past week where a church goer lamented not hearing anything from 'the church in the Diocese' about the matter. She was assured there had been things about it from Synod but as she was away at that time she was unaware of this. But still she persisted why aren't we talking about it more?

While it is true that our recent Synod passed a motion (moved by Fr Matthew Healy) which welcomed the Referendum and urged members of the Diocese to support it, it is also true that several members of Synod did not think it was the right of Synod to tell people how to vote. I was one of that minority because I do not believe it is the role of the official church to direct people's voting behaviour.

Whatever the outcome of the vote on October 14th, I hope that those who identify as Indigenous Australians and who feel that they are at a disadvantage in the wider Australian Community, may find pathways that are more advantageous than those travelled at present.

We hear often about 'closing the gap' between the Indigenous communities and the rest of the community, and whether the referendum will overcome that 'gap' is open to question. I am of the opinion that to whatever section of society help is offered by 'the government' it is imperative that those who are being assisted are listened to, so that the best outcomes are achievable, this is the best way to 'close the gap' in my opinion.

I also believe that for far too long officialdom has not listened to those they say they are 'helping' and that is true not only in Indigenous Affairs.

May our discussions with one another be peaceful, respectful and dignified and may God give us grace to discern how to cast our vote in this referendum.

Neil Hicks.

The Funeral Service
to Celebrate the Life of
Neliya Don-Leonard

will be held at the
Anglican Parish of Christ Church,
1 Marco Polo St Essendon
on Monday 4th September 2023
commencing at 12noon.

To view via live stream please go to
[https://www.preciousprinting.com.au/
live/neliya-don-leonard.htm](https://www.preciousprinting.com.au/live/neliya-don-leonard.htm)

**PASTORAL CARE WORKSHOP
FOR LAY MINISTERS / LAY READERS
SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2023**

**ST JOHN'S WODONGA
(NORTHERN AREAS)**

09.45AM TO 03.00PM

Please see Notice boards for mor info.

Three Choirs Festival

Vivaldi "Gloria," Rutter "Gloria",
"Prayer for Ukraine" and Choral
Selection from Jenkins
"The Armed Man"

Sunday September 10th at Holy

Trinity Cathedral 2.30pm

\$25 at door or Trybooking

Pangerang is using St Michael's Hall every Tuesday and is offering

8am-9am - Kids & Families breakfast club -
10am-12noon - digital support sessions/Be
Connected, targeted at people aged over
50—free

1pm-3pm - Men's cooking program FREE
4.00-5:30pm - Kids cooking program FREE.

Please let anyone know whom you
think could be interested in these
programs

*Monthly Tuesday Community Dinners
more about this soon.*

Pangerang will be looking for
volunteers to help with various
programmes on Tuesdays, - breakfast,
cooking classes etc. If you feel you
could offer a few hours once or twice
month please let Margaret know, and
when more details are available you
will be contacted.

*Working with Children and Police
checks are mandatory, and can be
arranged if you do not have either.*

**Save the date - Artisan Market
Saturday 18th November —**

**Parish Council - meets next Sunday
10th September 1.30pm at
St Michael's**



***All non-perishable items are appreciated,
especially Chunky Soup***

*Sweet and Savoury biscuits, tuna, tomato and BBQ sauce, tinned peas and
beans, chunky soup, cuppa soup, shampoo/conditioner*



WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Monday 4th to Thursday 11th—Diocesan Clergy Retreat
at Pallotti Retreat & Conference Centre, Millgrove.*

MONDAY, 4th September 2023

Psalm 83. 1-4, 13-18; Exodus 4. 10-31; Revelation 3. 1-6

TUESDAY, 5th

Psalm 15, 16; Exodus 5. 1-6, 13; Revelation 3. 7-13
8.00am, Pangerang @ St Michael's Hall

WEDNESDAY, 6th

Psalm 18. 1-31; Exodus 7. 14-25; Matthew 12. 22-32
9.30am Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.

THURSDAY, 7th

Psalm 18. 32-38 + 19; Exodus 9. 1-7; 2 Corinthians 12. 11-21.
9.30am, Morning Prayer — St. Michael's.
Colossians 1. 9-14. Psalm 98. 1-6. Luke 5. 1-11.
10.15am, morning tea and Bible Study—Hall.
11.00am, Rangeview Aged Care H.C. Service.

FRIDAY, 8th *Birth of Mary, Mother of the Lord.*

Micah 5. 2-4; Romans 8. 28-30; Matthew 1. 18-23.

SATURDAY, 9th

Psalm 149; Exodus 11. 1-10; Matthew 23. 29-36

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost—September 10th 2023 {OS 23}

Exodus 12.1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13. 1-10; Matthew 18. 10-20.

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

11.00am Eucharist @ St Paul's, Glenrowan.

SEPTEMBER 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The few historical details known about Mary's life are those found in the Gospels, but there is nothing there about Mary's birth or childhood. Mary's first appearance in the Gospels is the scene where the Archangel Gabriel announces that she is to be the Mother of God. Tradition claims that Mary was born in Jerusalem, and as early as the fifth century the Jerusalem Church commemorated Mary's birth on September 8.

It seems that the commemoration arose in association with the church that was built near the Pool of Bethesda and dedicated to the Birth of Mary. Tradition also claims that that church had been built on the site of the dwelling of SS. Joachim and Anne (see July 26), the parents of Mary. Years later, the name of the church was changed, and since the time of the crusaders it has been known as the Church of St. Anne.

Tylenda, J. N. (2003). *Saints and Feasts of the Liturgical Year* (pp. 186-187). Georgetown University Press.

Sunday 3rd September 2023—OS 22

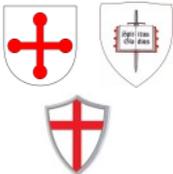
- ◆ **The World:** Benin, Ivory Coast, Togo.
- ◆ **Australia:** Justice System: police, courts, judges.
All who deal with law and its administration.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Uniting Church in Australia.
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:** Diocese of Armidale: Bp Rod Chiswell (*Jenni*).
The Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).
Bishop in Council: Bishop: Clarence Bester, Registrar: Julie Torpey,
Vicar-General/Archdeacon: Neil Hicks, The Dean: Ken Goodger,
Chancellor: Clyde Croft, Advocate: Rachel Ellyard,
Diocesan Treasurer: Norm Kenny,
Clergy: Melissa Clark, Jerome Francis, Matthew Healy, Maryann Leonard.
Lay: Imogene Gillespie, Rhonda Holden, Mark Carden.
- ◆ **Our Parish.** Parish Council.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Mark. Vivienne S. Melanie. Bob C. Warren G. Wayne.
Vi Bussell. Trent. Kaye McKenzie. Michael Tomlinson. Josef. Nina Colson.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 3rd—9th September:**
[03/09] Sr Marjory Piggott (CCK), 2006.
[04/09] Ruth Leahy, 2015. Mary Sammon, 2013. Jean Cleal, 2012.
Beverley Coxhell, 1995. Edith Newman, 1989.
[05/09] Maud Hill, 1987. [06/09] Ron Colson, 1994.
[07/09] Joyce Greskie, 2016. Noel Garlick, 2011, Edith Lee, 1989.
Robert Charles, 1989. Stana Kazich, 1985. Rose Bell, 1984.
[08/09] Iris Watkins, 2004. [09/09] Samuel Alexander, 2004.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

Prayer of the week {OS 22} (*pray daily*)

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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