



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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10th September 2023

Hello Parishioners,

Thank you for your prayers and thoughts for Retreat. All went well, we survived constant rain on Tuesday and blustery conditions on Wednesday, all safe and secure in the Pallotti Buildings. I walked up and down many stairs over 3 days as I was on the 3rd floor! The theme of the Retreat was “Sustainable Love” and we were invited to explore what it means for us as Ordained people to live balanced, fulfilling, energising lives; i.e. how we can love in a sustainable way.

Neil Hicks.

Who was Mother Esther? (11th September)

Emma Caroline Silcock was born in 1858 in Norfolk, England, but not baptised until 1877, having come to Christian faith under the influence of the Anglo-catholic movement. In 1884 she entered the Community of St Mary the Virgin, Wantage, as Novice Esther Emma, spending a year in London's slums until a back injury saw her sent to Melbourne to recuperate. She found her life's work in the growing city's sordid 'streets and lanes'. The 1850s gold rush led to Melbourne's population growing quickly, but by the 1880s much of the city area was a slum. The Mission to Streets and Lanes opened in 1885 in an old baker's shop. Other missions sought to help individuals, but this Mission, initiated by Anglicans of Anglo-catholic sympathies, sought to work in a more social way, having a Christian community at its heart, and concentrating on the city community. The arrival of Sister Esther was the catalyst for MSL adopting its community ethos. The small community moved from the baker's shop to a former dance theatre, with Esther as Mother Foundress of the Community of the Holy Name. By 1892 a Brighton property had been purchased for a children's home, with a babies' home soon added. The same year saw a home for wayward or incorrigible girls established, in the 'quiet country village' of Cheltenham, which worked with the courts. Each facility was supervised by Sisters, some of whom trained as nurses, and a chapel enabled worship to form the central focus.

In 1898 the sisters designated Esther as Mother, and in March 1912 Bishop Lowther Clarke gave the nine professed sisters a charter for the Community of the Holy Name. The evidently apostolic work of the sisters won widespread support across the Diocese of Melbourne. In 1911 the sisters operated St George's Intermediate Hospital in Kew: a maternity ward was added in 1925 and an X-ray unit in 1930. This not only gained an excellent reputation, but (despite modest fees) ran at a profit because it was nearly always full. Together with St Ives Private Hospital in East Melbourne, this assisted middle- income earners who could not afford hospital, but were ineligible for the public hospitals treating the poor. The Fitzroy Mission Home, opened in 1912, was not only a community base for the MSL community, but a centre of community life.

**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

**Parish Council - meets today,
10th September, 1.30pm at St Michael's**

Father's Day Raffle

Thank you everyone who contributed
and bought and sold tickets in this
raffle. Lucky winners - Carol & Was
Furs, David & Jane Still, Rachael,
Marion Rak, Ian Dickson, Shirley
Brough-Smyth. Very special thanks to
Suzie DL for putting it all together.
\$1090 was raised! Great Effort!

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.*

Diocesan Quiet Day

Saturday 7th October

St Paul's Chiltern - 10am-2pm,

BYO lunch,

plus visit to

Mt Pilot National Park, no charge.



**All non-perishable items are appreciated,
especially Chunky Soup and as a special treat for
children - muesli bars**

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



WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY, 11th September 2023

Mother Esther CHN, founder of the Community of the Holy Name (Melbourne) (d 1931)

Psalm 121; Exodus 12. 14-28; 1 Peter 2. 11-17

TUESDAY, 12th

Psalm 31; Exodus 12. 29-42; Romans 13. 1-7

8.00am, Pangerang @ St Michael's Hall

WEDNESDAY, 13th *Cyprian of Carthage, bishop and martyr (d 258)*

Psalm 33; Exodus 13. 1-10; Matthew 21. 18-22

9.30am Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.

THURSDAY, 14th **HOLY CROSS DAY**

Psalm 34; Exodus 13. 17-22; 1 John 3. 11-16

9.30am, Eucharist — St. Michael's.

Numbers 21. 4b-9; Ps 98. 1-6. 1 Cor 1. 18-25. John 3. 13-17.

10.15am, morning tea and Bible Study—Hall.

FRIDAY, 15th *John Oliver Feetham, bishop and bush brother (d 1947).*

Psalm 114; Exodus 14. 1-18; Acts 7. 9-16.

SATURDAY, 16th *Ninian of Galloway, bishop and missionary (d c 432)*

Psalm 114; Exodus 13. 17-22; 1 John 3. 11-16

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Exodus 14. 19-31; Ex 15. 1-13; Romans 14. 1-14; Matthew 18. 21-35.

8.00am Eucharist @St. George's, Taminick.

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

11.00am Ante Communion @St Paul's, Glenrowan.

The sisters worked long hours on basic support, as part of a close community led by Mother Esther. By 1929 there were 25 sisters, five novices and a postulant in the Community of the Holy Name. Auxiliaries were set up across Melbourne diocese, giving both material and personal support — 32 existed by 1932, with some 56 parishes giving help — and two homes were managed in Newcastle diocese.

Mother Esther emphasised that all work must be done for the love of Jesus, otherwise it would be barren and of little value. One of her favourite sayings was, "The future is in the hands of God who loves us."

Mother Esther continued to be the inspiration for a vibrant ministry. When she died after a short illness on 11 September 1931, the Mission was able to carry on and expand.

Sources include notes prepared by Barbara Darling for the Trinity Certificate.

Sunday 10th September 2023—OS 23

- ◆ **The World:** Ghana, Nigeria.
- ◆ **Australia:** We pray that those people who seek their ends by violent means, however expressed, may have their hearts turned to love.
We pray that people who have been traumatised and damaged may find help and healing.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Anglican Church of Australia.
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:** Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia. Aboriginal Clergy and People. Bishop Chris McLeod, (*Susan*).
Lord God, bring us together as one, different in culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ, together as your body, your Church, your people.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).
The Parochial District of Murchison & Rushworth. PiC: Andre Du Plooy (*Patricia*). Parish leaders and communities at: Murchison, Rushworth.
- ◆ **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: 10th—16th September:**
 - [10/09] Allan Kneebone, 1988
 - [12/09] Keith Gardner, 1995. Charles Harris, 1984.
 - [13/09] Irene Milthorpe, 2003.
 - [14/09] Mary Newth, 2016. Bill Field, 2008. Naithan Fitzsimmons, 2003.
 - [15/09] Ray Hill, 2015. Gertrude Star, 1965. Faye Hughes, 1961.
 - [16/09] Laretta Rankin, 2013. William McLeod, 2017. Michael Boling, 2022.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

Prayer of the week {OS 23} (*pray daily*)

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and so great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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