



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

Second Sunday before Advent
19th November 2023

Dear Parishioners, This Sunday is the third in our **Stewardship Programme Update** series. Can you recall why I call this an Update?

Part of our response to God is to be realistic both about what we can do, what we can offer to do, and what is needed in the parish community. One of the components of stewardship which causes many people anxiety (as Jean Martens reminded us last week in her input to the Update) is the matter of money. In Luke's Gospel Jesus addresses this matter often and shows thereby that how we view money and how we use money particularly when it comes to God, is of great significance. I still remember hearing many years ago from a parishioner who related to me how she and her husband came to realise that they were giving to God what ever they had left over at the end of the week and that it was when they changed that to giving God the first part of each week's income that life became more blessed, not because of the amount but because they got the order of priority right—God first, not a "leftover God".

Neil Hicks, Vicar.

St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr—November 23.

St. Clement was the third pope (about 91–101) after St. Peter. St. Irenaeus stated that Clement, who had been born in Rome, knew SS. Peter and Paul and had witnessed their preaching. Besides the fact that Clement was pope, the only other thing known about him with any certainty is that he wrote (about AD 96) an epistle to the Church in Corinth, where dissension had broken out. This epistle is the most important first-century Christian document outside the New Testament. It records the Church of Rome's concern for a community founded by St. Paul and indicates the unity that existed between those Churches. We also find in the letter the earliest testimony to the martyrdoms of SS. Peter and Paul. So revered was this letter that in some places it was read in church and treated as a part of the New Testament itself. Tradition has it that Clement was exiled by Trajan (emperor 98–107) to the Crimea, where he was forced to work in the quarries with other Christians. He was later thrown into the sea and drowned, having had an anchor placed around his neck. St. Clement has always been revered as a martyr.

Tylenda, J. N. (2003). *Saints and Feasts of the Liturgical Year* (p. 255). Georgetown University Press.

Next Sunday, 26th November on the **Feast of Christ the King** we will be giving thanks for the Stewardship Programme Update.
Please make sure you return all forms by this day.

Thankyou and God Bless, *Neil Hicks.*

Artisan Market—THANK YOU ALL FORYOUR HELP!

What a fantastic Day it was - both weatherwise and all the wonderful stalls - hope you were all able to complete a lot of your Christmas Shopping - there was a lot to choose from. And weren't the crepes and fillings just beautiful! And as for the cake stall - we must be the best cooks in the West! Customers all morning and almost complete sell out - well done all you lovely cooks. Thank you to all who grew and potted up plants, we had a great selection. And of course, a huge thanks to all who looked after stalls and BBQ, came along early to set up, and stayed late to clear up, without you the Market could not happen. We are very pleased to advise that the grand sum of **\$4900** was made. Lucky winner of the beautiful Christmas Cake was G & S Lutten. Thank you Glad Batey for your generosity making this cake.

Grab a Grocery - Loaves and Fishes are seeking help THUIS Saturday 25th November - please see Pam if you are able to assist.

A Working With Children Check is the only check you will need.

**Thursday 7th December—Parish Pre-Christmas lunch gathering.
@ King River Café.**

**Please let Jean Martens know by November 30th
if you want to be part of this event. 0408-497-169.**

This **FRIDAY, 24th November at 6.00 pm** there will be
a **DISCUSSION and STUDY SESSION**
as a follow up to the viewing of Season One of **THE CHOSEN.**

Family friendly and a Light supper is served after.



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

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

This week's special focus:

It is also OK to buy dog food as this cannot be obtained through the food share programme.



WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY, 20th November 2023

Revelation 1.1-4, 2.1-5; Psalm 1; Luke 18. 35-end.

TUESDAY, 21st

Revelation 3. 1-6, 14-31; Psalm 15; Luke 19. 1-10.

8.00am, Pangerang Breakfast Club etc.—St. Michael's Hall.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd

Revelation 4; Psalm 150; Luke 19. 11-28.

9.30am Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.

THURSDAY, 23rd

Ember Day

Clement of Rome, bishop and martyr (d. c. 100)

Revelation 5. 1-10; Psalm 149. 1-5; Luke 19. 41-44.

9.30am, Pangerang Playgroup at St. Paul's Hall.

9.30am, Eucharist — St. Michael's Hall.

10.00am, Executive Committee (Diocese)

10.15am, morning tea and Bible Study—St Michael's Hall.

5.15pm, CAGS Valedictory Service & Dinner—Finley.

FRIDAY, 24th

Ember Day

Revelation 10. 8-11; Psalm 119. 65-72; Luke 19.45-48.

SATURDAY, 25th

Ember Day

James Noble, pioneer Aboriginal deacon (d 1941)

Revelation 11. 4-12; Psalm 144. 1-9; Luke 20. 27-40.

Sunday 26th, SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT, (OS 34) CHRIST THE KING

Stewardship Thanksgiving Sunday.

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

11.00am, Eucharist @St Paul's Glenrowan.

Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95. 1-7;

Ephesians 1. 15-23; Matthew 25. 31-46.

Prayer of the week {OS 33} (*pray daily*)

Almighty God, whose sovereign purpose none can make void:
give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world,
knowing that your kingdom shall come and your will be done,
to your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sunday 19th November 2023—{OS 33}

- ◆ **The World:** East Timor (Timor-Leste), Indonesia, Philippines.
- ◆ **Australia:** All in involved in local government: Councillors, Staff, Officers.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:**
The Diocese of Perth: Abp Kay Goldsworthy (*Benjamin*).
Regional Bishop: Kate Wilmot
and Assistant Bps-elect, David Bassett and Hans Christiansen.
The Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).
The Parish of Rutherglen/Chiltern: P-i-C: Scott Jessup (*Ruby, Maggie, Clare*)
the Parish leaders and communities at: Rutherglen, Chiltern, Barnawartha,
Wahgunyah and Browns Plains Chapel.

Anglicare Victoria: CEO Paul MacDonald. Anglicare Hume: Staff and clients
Parish Partnerships Coordinator: David Still (*Jane*) (*Tom*).

- ◆ **Our Parish.** Give thanks and pray for the involvement of parishioners in
community groups e.g. CFA, SES, RSL, Rotary, Woodworking etc.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Mark H. Vivienne S. Melanie. Warren G. Wayne. Vi Bussell.
Kaye McKenzie. Michael Tomlinson. Josef. Nina Colson.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 19th—25th November:**
[19/11] Frank Holloway, 1982. [21/11] Lorna Toohey, 2014.
[22/11] Agnes Luscombe, 2012. Matthew Walch, 2009.
[23/11] Patricia Byrne, 2021.
[24/11] Jill Goodwin, 2013. Vera Slaughter, 2006. Percy Henshaw, 2006.
Gayle Madden, 2003. Ron Nippress, 2001. Gwen Bourke, 1998.
Ian Armstrong, 1992. Roy Stanton, 1981.

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

Ordination of The Rev'd Lesley Lewis & The Rev'd-Cathy Carden Saturday 2nd December Holy Trinity Cathedral at 10.30am



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