



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

The Sunday before Advent
26th November 2023

Dear Parishioners, this Sunday will be the final in our **Stewardship Programme Update 2023** series. Today we symbolically present to God at the Offertory our response forms and ask God's Blessing on our offering to God from what God has given to us to be stewards of. To do this on **Christ the King Sunday** is doubly significant because it underlines whose is the earth and all that is in it (Psa 24).

You may have observed in last week's diary and then again in this week's diary that some days are called *Ember Day*. What is an Ember Day, here is an explanation.

Ember Days. Their early history and original purpose are obscure. At first there were apparently only three groups, perhaps taken over from the pagan religious observances connected with harvest, vintage, and seed-time; in this form they traditionally date back to the time of Pope Callistus I (c. 220) and were certainly well established at Rome in the time of Pope Leo (440–61). At some time there developed 4 groups of three days each in the Church year, namely the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after St Lucy (13 Dec.), Ash Wednesday, Whitsunday (Pentecost), and Holy Cross Day (14 Sept.) respectively.

In 1969 in the RC Church the traditional Ember days were replaced by days of prayer for various needs at times to be determined by regional conferences of bishops. From at least the 5th cent. the Ember seasons were recognized as especially appropriate for Ordinations, and the Book of Common Prayer (1662) provided prayers for those 'to be admitted into Holy Orders' to be said every day in the Ember Weeks. The association of Ember days with prayer for ordination candidates is preserved in modern Anglican liturgies, even when the usual times for Ordinations has changed. Thus A Prayer Book for Australia (APBA) allows for two groups of Ember days each year, in the week following Pentecost Sunday and the week before St Andrew's Day (Nov 30) thus we have Ember Days at the moment—until Wednesday anyway.

St Andrew, who brought his brother Peter to meet Jesus is regarded as the first missionary.

*Adapted from The Oxford dictionary of the Christian Church (3rd ed. rev., p. 546).
Oxford University Press.*

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

There is a Reception at Bishop's Lodge following the service for which
you will need to let Michelle know that you are attending:

Ph 0457093415 - email: michelle.bester2@gmail.com

28th November by 300pm

**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.**

**Over a number of years we have contributed cash or suitable vouchers for
Loaves and Fishes, and you are invited to do so again.**

Advent and Christmas Appeal 2023



This Advent and Christmas, Anglicans In Development (AID) seeks your support for Nungalinya and Wontulp-Bi-Buya colleges, so that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people may receive the training they need to lead their churches and communities.

Envelopes will be available from next Sunday or donations can be made online at <https://www.abmission.org/appeals/appeals-major/advent-christmas-appeal-2023/>



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, 27th November 2023 *Ember Day*

Daniel 1. 1-20; Bless the Lord-APBA p. 399; Luke 21. 1-4.

TUESDAY, 28th *Ember Day*

Daniel 2. 31-45; Benedicite-APBA p. 419; Luke 21. 5-11.
8.00am, Pangerang Breakfast Club etc.—St. Michael's Hall.

WEDNESDAY, 29th *Ember Day*

Dan 5. 1-6, 13-17, 25-28; Benedicite 1-4, APBA p. 427; Lk 21. 12-19.
9.30am Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.

THURSDAY, 30th **ANDREW, Apostle and Martyr**

Deut 30. 11-14; Ps 19. 1-6; Romans 10. 8-18; Matthew 4. 18-22.
9.30am, Pangerang Playgroup at St. Paul's Hall.
9.30am, Eucharist — St. Michael's Hall.
10.15am, morning tea and Bible Study—St Michael's Hall.

FRIDAY, 1st December

Daniel 7. 2-14; Benedicite 8-10, APBA p 427; Luke 21. 29-33.

SATURDAY, 2nd *Frances Perry, founder of the Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne (d 1892)*

Daniel 7. 15-27; Benedicite 11-end, APBA p. 427; Luke 21. 34-36.

Sunday 3rd December, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am, Eucharist @St George's, Taminick

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

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

Isaiah 64. 1-9; Psalm 80. 1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1. 1-9; Mark 13. 24-37

**OUR PARISH'S VISION IS
TO STRENGTHEN AND GROW A COMMUNITY OF FAITH IN CHRIST**

Christmas Stocking Raffle - tickets are still available for this raffle - two absolutely crammed stockings filled with all sorts of goodies. Please see Margaret for tickets this week as Suzie is away. Please ensure that your books and money are returned by 10th December, for the big draw on 17th!

Sunday 26th November 2023—{OS 34}

- ♦ **The World:** Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore.
- ♦ **Australia:** Those involved in shipping: Ship owners; Shipping Agents; Port Authorities, Seafarers. International Labour Organisation.
The Missions to Seafarers, Star of the Sea (Stella Maris) and all who care for Seafarers.
- ♦ **The Church in our nation:** Roman Catholic Church.
- ♦ **Anglican Church of Australia:** The Diocese of Willochra: Bp: Jeremy James, the Clergy and People. The Community of SS Barnabas & Cecilia.
- ♦ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).
Pray for Vocations to the Ordained Ministry of the Church and particularly pray for Lesley Lewis and Cathy Carden to be Ordained Priest on Saturday.

All Retired Clergy—give thanks for their service to God's Church
All Permission to Officiate (PTO) Clergy—give thanks for their continued support and enrichment of the life of the Diocese and its parishioners.

- ♦ **Our Parish.** Loaves and Fishes, Christians Caring.
- ♦ **Those in Need:** Mark H. Vivienne S. Melanie. Warren G. Wayne. Vi Bussell. Kaye McKenzie. Michael Tomlinson. Josef. Nina Colson.
- ♦ **Year's Mind: 26th November—2nd December:**
[27/11] Glenda Warnock, 2015.
[29/11] Craig Bevan, 2013. Amy McWaters, 2013.
Edna Gray, 2012. Ian Kemp, 1996.
[30/11] Alexander Palamarczuk, 2005.
[01/12] Mary McLeod, 2010.

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

Prayer of the week {OS 34} (*pray daily*)

Stir up, we pray you, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people,
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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