



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

**The Second Sunday of Advent**  
**10th December 2023**

Dear Parishioners,

We have just returned from the Parish Luncheon at King River Café. What a wonderful event, simply wonderful to have all corners of the parish represented as well as friends of the parish. Great meal (as always at KRC) and tremendous company. Thank you Jean for your organizing this occasion.

Many blessings as we continue to keep this time of preparation, may it continue to be a blessed and fruitful Advent for us all.

Neil Hicks,  
Vicar.

**Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304—13 December**

The tomb of Lucy can still be found in a Catacomb at Syracuse (Sicily). She was martyred in the Diocletian persecutions of 303–4. This was the most decisive and widespread of all Early Church persecutions.

Although based on the actual martyrdom of a young girl, the record of her persecution, which so influenced her commemoration by the Church, is an account of fiction. Although the record is beautifully written, and provides a romantic view of her death, it is pure legend. Lucy is said to have been arrested whilst distributing goods to the poor at the height of the persecution, handed over to the authorities by the one to whom she was betrothed. Her judge ordered her to be raped in a brothel, and then burnt. Attempts at fulfilling both of these orders were unsuccessful, due to the protection of God. Lucy was finally killed by the sword. The record of her martyrdom was written in the fifth century.

Early fourth-century inscriptions bearing her name (Euskia) survive in Syracuse, and Lucy was honoured in Rome from the sixth century onwards. Her name means 'light' and this, together with the extravagant claims of the legend, make her the saint invoked for those with eye diseases. Her feast day is close to the shortest day of the year (*northern hemisphere*), and is celebrated especially in Sweden as a festival of light. Although the detailed account of her death is legend, it is based upon the martyrdom of a young female at Syracuse in 303–4. The Diocletian persecution was intense. Lucy is an example of those who have given their lives for the sake of the gospel, and whose full story has been lost in time.



Vocal Dimension presents—*Our Christmas Favourites*.  
A stocking-full of choral delights, including Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carols.

**Benalla Uniting Church Saturday 9th December 2023 7.30 pm**

**Wangaratta Uniting Church Hall**

**Sunday 10th December 2023 7.30 pm**

Admission \$20 at the door. Under-18 free.

Complimentary supper available after the concerts.

*Please see pamphlet for more details.*

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



## **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/>

## **AWESOME GIFTS!**

Warren and Denise Gould are selling off some remaining stock from their shop in Yackandandah—at 6 Ford Street Wangaratta.

Profits from the sales are going to the parish.

Please go and have a look before you finish your Christmas shopping.

Some quite beautiful and unusual items for sale;  
jewellery, children's night lights, wrought iron items, happy socks, pictures and posters—all at greatly reduced prices.

## WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### MONDAY, 11th Dec.

Isaiah 35; Psalm 85. 8-13; Luke 5. 17-26.  
9.30am —2.00pm, Trinity Anglican College End of Year.

### TUESDAY, 12th

Isaiah 40. 1-11; Psalm 96. 7-13; Matthew 18. 12-14.  
8.00am, Pangerang Breakfast Club etc.—St. Michael's Hall.

### WEDNESDAY, 13th *Lucy, martyr and virgin (d 304)*

Isaiah 40. 25-31; Psalm 103. 1-5; Matthew 11. 28-end.  
9.30am Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.  
12.00pm for 12:15pm. Bring & Share Lunch @ St Paul's Hall.  
1.00pm—2.45pm, CAGS Presentation Day.

### THURSDAY, 14th *John of the Cross, mystic and teacher (d 1591)*

Isaiah 41. 13-20; Psalm 145. 8-13; Matthew 11. 11-15.  
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, 15th

Isaiah 48. 17-19; Psalm 1; Matthew 11. 16-19.

### SATURDAY, 16th

Ecclesiasticus 48. 1-11 or Malachi 4; Ps 80. 14-19; Matt 17. 10-13.

### Sunday 17th December, THIRD 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 61.1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thess 5. 12-28; John 1. 6-8, 19-28.

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

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the  
hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous,  
that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an  
acceptable people in your sight; for you live and reign with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Sunday 10th December 2023

- ◆ **The World:** Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam.
- ◆ **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:** The Salvation Army.
- ◆ **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 Euroa: P-i-C: Andre Du Plooy (*Patricia*)  
the Parish leaders and communities at: Euroa, Longwood, Violet Town.
- ◆ **Our Parish.** Our Parish Council.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Mark H. Vivienne S. Melanie. Warren G. Wayne. Vi Bussell. Kaye McKenzie. Michael Tomlinson. Josef. Nina Colson.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 10th—16th December:**
  - [10/12] Maureen Appleby, 2005.
  - [11/12] Peggy Ranking, 1997. Roly Marklew, 1994.
  - [12/12] Bill McCormick, 2011. Ray Budden, 1995. Sharon Hill, 1993.
  - [13/12] Violet Moore, 2012. Rhona Wood, 2004.
  - [14/12] Mary Tulloch, 2012. Gregory Butler, 2009.
  - [15/12] Margaret Campbell, 2013. Charles Norton-Wood, 1993.  
Beatrice Foletti, 1991. Elsie Jones, 1989. Arthur Clark, 1988.  
Olive Nugent, 1987.
  - [16/12] Stella Kershaw, 1980.

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

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

The Australian Anglican Church Calendars have arrived, please see Margaret for your copy, and if you have not already paid, they are \$16.00 each.



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