



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

The First Sunday after Epiphany
7th January 2024

*N.B. at St Michael's & St Paul's this year we will take
the Crib down in time for Lent which begins on February 14th!*

Dear Parishioners,



This week many of us have wondered where our Victorian summer season has gone and why we have had to have Queensland weather instead!

The big storm on Tuesday night saw water enter the entrance porch at St Michael's. some of the hymn books and bibles in the book case got damp and this is not the first time water has got in as several books have mould on them indicating dampness. We will need to cull some books and look into whether any repairs are needed on the porch roof.

The Wardens of Glenrowan and Taminick did not report any damage.

Neil Hicks.

10th January—William Laud, 1645

William Laud was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury by his friend and ecclesiastical ally, King Charles, in 1633. The aim of both Archbishop and Monarch was to counter the reforming Puritan movement, which emphasized personal and ecclesial austerity as a means of sustaining conversion. Laud was a High Churchman who felt that the majesty of God should be reflected in the liturgy of the church and rigorously set about ensuring that its ministers should practise what he preached. His relentless approach left no room for variance of practice – but neither did the Puritans – and the latter had the upper hand in Parliament and eventually impeached him in 1640 and imprisoned him in the Tower of London. His friend the king did not – or could not – come to his assistance and he was beheaded on this day in 1645.



Seasonal good wishes for the festive season and the forthcoming year.

The Christmas festive season summons images of Christmas trees, excited joyful children, gatherings with family and friends around a table and the story of the birth of Jesus. Holidays are full of wonder, hope and joy. However, this is not the vision shared by all.

Though many of us can give thanks for the numerous blessings that we have received during the year, more than ever, people will struggle to find joy and hope when they are just trying to survive – the financial stress of finding and maintaining accommodation, providing food, and paying for the essentials of life, while facing pressure from advertisers promoting the spirit of a 'True Christmas' through gift buying, it is not difficult to see how some people can feel disconnected or isolated.

Assisting people with Emergency Food Relief is core of our mission, who with the support of our volunteers who willing giving their time and the congregations of our affiliated churches who generously donate goods and money we have, on average, been able to distribute ten tonne of food per month to families experiencing financial hardship within our community.

This has only been achieved with your help.

Although Loaves & Fishes Christians Caring distribute Emergency Food Relief, together with our supporting churches display compassion and caring to others in our community who are often detached, feeling uncared for or alone. By our actions we genuine offer an expression of friendship to these people.

On Behalf of Loaves & Fishes Christians Caring Committee we thank you for your support, you're caring and compassion which allows us to continue providing this essential service.

With joy and blessings to you and your families.

Mark Heaton

Chairperson

Community Raffle

Thank you to you lovely generous folk who have sold and purchased tickets in the Community Raffle, and have returned their books and money. We still have a few more weeks to sell tickets, but we must ensure the books are returned in plenty of time so that Carol can reconcile the books sold and the cash received

Many thanks, Carol, for co-ordinating this fundraiser.

WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, 8th January 2024.

1 Samuel 1. 1-8. Psalm 116. 11-18. Mark 1. 14-20.

Tuesday, 9th

1 Samuel 1. 9-20. Psalm 89. 1.-7. Mark 1. 21-28.

Wednesday, 10th *William Laud, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr (d 1645)*

1 Samuel 3. 1-10, (11-18) 19-20. Psalm 40. 5-11. Mark 1. 29-39.
9.30am Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.

Thursday, 11th

1 Samuel 4. 1-11. Psalm 44. 10-17. Mark 1. 40-45.
9.30am, Eucharist — St. Michael's Hall.
10.15am, morning tea and Bible Study—St Michael's Hall.

Friday, 12th

1 Samuel 8. 4-7, (8-9) 10-22. Psalm 89. 14-18. Mark 2. 1-12.

Saturday, 13th *Hilary of Poitiers, bishop and teacher (d 367)*

1 Samuel 9. 1-4, 17-19, + 10.1a. Psalm 21. 1-7. Mark 2. 13-17.

Sunday 14th January 2024, Second Sunday After Epiphany

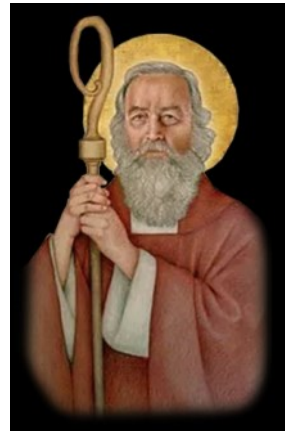
9.30am, Eucharist @St. Michael's, Wangaratta.

11.00am, Eucharist @St Paul's, Glenrowan.

1 Samuel 3. 1-10. Psalm 139. 1-5, 12-18. 1 Cor 6. 12-20. John 1. 43-51.

13th January—Hilary of Poitiers, 367

Hilary was born at Poitiers in about the year 315; his family, though pagan, gave him an excellent education and he was proficient in Latin and Greek. After extensive personal study he was baptized, he tells us, at the age of thirty. He was elected bishop of the city in the year 350 and immediately became caught up in the Arian controversy, himself asserting that mortals of this world were created to practise moral virtues thus reflecting the one in whose image they are made, the eternal and creative first cause, God, and that Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, is of one substance with the Father. His learning and oratory led to his title of 'Athanasius of the West'. He was known as a gentle, kind friend to all, even though his writings seemed severe at times. He died in the year 367.



Sunday 7th January 2024

- ◆ **The World:** Iran, Iraq, Syria.
- ◆ **Australia:** All National agencies of relief and welfare. Emergency workers esp. Fire Brigades, SES, Police Forces, Ambulance Services. All Volunteer emergency organisations and their volunteers.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Antiochian Orthodox Church.
- ◆ **The Anglican Church of Australia:** The Diocese of Brisbane: Archbishop Jeremy Greaves (*Josie*). Regional Bishops: Cameron Venables (*Kate*) John Roundhill (*Frances*). The Clergy and people. Society of the Sacred Advent. Society of St Francis, Annerley.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*). The Area Deaneries and Area Deans: Central—Moira Evers. Southern—Andre Du Plooy. North West—Jerome Francis. North East—Maryann Leonard.
- ◆ **Our Parish.** Priest in Charge: Neil Hicks (Sue) the Parish leaders and communities at: St Michael's, Wangaratta. St Paul's, Glenrowan. St George's, Taminick.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Robert P. Nina Colson. Mark H. Melanie. Warren G. Wayne. Vi Bussell. Kaye McKenzie. Michael Tomlinson. Josef.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 7th –13th January:**
 - [07/01] Bruce Anderson, 2007. Evelyn Cryer, 1987
 - [08/01] Frank Rickards, 1999. Charles Thompson, 1990.
 - [09/01] Dot Dinsdale, 2011. Lucy Porter. Wilhelmina Tippet, 1990.
 - [10/01] Margaret Bewes, 2013. Eileen Ryan, 1983.
 - [12/01] Dorothy Hutchinson, 2006. Emily Wallace, 1990.
 - [13/01] Patricia Anthony, 1999.

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**

Prayer of the week (*pray daily*)

Almighty God,
who anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit
and revealed him as your beloved Son:
inspire us, your children, who are born again of water and the Spirit,
to surrender our lives to your service,
that we may rejoice to be called your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**