



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

First Sunday in Lent
18th February 2024

This week we remember in the Anglican Church of Australia a unique man, William Grant Broughton, unique in that he is the only person to have ever been Bishop of the whole of Australia.

Who was Bishop Broughton?

William Grant Broughton was well-educated, well-experienced in church life, and well connected — his appointment as Archdeacon of New South Wales was assisted by the Duke of Wellington. A ‘High Churchman’, that is, having a high view of the Church in relation to the State. Broughton’s aim was to establish structures for the church in its own right, especially regarding schooling. He was partly lame, using a walking stick, but that did not get in the way of prodigious work.

Having arrived in 1829, Broughton returned to England five years later to raise funds and find clergy. When came back to Sydney in 1836, it was as the first (and only) Bishop of Australia.

A ‘mixed church’ population resided in NSW, with three churches of established ethos (England, Scotland and Ireland) living side by side, an unprecedented situation. There was the prospect of sectarian rivalry, and a critical lack of schooling, despite the churches’ varied efforts. Broughton could tolerate the presence of other churches, but believed strongly that only the official Church, established in England, should receive official recognition and support. The Church Act of 1836 gave financial support to all three major Churches — the Methodists were included later — but ended any special relationship of the Church of England with the colonial government.

As the colony moved towards some self-government, the Church of England in NSW faced the question of its relationship to England. This issue, exacerbated by the formation of the USA in 1778, faced all of England’s colonies: after decades of debate, in 1838 the English Parliament passed The Colonial Church Act.

In 1842, Tasmania became a diocese, with Francis Nixon as bishop. In 1847 bishops were consecrated for Cape Town, and three dioceses formed from the Diocese of Australia:

- Melbourne (the present Victoria, with Charles Perry as bishop)
- Newcastle (the Hunter to Brisbane, with William Tyrrell as bishop)
- Adelaide (everything west of NSW, with Augustus Short as bishop)

The Diocese of Sydney covered what remained, with Broughton as its bishop, as well as Metropolitan of Australia. But he led a church with no formal state links, and no means of self-government.

In 1850 Broughton called the six Australasian bishops to an historic month-long conference in Sydney. Amongst other decisions, two stand out:



Dates for your Diary

21st February—2.00pm, ConTACT—St Paul's.

24th February Polity Day @ Cathedral College

25th February - Trading Table @ St M's - please bring and buy

1st March—World Day of Prayer

9th March - Blessing of Grapes - Baileys Taminick at 5.00pm, please bring food to share

21st March—2.00pm, Contact Drop-In St Paul's

23rd March—Lady Day at the Cathedral

24th March Palm Sunday - 1 service only in the parish at St Michael's 9,30am, followed by morning tea

29th March—Good Friday 8am St George, 9.30am St Michael

30th March - Easter Eve 6.30pm St Paul's

31st March Easter Day 8am St George, 9.30am St Michael's

4th May—Artisan Market

Please start potting up plants for our plant stall at our

Artisan Market 4th May, it has always been a great attraction and money spinner!

TRADING TABLE -Next "bring and buy" will be held as usual on the last Sunday of the month - 25th February - please support if you can, the fresh vegetables and home made goodies are wonderful! And ...This venture is a good contributor to our funds!

World Day of Prayer—Friday 1st March at 10.30am.

All Wangaratta Churches have been invited to join us for this service, so please seriously consider coming. We will be needing a few of our parishioners to read and contribute to the morning tea to follow the service. Sue (Wheeler) will be co-ordinating morning tea, so please advise if you can assist. The service will be lead by our very own Fr Neil!. Archdeacon John Davis has accepted our invitation to be our guest speaker and Jayne will be our organist for the morning.



All non-perishable items are appreciated, 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: Large Tinned Tuna. Pasta Sauce.

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, 19th February 2024.

Leviticus 19. 1-2, 11-18. Psalm 19. 7-end. Matthew 25. 31-46.

Tuesday, 20 *William Grant Broughton, first bishop of Australia*

Isaiah 55. 10-11. Psalm 34. 11-18. Matthew 6. 7-15.

Pangerang at St Michael's

Wednesday, 21st

Jonah 3. Psalm 51. 6-9. Luke 11. 29-32.

9.30am Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.

2.00pm, ConTACT Drop In @ St Paul's. All Welcome

Thursday, 22nd

Isaiah 55. 6-9. Psalm 138.1-3. Matthew 7. 7-12.

9.30am, Holy Eucharist— St. Michael's

10.15am, morning tea followed by Bible Study.

Friday, 23rd *Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, martyr (d c 155)*

Ezekiel 18. 21-28. Psalm 130. Matthew 5. 20-26.

9.00am—12 midday, Pangerang at St Paul's.

1.30pm, Funeral of Vi Bussell—St Michael's.

6.00pm, The Chosen—St Michael's Church & Hall.

Saturday, 24th **MATTHIAS, Apostle and Martyr**

Acts 1. 14-17, 20-26. Psalms 84. Philippians 3. 13-21. John 15. 9-17.

Seminar on Anglican Polity—Cathedral College, Wangaratta.

Sunday 25th February 2024, Second Sunday in LENT

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

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

Genesis 17. 1–7, 15–16, Psalm 22. 24–32, Rom 4. 13–25, Mark 8. 31–38.

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—A system of diocesan and provincial synods, of bishop, clergy and laity, should be set up to govern the church: this began in Melbourne and Newcastle in 1854.

—The Australian Board of Missions was launched as a 'south– west Pacific mission', with £1000 subscribed to buy a vessel for Selwyn's voyages to Melanesia, and for local Aboriginal work.

So Broughton, after 16 years away from England, took a 'most calamitous passage' back in 1852 via South America, on a ship riddled with yellow fever. Bronchitis took him in a fortnight, and he was buried in Canterbury Cathedral — a major loss to the churches of the Australian colonies, and what would become the Anglican Communion.

From Australian Anglicans Remember

Sunday 18th February 2024

- ◆ **The World:** France, Germany, Monaco.
- ◆ **Australia:** Those addicted to drugs – legal and illegal. Providers and vendors of illegal drugs. Those seeking to provide rehabilitation.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Coptic Orthodox Church – Dioceses of Melbourne and Sydney.
- ◆ **The Anglican Church of Australia:** The Diocese of North West Australia Bishop Darrell Parker (*Elizabeth*). The Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).
The Parish of Shepparton, PiC: Jerome Francisc (*Amanda*) (*Connor*)
the Parish leaders and communities at St Augustine's, Shepparton.

Retired Clergy; Clergy Spouses; Clergy Widows & Widowers.

- ◆ **Our Parish.** Fellowship groups in the parish.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Zoe. Robert P. Nina Colson. Melanie. Warren G. Wayne. Kaye McKenzie. Josef.
- ◆ **Died Recently:** Lorna Weatherill, obit 13/02/2024.
Vi Bussell, obit 15/02/2024.

- ◆ **Year's Mind: 18th—24th February:**

[18/02] Tony Reeves, 2016. Arthur Hughes, 1997.

[19/02] Gordon Gibson, 2009. [20/02] Sarah Jakupak, 1990.

[21/02] Jane Coffen, 1989. Louisa Matthews, 1984. Alan Ayre, 1983.

[22/02] Queenie French, 1995. Jessie Hazell, 1993. David Vince, 1992.

[23/02] Stan Diffey, 1996.

[24/02] Thelma Boland, 1994. Rodney Armstrong, 1982.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

Prayer of the week (*pray daily*)

O Lord, who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights:
give us grace to use such abstinence,
that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit,
we may ever obey your godly will
in righteousness and true holiness;
to your honour and glory,
who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. **Amen.**



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