



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

Third Sunday in Lent
3rd March 2024

MARCH 7 — Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

St. Perpetua was a twenty-two-year-old noble lady living in Carthage (in modern Tunis), and **St. Felicity** was a slave. Perpetua was a mother, still nursing her infant son at the time of her arrest, and Felicity was pregnant. Both were catechumens, and because they refused—during the persecution of Septimius Severus (emperor 193–211)—to pay divine worship to the emperor, they were arrested and eventually condemned to be thrown to wild beasts. Perpetua’s non-Christian father, because of his love for his daughter, had several times tried to get her to apostatize. But her reply was: “I am a Christian; I cannot be called anything else.” Both ladies were baptized in prison, and there Felicity gave birth to a daughter. When it came time for them to be led to the amphitheatre and to death, Perpetua and Felicity walked with so graceful a bearing that it seemed that they were entering heaven. After one of the beasts had attacked them but did not kill them, they were beheaded by a gladiator. Their martyrdom took place on March 7, 202. The details of their imprisonment and martyrdom are found in *Passion of Saints Perpetua and Felicity*, one of the most ancient and reliable histories of these martyrs. Part of it is said to be in Perpetua’s own words. A basilica was built over their tombs in ancient Carthage, and because of their popularity in the early Church, both their names were added to the Roman Canon.

MARCH 8—St. John of God, Religious

John Ciudad was born in Montemor-o-Novo, Portugal, on March 8, 1495. He was taken to Spain as a child, and there he became a shepherd in Castile. When he was twenty-seven years of age, he joined (1522) the Count of Oropesa’s forces in fighting the French. He later fought against the Turks in Vienna. When he was forty, he gave up the military life and returned to Spain. John, disturbed and saddened about his former dissolute life, entered upon a life of penance. In Granada, he opened a small religious goods store and began caring for the sick poor. He eventually rented a house to take care of the abandoned sick, and later he founded a hospital for them in Granada. Soon other similar-minded individuals joined him, and because of John’s heroic charity the people began

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Dates for your Diary

9th March — **Blessing of Grapes** at 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 m/tea**

**29th March—Good Friday— 8.00am, St George's,
— 9.30am, St Michael**

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

**31st March —Easter Day — 8.00am 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!

Trade Table - Thank you everyone for your support of the Trade Table last week, we were delighted to receive \$236 for the day. Special thanks to those who provided the lovely fresh eggs and silver beet, beautiful pies etc.

World Day of Prayer - We were delighted to see so many of our parishioners and visitors attending this special service. Special thanks to Fr Neil for leading the service, Organist Jayne, and Guest Speaker Archdeacon John Davis, and for the wonderful cooks who provided such a sumptuous morning tea! A full report and photos will be in the next edition of WWW.com



**Lady Day at the Cathedral - Saturday 23rd
March - more details next week**



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 month's special focus: tinned beans, tinned spaghetti, sweet biscuits.

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, 4th March 2024.

2 Kings 5. 1-15; Psalm 43; Luke 4. 24-30.

Tuesday, 5th

Daniel 2. 20-23; Psalm 25. 3-10; Matthew 18. 21-end.
Pangerang at St Michael's

Wednesday, 6th

Deuteronomy 4. 1-9; Psalm 147. 1-20; Matthew 5. 17-19.
9.30am Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.

Thursday, 7th *Perpetua and her companions, martyrs at Carthage (d 203)*

Jeremiah 7. 23-28; Psalm 95. 6-11; Luke 11. 14-23.
9.30am, Holy Eucharist— St. Michael's
10.15am, morning tea followed by Bible Study.

Friday, 8th March *John of God, worker among the sick and poor, Spain (d 1550)*

Hosea 14; Psalm 81. 13-16; Mark 12. 28-34.
9.00am—12 midday, Pangerang at St Paul's.

Saturday, 9th

Hosea 5. 15 — 6. 6; Psalm 51. 10-17; Luke 18. 9-14.
Blessing of the Grapes - Baileys Taminick @ 5.00pm,
bring and share meal

Sunday 10th March 2024, Fourth Sunday in LENT—Mothering Sunday

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

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

Numbers 21. 4-9; Psa 107. 1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2. 1-10; John 3. 14-21.

calling him “John of God.” His little group of helpers expanded, and eventually they formed the religious congregation of Brothers Hospitallers, which still cares for those sick in body and in spirit. After years of tireless service, John fell ill and died on March 8, 1550, his fifty-fifth birthday. He was canonized by Pope Alexander VIII in 1690. Pope Leo XIII proclaimed (1886) him and St. Camillus de Lellis (see July 18) patrons of hospitals and the sick, and in 1930 Pope Pius XI declared St. John of God the heavenly patron of nurses.

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St John of God Health Care is the current expression of John of God's vision and ministry in Australia. Formed in 1989 it brought together various ministries founded by different religious orders and groups from 1895 onwards.

Sunday 3rd March 2024

- ◆ **The World:** Ireland, the United Kingdom of England, Nthn Ireland, Scotland.
- ◆ **Australia:** Formulators of public policy, legislators, Politicians, their staff, and all in public office
Justice System: police, courts, judges.
All who deal with law and its administration.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Indian Orthodox Church.
- ◆ **The Anglican Church of Australia:** The Diocese of Armidale: Bishop Rod Chiswell (*Jenni*), the Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).
The Episcopal District of Milawa: Locum: The Ven. John Davis.
Bishop in Council: the Bishop, the Registrar, Vicar-General/Archdeacon,
The Dean, Chancellor, Advocate, Treasurer
Jerome Francis, Matthew Healy, Mel Clarke,
Maryann Leonard. Imogen Gillespie, Rhonda Holden,
Mark Carden.
- ◆ **Our Parish.** Parish Councillors & Wardens.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Zoe. Robert P. Nina Colson. Melanie. Warren G. Wayne.
Kaye McKenzie. Josef.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 3rd—9th March:**
[03/03] Malcolm Langburne, 2016.
[05/03] Peter Bennett, 2016. Alison Nolan. Alison Monk. Iris Jones, 2006.
Foster Alsop, 1985.
[06/03] Ivan Vincent, 1992. William Floyd, 1989. Marjorie Pascoe, 2015.
[07/03] Philip French, 1984.
[08/03] Barbara Austin-Doherty, 2011. Ronald Noon, 1999.
Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.
And may light perpetual shine upon them.

Prayer of the week (*pray daily*)

Lord God, our Redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery:
Free us from the tyranny of sin and death
and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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