



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA
PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYS
The Second Sunday of Easter—Low Sunday
7th April 2024

Dear Parishioners, today is often called **Low Sunday**. It is probably so called in contrast to the ‘high’ feast of Easter Sunday itself. In Latin it used to be termed *Dominica in albis*, which is an abbreviation of ‘*Dominica in albis deponendis*’ or ‘*depositis*’. On this day those who were newly baptized at Easter put aside their white robes.

Of course for the world, Easter is now over with for another year, easter eggs are at least half price in the shops which still have stock and the next holiday is being planned for.

For the Christian though, Easter Season has only just begun. I’ve learnt over time that it is almost impossible to maintain anything like the joy of the celebration of Easter Day for more than a few days, ordinary life quickly pushes aside the exhilaration of the “Queen of Festivals”. However for our soul’s sake it is imperative that we now walk the weeks of Easter Season with as much attention (or maybe more) as we did the weeks of Lent. This after all is what we were preparing for, the integration into our lives of the reality of the

Resurrected One living in us and guiding us and blessing us everyday with joy and peace.



What is your Easter discipline? Assuming you had a Lenten one, what is your goal for Easter Season 2024?

Reference: Cross, F. L., & Livingstone, E. A., eds. (2005). In *The Oxford dictionary of the Christian Church* (3rd ed. rev). Oxford University Press.



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.



Dates for your Diary

21st April—St George's Patronal Festival, 2.00pm.

4th May—Artisan Market

Please start potting up plants for our plant stall at our **Artisan Market 4th May**, and please label if possible. Always a great attraction and money spinner!

Mother's Day Raffle—drawn at Artisan's Market.

NO MORE CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE.

We hope to sell some tickets in Appin Street for a few weeks prior to the Artisan Market where the raffle will be drawn.

Books of tickets are available now.



ABM EASTER APPEAL. This Easter, we welcome you to contribute to the vital work of the Anglican Board of Mission's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants.

These are small grants, usually less than \$20,000, which support the ministry and mission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Recent grants have supported ministries as varied as a women's bible camp in the Northern Territory, school chaplaincy in a Western Australian Aboriginal Community College, teenage pregnancy support in central New South Wales, and help with transport for **Aboriginal ministry in the Diocese of Willochra.**

Introduction to Kurdish Refugee Family seeking a safe home

A small Kurdish refugee family of 3 (with no government or health support) is seeking a safe home in Wangaratta and also, an escape from Domestic Violence. The family comprises of a mother and 2 children, (girl 13 and a boy 10).

WRAN and RAR have invited them to come to Wangaratta for a weekend from 12 – 14 April so we can meet them and they can also check us and Wangaratta out, before a decision is made regarding their interest to move here and if we can support to them to move into our community.

We have planned an intro lunch and afternoon of meet, greet and fun at Apex Park (weather pending) on **Saturday 13 April** from mid-day. Come and meet them, bring a plate of food to share and chair, but let us know if you are coming as we will provide cooked chicken and need an **RSVP by 9 April.**

Children of similar age are also most welcome to join in the fun.

On **Sunday 14 April** they have said they would like to come to our Sunday service and meet people from WWW parish over Morning Tea / Brunch before they go home on the 1.30 train. Please join us and help make them feel welcome.

Further information and to RSVP to

Suzie Don Leonard on 0428 575 971 or sizedl@westnet.com.au

WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, 8th April 2024.

Georgiana Molloy, pioneer church leader and botanist, WA (d 1843)
Acts 4. 23-31; Psalm 2. 1-8; John 3. 1-8.

Tuesday, 9th

William Law, priest and teacher (d 1761)
Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian (d 1945)

Acts 4. 32-37; Psalm 93; John 3. 7-15.

Wednesday, 10th

Acts 5. 17-26; Psalm 34.1-8; John 3. 16-21.

9.30am Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.

11.00am, Eucharist—St John's Respect.

Thursday, 11th

George Augustus Selwyn, first missionary bishop of NZ (d 1878)

Acts 5. 27-33; Psalm 34. 11-18; John 3. 31-36.

9.30am, Eucharist—St. Michael's Hall

10.15am, Bible study—St Michael's Hall.

Friday, 12th

Acts 5. 34-42; Psalm 27. 1-5; John 6. 1-15.

Saturday, 13th

Acts 6. 1-7; Psalm 33. 17-21; John 6. 16-21.

Third Sunday of Easter, 14th April 2024

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

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

Acts 3. 12-20; Psalm 4; 1 John 2. 15-17 + 3. 1-6; Luke 24. 36b-48.

Mission Aviation Fellowship in Papua New Guinea is currently facing a critical aviation fuel shortage, posing a significant challenge to our ability to serve remote communities.



Please continue to pray for this situation in Papua New Guinea.

If you, or anyone you know, would be able to give a tax deductible donation to help cover the increased costs of sourcing fuel from New Zealand, you can do so here. <https://maf.org.au/png-fuel-crisis/>

Or place your donation in an envelope into the Offertory Bowl.

Church Bulletin Bloopers: Choirs and Hymns

- Today's Sermon: "How Much Can a Man Drink?" With hymns from a full choir.
- On Wednesday, the Ladies' Liturgy Group will meet. Mrs. Johnson will sing, "Put Me in My Little Bed," accompanied by the Pastor.



Sunday 7th April 2024

- ◆ **The World:** Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania.
- ◆ **Australia:** National agencies of relief and welfare. Emergency workers esp. Fire Brigades, SES, Police Forces, Ambulance Services. Volunteer emergency organisations.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Romanian Orthodox Church.
- ◆ **ACA:** The Diocese of Brisbane: Archbishop Jeremy Greaves (*Josie*)
Regional Bishops: Cameron Venables (*Kate*), John Roundhill (*Frances*),
Clergy and people. Society of the Sacred Advent. Society of St Francis.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*). Safe holidays.
The Area Deaneries and Area Deans:
Central—Moira Evers; Southern—Andre Du Plooy;
North West—Jerome Francis; North East—Maryann Leonard.
The Parochial District of Wangaratta West and the Warbys.
Priest in Charge: Neil Hicks (*Sue*)
the Parish leaders and communities at: St Michael's, Wangaratta West,
St Paul's, Glenrowan, St George's, Taminick.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Margaret G. Zoe. Robert P. Nina Colson. Melanie. Wayne.
Warren G. Kaye McKenzie. Josef.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 7th—13th April:**
[07/04] Graeme Hicks, 2013.
[08/04] Florence Wallis, 1975.
[09/04] Ronald Bray, 1991.
[11/04] Kenneth Still, 2016. May Stanton, 1991. Olive Edwards, 1983.
[12/04] Ian Gladstone, 2007. Elizabeth Goldsmith, 2005.
Rosemary Graham 2001.

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

Prayer of the week (*pray daily*)

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life
of all who put their trust in him:
raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;
that we may ever seek the things which are above,
where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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