



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

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
5th May 2024

Dear Parishioners,

I write this before the Artisan's Market which I, like you, prayed and hoped was a success socially, financially and community building wise.

This Thursday we reach the milestone of 40 days since Easter when we celebrate Ascension Day. I hope many will be able to make it to the 9.30am Eucharist at St Michael's this day and in anticipation of more than a handful, we will celebrate in the Church. I hope I am not disappointed.

Neil Hicks.

May 8th, Julian of Norwich, holy woman and mystic (d 1417)

Julian was born in 1342 and her life is something of a mystery. It has been argued that she had been married and widowed before becoming a recluse. What is known for certain is that at the age of 30 Julian fell ill, and just when she thought she had reached the point of death her pain vanished and she received 16 visitations. Julian wrote these down in what came to be known as the 'short text', before meditating on them and producing her 'long text' 20 years later.

Julian focuses upon spirituality and creation. She stresses that all things have their being through the love of God. She believes that we were loved from eternity. The high point of her spirituality is the cross and she shows a desire to enter into the sufferings of Christ. She is convinced that humanity was separated from God by sin, and is redeemed and reunited with God through Christ.

Julian places stress upon Christ as mother, as divine wisdom, but she does so with a distinctly Trinitarian understanding. One of the notable features of Julian is that her theology determines her experience, rather than the other way round. Thus seeing Christ's suffering allows Julian to see the meaning of this life generally, and of her own suffering especially. For Julian the image of God as mother speaks more powerfully than anything else of the outgoing love of the Trinity for creation.

Julian was writing at the point in history when theology and spirituality were being slowly but surely prised apart. Her vision of God is formed out of both an intellectual approach and a response of love. Her writings have influenced many throughout the centuries, and are the result of reflection on the questions of life in the light of an immediate spiritual experience.

***Thus I saw and understood that our faith is our light in the night;
which light is God, our endless day.***

Julian, Long Text 83.

Dates for your Diary

9th May—Ascension Day—Eucharist at 9.30am in St Michael's.
19th May—Pentecost Sunday 26th May—Trinity Sunday

St Michael's Fellowship Group

Next Lunch is booked at Railyard Restaurant, 60 Norton Street, for 9th May, 2024. @ 12.30pm. I will need numbers and anyone's dietary requirements by 8th May. Hope you can all come and it will be a thank you to yourself for all the work for the Artisan market!!

Looking forward to seeing many people there.

Jean Martens. 0408 497 169

Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta, Preaching Course:

14th, 15th, 16th May 2024 (10am-4pm each day)

Venue: Cathedral Close, Wangaratta.

Expressions of interest to: The Rev'd Canon Scott Jessup
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Thankyou to everyone who has been able to give a tax deductible donation to help cover the increased costs of sourcing fuel from New Zealand for PNG.



[This is an ongoing need so there is still time to place your donation in an envelope into the Offertory Bowl, or donate online.](#)



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.

THE CHOSEN, Series Three—Episode Four. Clean, Part 1.

Two by two, the disciples carry out Jesus' mission to heal, cast out demons, and preach his words. But upon returning, they struggle with understanding what happened while Simon and Eden struggle to reconnect.

5.00 p.m. St Michael's Church followed by short discussion then a shared light meal.

VOCAL Dimension presents *From Dusk to Dawn*. Admission \$20.00

Benalla UC—Saturday 18th May @3.00 p.m.

Wangaratta UC Hall—Sunday 19th May @3.00p.m.

WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, 6th May,

Acts 16. 11-15. Psalm 149. John 15. 26—16.4.

Tuesday, 7th

Acts 16. 22-34. Psalm 138. John 16. 5-11.
9.30 a.m. Pangerang at St Michael's Hall.

Wednesday, 8th

Julian of Norwich, holy woman and mystic (d 1417)
Acts 17. 15, (16-21) 22 —18. 1. Psalm 148. 7-15. John 16. 12-15.
9.30 a.m. Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.
10.00 a.m. Eucharist—Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Thursday, 9th ASCENSION DAY

Acts 1. 1-11. Psalm 93. Ephesians 1. 15-23. Mark 16. 15-20.
9.30 a.m. Eucharist—St. Michael's Hall
10.15 a.m. Bible Study—St. Michael's Hall.

Friday, 10th

Acts 18. 9-18. Psalm 47. John 16. 20-23.
9.30 a.m. Pangerang at St Paul's Hall.
5.00 p.m. The Chosen—St. Michael's.

Saturday, 11th

Acts 18. 23-28. Psalm 47. John 16. 23-28.
11.00am Commissioning Service—Thurgoona

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity commences (until Eve of Pentecost)
Seventh Sunday of Easter—Sunday after Ascension, 12th May 2024

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

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

Acts 1. 15-17, 21-26. Psalm 1. 1 John 5. 9-13. John 17. 6-19.



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.



Sunday 5th May 2024

- ◆ **The World:** India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka.
- ◆ **Australia:** Hospitals. Health Care providers. All medical and health personnel. Medical and Health administrative workers.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Anglican Church of Australia.
- ◆ **ACA:** The Diocese of Bathurst: Bishop Mark Calder (*Susan*) Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).
The Parish of Benalla: P-i-C: Dino Gabriel (*Elizabeth*), the Parish leaders and communities at: Holy Trinity, Benalla & St Aidan's, Swanpool.
Bishop in Council Executive Committee: Bishop, Vicar-General, Registrar, Treasurer, Helen Gilbert, John Gilson, Alex Monk, Christine Nesbit.
- ◆ **Our Parish:** Loaves and Fishes, Christians Caring.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Sharon W. Christine P. Robert P. Zoe.
Nina Colson. Melanie. Wayne. Warren G. Kaye McKenzie. Josef.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 5th—11th May.**
[05/05] Evelyn Matthews, 2014. Lily Glover, 2008. Rose Gilbert, 1996.
Darryl Cartner, 1995. Charles Wales, 1989.
[06/05] Graeme Downing, 2013.
[08/05] Roy Snowdon, 2007. John Wilmot, 1988. Keith & Linda Rowan, 1988.
Hilda Brough-Smyth, 1964.
[09/05] Ethel Nugent, 1988
[10/05] "Maud" Alexander, 2016. Gerald Kousbroek, 2014. Pat Forge, 2007,
Jenny Wenham, 1997.

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

Prayer of the week (*pray daily*)

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant that we may walk in his way,
rejoice in his truth,
and share his risen life;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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