



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

The First Sunday after Pentecost
TRINITY SUNDAY
26th May 2024

Our Priest for today is The Rev'd Maureen Beattie. Thank you Maureen for taking the services while Fr Neil is on holiday.

Trinity Sunday is the only day of the entire church year that is devoted exclusively to a doctrine—which is never mentioned by name in Scripture.

We must use caution and craft careful language to avoid the minefields of heresy, only to utilize the same adjective that St. Athanasius used to describe the Trinity – “incomprehensible” – all while hoping and praying that “incomprehensible” is not the word the faithful few at coffee hour will utilize to describe this morning’s sermon!

And yet, while we are right to be chastened by the Trinity’s doctrinal depth and complexity, we must not shy away from it altogether, for it was in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit that the confessors endured persecution and the martyrs were willing to shed their blood. Inspired by this belief in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, missionaries spread the word to innumerable others. Indeed, had someone not shared the Good News with us, none of us would be here today.

The doctrine of the Trinity is, for this and for other reasons, serious business! And as is the case with all Christian doctrines, we can only begin to understand its true depth, complexity, and importance when viewed from the perspective of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

When we think about the Trinity abstractly, it is ever so easy to forget that the central tenet of our faith is not just that we are *created* by God, but that God walks among us, most fully in the person of Jesus, and also in the face of the stranger and the oppressed and the marginalized, and God leads us to new depths of faithfulness in the power of the Holy Spirit. In fact, this isn’t something that *has* happened in history; no, God is still, even at this very moment and in every moment, creating, walking among us, and leading us. By the same measure, viewing the doctrine of the Trinity from the vantage point of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, it is impossible to understand the crucifixion apart from believing that it is God made human flesh in the person of Jesus by the power of the Spirit who dies on the cross and rises from the grave.

It’s not God demanding something from someone *else* and exacting a monstrous punishment; rather, it is God’s selfless giving of *God self* to die so that death could be defeated once and for all for *our* sake.

In the same way, it is impossible to understand the resurrection of Jesus apart from believing that God made human flesh in the person of Jesus is *resurrected* through God’s own will and action in the power of the Spirit. God’s life and love are bigger even than the most monstrous and cruel consequences of human sinfulness.

And finally, the Doctrine of the Trinity necessitates the conviction that God’s Holy Spirit comes to us and abides with us unto eternity, guiding us and leading us into all truth.

The Trinity gives us perhaps the most complete understanding of what God is like: God creates us purely out of God’s love and desire for relationship; relentlessly pursues us, even stepping in to offer to die so that we might live; and abides with us.

The Trinity helps us see God more fully as God is. It refines and purifies our understanding, our theology, even our evangelism, as a coal taken from the incense burner purified

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Dates for your Diary

13th June, Thursday—Parish Council following the 9.30am Eucharist.
19th June Wednesday “Drop-In” ConTact - Soup & Sandwiches

Trading Table at St. Michael’s Today

Please make sure you come and browse the goodies available today on the Trade Table- Lovely home made goodies and fresh vegies!

NEW TABLES FOR ST MICHAEL’S HALL.

The recent market made it clear that some of the tables at St Michael’s Hall need to be retired. To that end we are inviting donations for 5 new tables.



Cost is about \$70 per table. If you can help, please speak with Jean or Margaret or Fr Neil. Any contributions are very welcome, a few getting together with smaller donations will soon make up a table. No only are the new tables a better design, they are much lighter to handle.



At the recent parish council meeting Fr Neil presented a proposal to ask the people of St. Michael’s if it would be OK to have the pulpit reduced in size made to be on only one step, so lower as well.

The space in St Michael’s is constrained and we need to move the computer operator out of the corner of the front pew.

The pulpit is large and apart from the current Priest, rarely used.

The proposal is to retain only the front section of the pulpit, as shown at left and to have a larger book stand so that it can be used for both reading the scriptures and preaching.

Comments to be made in writing to the Wardens until 9th June.

THE CHOSEN, Series Three—Episode Seven. Ears to Hear.

Andrew and Philip return from their trip with desperate news: they need Jesus’ help to solve a huge crisis in the Decapolis. Jesus leads them on a trip to the dangerous region, where they face opposition from all sides.

Literally. Meanwhile, John is assigned to bring an angry Simon to Jesus.

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

WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Week of Prayer for Reconciliation, May 27-June 3..

Monday, 27th May,

1 Peter 1: 3-9; Ps 111; Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday, 28th

1 Peter 1: 10-16; Ps 98: 1-4; Mark 10: 28-31

9.30 a.m. Pangerang at St Michael's Hall.

Wednesday, 29th

1 Peter 1: 18-25; Ps 147: 12-20; Mark 10: 35-42

9.30 a.m. Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.

10.00 a.m. Eucharist—Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Thursday, 30th

Exodus 24: 3-8; Ps 116; 1 Corinthians 10: 14-21, Mark 14: 12-26

9.30 a.m. Eucharist—St. Michael's Hall

10.15 a.m. Bible Study—St. Michael's Hall.

Friday, 31st THE VISITATION OF THE B. V. MARY TO ELIZABETH.

1 Samuel 2. 1-10. Psalm 113. Romans 12. 9-16b. Luke 1. 39-57.

9.30 a.m. Pangerang at St Paul's Hall.

5.00 p.m. The Chosen—St. Michael's.

Saturday, 1st June

Jude 17-25; Ps 63: 1-8; Mark 11: 27-33

Second Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd June

8.00am, Eucharist @ St. George's, Taminick.

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

11.00am, Ante Communion @St. Paul's, Glenrowan.

1 Samuel 3. 1-10. Psalm 139. 1-, 13-18. 2 Cor 4. 5-12. Mark 2. 23—3. 6.



All non-perishable items are appreciated, and as a special treat for children - muesli bars or similar.

tinned peas, tinned beans, chunky and cuppa soup; Shampoo & Conditioner; jam.

This month's special focus:

Milo, tinned tuna, honey, sweet biscuits.

It is also OK to buy dog food as this cannot be obtained through the food share programme.



Sunday 26th May 2024

Week of prayer for Reconciliation—May 27-June 3.

- ◆ **The World:** Angola, Mozambique.
Australia: The oceans and their care.
All who are involved in shipping: Ship owners; Shipping Agents; Port Authorities, International Labour Organisation.
The Missions to Seafarers, Star of the Sea and all who care for Seafarers.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Assyrian Church of the East.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).
All Retired Clergy—give thanks for their service to God’s Church
All Permission to Officiate (PTO) Clergy—give thanks for their continued support and enrichment of the life of the Diocese and its parishioners.
- ◆ **Our Parish:** Parish council.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Sharon W. Robert P. Zoe. Nina Colson. Melanie. Wayne. Warren G. Kaye McKenzie. Josef.
- ◆ **Year’s Mind: 26th May—1st June.**
[26/05] Norm Dean, 1996.
[27/05] Betty Dodemaide, 2007. Ida Pool, 1987.
[28/05] Eril Plum, 2003. Ruby Whitehead, 1990. John Butcher, 1972.
[29/05] Margaret Payne, 2007. Cheryl Campbell, 2000,
John Hart (2nd Bishop), 1952.
[30/05] Pauline Stirland, 2005. Ida Maxwell, 2003. Colin Symes, 1997.
[31/05] John Beckton, 2005. Dorothy Hamilton, 1997.
[01/06] Lyn Brough-Smythe. Mary Thompson, 1987.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

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Isaiah’s unclean lips.

It is the God we meet in the inexplicable unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who, at every moment, asks, “Whom can I send as a prophet to tell the world about me?”

May each of us, strengthened, purified, and nourished by that self-same God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in humility and boldness, say, “Here am I; send me.”

(Rev’d Dr Marshall Jolly, Episcopal USA)

Prayer of the week (pray daily) {OS 8}

Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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