



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA

PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST & THE WARBYNS

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

## The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Dear Parishioners,

The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple is one of numerous occasions where we are told that Mary and Joseph, or Jesus and the disciples were doing something that was 'customary under the law'. This particular occasion, is not just a fulfillment of religious obligations; it is a moment rich with meaning, signifying the continuity of faith and the recognition of God's promises in the life of Jesus. This gospel passage can also be a reminder to us of the importance of ritual and tradition in shaping our faith.

Customs and rituals, while often grounded in tradition, serve to keep us rooted in our faith. They connect us with the generations before us, and with the greater community of believers, both present and past. The Anglican customs we uphold in our worship—our prayers, our hymns, our liturgies—are more than practices of tradition; they are expressions of the shared faith we celebrate together. They help us remember our own history, our roots in the early Church, and the Christian community that has stood through centuries of change.

Tomorrow marks the anniversary of the first Church of England church service in Sydney. Since then, generations of Anglicans have gathered to worship, to pray, and to continue the faithful customs of the Church in this land. Just like Mary and Joseph, parents have brought their children to church, to give thanks to God, to pray that they will grow in God's service. The sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist are important rituals and moments in our faith journey, and they are opportunities to share our faith, and encourage each other, strengthening not just ourselves but the entire community. In doing so, we live out the promise of faith, hope, and love, and are part of an ongoing legacy, continuing the customs of the Anglican tradition while finding new ways to live out our faith in a world that is ever-changing. These traditions and customs, are also what sustains us during difficult times in our life and faith journey.

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### Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 8th February—Sounds Organic @H.T. Cathedral. 9, 10 & 11 a.m.**

**Sunday 16th February—Choral Evesong @ H.T. Cathedral. 5.00 p.m.**

**15<sup>th</sup> March—Car Boot Sale /Cake & Bake Sale / Plant Sale.**

**Artisan Markets: 2025: Saturday 3 May & Saturday 29 November**

### **Car Boot Sale /Cake & Bake Sale / Plant Sale.**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March.**

Anyone who does not bake but who would like to contribute towards ingredients for those who do, **please see Sue Wheeler.**

**Please** spread the word about this event among family/friends—also ask them if they would like a car space to sell their second hand goods.

\$10.00 donation per car and a BYO table can be set up behind the boot.

Anyone who would like to help organise this event please let me know as soon as you can.

Sue Wheeler, for Parish Council.

At the recent meeting of Parish Council the idea of inserting a half-pane of glass in the top section of the (usually) non opening doors on both sides of St Michael's Hall was discussed. This would serve 2 purposes,

- 1) if anyone is outside and needs to see if people are inside and maybe the door is locked they can attract attention and gain admittance.
- 2) from a 'Safe Church' perspective it minimises the risk that a person can be in an unsafe situation if outsiders can see in.

If you are interested in defraying the cost \$1700 approx., please see the Wardens.

### **Friends of Holy Trinity Cathedral AGM.**

The Friends of Holy Trinity Cathedral Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held in Purbrick Hall on Sunday 16th February 2025 at 2.00 p.m.

New Members are very welcome.

Therefore, let us remember the value of maintaining our own church customs, not as empty rituals but as living expressions of faith. They nurture our hearts, strengthen our community, and remind us of God's ongoing work in the world. Just as the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple affirmed the promises of God, so too does our participation in worship and tradition strengthen our own connection to God and to each other.

May God guide and bless you through this week.

*Rev'd Cathy Carden*

## WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February**—FIRST ANGLICAN SERVICE AT SYDNEY COVE  
Isaiah 61. 8-11. Psalm 116. 11-18. Philippians 4. 4-8. John 6. 25-35  
10.30 a.m.—11.30 a.m., Embracing Hearts exercise group (Purbrick Hall).

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup>**      *Anskar, missionary bishop in Sweden (d 865).*  
Hebrews 12. 1-4. Psalm 22. 26-32. Mark 5. 21-43.  
9.30 a.m., Eucharist @St. Michaels' Hall.  
10.15 a.m., Bible Study—St Michael's Hall.  
8.30 a.m.—1.00 p.m., Yooralla group (Purbrick Hall).  
5.30 p.m. Goju Kai Karate (Purbrick Hall)

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup>**    *Martyrs of Japan, crucified at Nagasaki (d 1597)*  
Hebrews 12. 4-7, 11-15. Psalm 103. 15-18. Mark 6. 1-6.  
9.30 a.m., St Michael's Craft Group—Hall.  
10.00 a.m., Eucharist @Cathedral—Lady Chapel.  
5.00 p.m., Bell ringing practice—Cathedral.  
6.30 p.m. Sing Australia (Purbrick Hall)

**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup>**      Hebrews 12. 18-24. Psalm 48. 9-13. Mark 6. 7-13.  
10.00 a.m., Eucharist at St John's Chapel.  
8.30 a.m.—2.30 p.m., Yooralla group (Purbrick Hall).

**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup>**         Hebrews 13. 1-8. Psalm 27. 1-6. Mark 6. 14-29.  
9.30 a.m.—10.30 a.m., Embracing Hearts exercise group (Purbrick Hall).

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup>**        Hebrews 13. 15-21. Psalm 23. Mark 6. 30-34.  
10.30 a.m., Induction of The Rev'd. Richard Pennington—St Paul's Euroa.  
**Sounds Organic @H.T. Cathedral. 9, 10 & 11 a.m.**

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February, The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

8.00 a.m. Eucharist @Holy Trinity Cathedral—Lady Chapel (+CEB)

10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist @Holy Trinity Cathedral (+CEB)

9.30 a.m., Eucharist @St Michael's, Wangaratta. (CC)

11.00 a.m., Eucharist @St. Paul's Glenrowan.

Isaiah 6. 1-8. Psalm 138. 1 Corinthians 15. 1-11. Luke 5. 1-11.

## FEBRUARY FOCUS:



**Shampoo & Conditioner. Milo. Jam varieties.  
Sweet Biscuits. Tinned Beans. Tinned Spaghetti.  
Tinned tuna varieties. Chunky Soup.**

*Dog food, as this cannot be obtained through the food share programme.*

## Sunday 2nd February 2025

- ◆ **The World:** North Africa: Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia.  
The producers of food around the world and for a fair sharing of the world's resources.
- ◆ **Australia:** Victorian Premier, Ms. Jacinta Allen. Opp. Ldr, Mr. Brad Battin
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** The Chinese Methodist church.
- ◆ **Anglican Church of Australia:** The Diocese of Adelaide. Archbishop Geoffrey Smith (*Lynn*). Assistant Bishops Tim Harris (*Fiona*); Chris McLeod, Aboriginal Ministry (*Susan*); Denise Ferguson (*Mark*).  
Clergy and people. Society of the Sacred Mission.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle*), (*Kian, Kyle*).  
The Chancellor: Clyde Croft; The Advocate: Rachel Ellyard.  
The Diocesan Trustees. Diocesan Synod Members.
- ◆ **Our Parish:** For different groups and activities recommencing after the holiday break. That the Co-operating Ministry between the Wangaratta Parishes may be guided by the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Warren Gould. Mark Heaton. Gwen Benstead.  
Shirley Cameron. Bp Garry Weatherill. Josef. Wayne. Michael E. Kaye McKenzie.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 2<sup>nd</sup> February—8<sup>th</sup> February.**  
[02/02] Jessie Joy Rosser;  
[06/02] Newcombe (Duke) Douglas Goldsmith.

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

### **Prayer of the week** (*pray daily*) {*Epiphany 4*}

O Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing: send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**



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### **Please remember to wear a name badge at Church.**

With clergy coming and going and hopefully some visitors too, it helps with conversation and fellowship. Thank you. *Neil Hicks.*