



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

**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**  
**The Third Sunday in Lent**

Dear Parishioners,

This week we have one of the BIG commemorations in our Calendar, **The Annunciation to The Blessed Virgin Mary**. This commemorates when the angel Gabriel visited a young Jewish woman named Mary and announced to her that she was to bear a son who would be the Saviour of the World (Jesus or Joshua = the Lord is salvation).

So significant was this event that when the calendar system of Anno Domini (AD) was first introduced by Dionysius Exiguus in AD 525, he assigned the beginning of the new year to 25 March since, according to Christian theology, the era of grace began with the Incarnation of Christ.

In England, the feast of the Annunciation came to be known as **Lady Day**, and Lady Day marked the beginning of the English new year until 1752. In England they left it as the start of the Tax Year and with the addition of 11 days with the introduction of the Gregorian Calendar, March 25 became April 6 and this is still the start of the Tax Year in England.

Within our church, **Lady Day** has a special place in the life of The Mother's Union and is often the occasion for a big gathering of members. This year in our Diocese instead of 1 big gathering there are 2 smaller gatherings at Wodonga (Saturday 22nd) and Nagambie (Tuesday 25th).

*Peace and Joy, Neil Hicks.*

**COMBINED PARISHES WORSHIP**

Sunday March 30th at 10.00 a.m. all parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish, Wangaratta (Cathedral, Moyhu, Whitfield) and Wangaratta West and The Warbyns (St Michael's, Taminick, Glenrowan) are invited, encouraged, urged, to come together at Holy Trinity Cathedral to worship together as one. This will be second combined parishes services under the Co-operating Ministry Arrangement.

It would be great if most could also join together for morning tea in Purbrick Hall afterwards.

This day is Mothering Sunday this year so doubly good to come together at our 'Mother Church.

*N.B. An 8.00 a.m. Eucharist will be offered at St Michael's this morning.*

***There will also be Evensong this day, at 5.00 p.m, Holy Trinity Cathdral***

## Dates for your Diary

**30th March**—Combined Parishes Worship—10.00 a.m. @Holy Trinity Cathedral  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 at 10.00am**—Parish Council.

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

### LENTEN APPEAL for 2025

Bishop's Home Mission Fund (BHMF),  
to support Ministry and Mission  
within the Diocese of Wangaratta.

Please give generously  
to assist the work and witness of the  
church in our Diocese.

We are now collecting for the

Mother's Day Raffle;

this will be our usual several (we  
hope) baskets and sold more widely  
than the Easter raffle, and will be  
drawn at the Market on 3rd May.

**Easter Raffle - Tickets available**

**On sale until Sunday 6th April.**

### Car Boot, Bake and Plant Sale

Thank you everyone who contributed  
in any way to our very successful day,  
we raised over \$2,200, a fantastic  
effort by so many, a very special thank-  
you to Sue Wheeler, who organised us  
all. Consideration will be given to  
making it a regular event, but of course  
it is up to parishioners whom we rely  
on to supply the cake stall with such a  
variety of goods, it was our major fund-  
raiser for the day, Saturday's cake stall  
profit was outstanding. Thank you  
cooks and those who supplied butter  
and eggs for the cooks. Thanks also to  
those who donated goods for sale,  
those who stood behind the stalls sell-  
ing, those who set up and cleared up, a  
wonderful collegial day of fellowship.

**HOPE 25**—check out some resources and videos online. <https://hope25.com.au>.

You will be hearing more about this, but in the meantime, we can pray this prayer:

**God of Hope, you call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world:  
by your Spirit awaken in us a true vision of your kingdom,  
a greater certainty of our salvation, and a deeper dedication to your service;  
that through our words and actions  
the same Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found,  
and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### MARCH 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.*

## WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March**      *Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980.*  
2 Kings 5. 1-15. Psalm 43. Luke 4. 24-30.  
10.30 a.m.—11.30 a.m., Embracing Hearts exercise group (Purbrick Hall).

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>**      **THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
Isaiah 7. 10-14. Psalm 40. 6-13. Hebrews 10. 4-10. Luke 1. 26-38.  
8.30 a.m.—1.00 p.m., Yooralla group (Purbrick Hall).  
10.00 a.m.—2.00 p.m., Deanery Clergy meet at Holy Trinity, Benalla.  
5.30 p.m., Goju Kai Karate (Purbrick Hall)

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Deuteronomy 4. 1 (2-3) 4-9. Psalm 147. 12-20. Matthew 5. 17-19.  
9.30 a.m., St Michael's Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.  
10.00 a.m., Eucharist @Cathedral—Lady Chapel,  
11.00 a.m., M/Tea & Lenten Study—The Deanery.  
4.00 p.m., Cathedral Choristers rehearsal  
5.00 p.m., Bell ringing practice—Cathedral.  
6.30 p.m., Sing Australia (Purbrick Hall)

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Jeremiah 7. 23-28. Psalm 95. 6-11. Luke 11. 14-23.  
10.00 a.m., Eucharist at St John's Chapel.  
8.30 a.m.—2.30 p.m., Yooralla group (Purbrick Hall).  
10.00 a.m., Diocesan Executive Committee—Registry.  
7.00 p.m., Cathedral Singers rehearsal

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Hosea 14. 2-9. Psalm 81. 13-16. Mark 12. 28-34.  
9.30 a.m.—10.30 a.m., Embracing Hearts exercise group (Purbrick Hall).

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>**      *John Keble, priest (d 1866)*  
Hosea 5. 15—6. 6. Psalm 51. 10-17. Luke 18. 9-14.  
10.00 a.m. Baptism of Shannon Beacom and Bradley Beacom. (Cathedral)

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March, The Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
8.00 a.m., Eucharist @St Michael's, Wangaratta. (NKH)  
**Combined Parishes 10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist**  
**@Holy Trinity Cathedral (NKH)**  
Joshua 5. 2-12. Psalm 32. 2 Corinthians 5. 16-21. Luke 15. 11-32.  
5.00 p.m. Evensong—Cathedral.

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

- ◆ **The World:** Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania.
- ◆ **Australia:** Ethnic and Cultural diversity in our nation. For harmony between all peoples. Pray for those who suffer racial prejudice.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Mar Thoma Church.
- ◆ **ACA:** Diocese of Tasmania, Bishop Richard Condie (*Helen*)  
Assistant Bishop: Chris Jones (*Christine*). The Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence (*Michelle*).  
The Parish of Northern Albury, P-i-C: Emily Payne (*Daniel*) (*Zoe*)  
the Parish leaders and communities at St Mark's North Albury, St James' Lavington, St Paul's Jindera.
- ◆ **Our Parishes:** St Michael's Craft Group.  
That the Co-operating Ministry between the Wangaratta Parishes may be guided by the Holy Spirit.  
Pray for Shannon Beacom and Bradley Beacom to be baptised.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Rob Butler. Warren Gould. Gwen Benstead. Wayne. Michael E. Kaye McKenzie, Jenny Molders. Josef.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 23<sup>rd</sup> –29<sup>th</sup> March.**  
[23/03] Thomas Armstrong, 1930- *1st Bishop of Wangaratta.*  
[24/03] Lorraine Boling, 2016  
[26/03] Christine Denton, 2013.  
[28/03] Charles French, 1997.

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

### **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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