



Diocese of Wangaratta

Wangaratta West and The Warbys Parochial District.

20th April 2025

The First Sunday of Easter Easter Day

Dear Parishioners,

Amidst the deliberations, intentions and commitment of the Lenten season, and the sacredness, sombreness and celebrations of Holy Week and Easter Day, it is easy to overlook one of the most significant teachings of Jesus that occurred on the night before He died.

During the Last Supper, as His friends were wondering what was going to happen, John's gospel records that Jesus said to them: – A new command I give you: Love one another, as I have loved you, so you must love one another.

By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.
(John 13:34-35)

"Love one another". Why was this a "new" commandment?

1. Jesus and His disciples were from the Jewish religion – and there were a lot of laws and rules to follow. Along with the 10 commandments – Love God, love others, don't steal or murder, don't try to have everything that other people have, there were rules about how to manage your household, how to prepare for special religious events, what you could eat, etc. But Jesus was telling them. don't make the 'rules' more important than actually loving God and caring about other people.
2. Jesus' command was to love one another in a new way - those beyond their immediate circle. It was to love **everyone**, including people from different cultures, religions, and even their enemies,—loving others even when it's hard. He was showing them that love means helping, forgiving, and caring for others, just like He had done throughout His life, and was about to do in the ultimate gift of love, by dying on the cross.
3. Jesus outlined a new commandment that broadened the picture for His disciples—a call to be people who would love and care for each other like a family, and in this way, draw others to God. Jesus said, "When you love each other, people will see that you are my followers." These followers were to become the Christian church – people choosing to be on Jesus' special team!

This is what we too are called to do – especially in this Season of HOPE 25, as we live out Jesus' 'new commandment' in the communities in which we live, we pray that people will be drawn to be part of God's family and Jesus' team.

May God bless and guide each of you, and your families throughout this Eastertide.

The Rev'd Cathy Carden.

DATES TO NOTE

27th April—St George's Patronal Festival—2.00pm followed by afternoon tea.
28th April, 11.00 a.m., Funeral of Frank Archer—St. Michael's.
28th April—1st May, Clergy Professional Developments days—Bright Chalet.
3rd May Artisan's Market - St Michael's grounds

Thank you Suzie DL for
coordinating the
Mother's Day Raffle.

There are 7 baskets full of lovely
goodies. Raffle will be drawn at the
Artisan Market on 3rd May.
Tickets available today!
Please take a book or two

Artisan Market—Many thanks to
the many who very generously
donated cooking money for our
wonderful parish cooks. If you would
care to do so again, please give your
donation to Sue Wheeler or Virginia
Kenworthy.

Please Note that on **Sunday 27th April at 2.00pm**, St George's
Taminick will be celebrating their **Patronal Festival**. This will be
followed by afternoon tea at the CFA. All Invited.

Easter Raffle winners—Paul Mollinaux-Chavaz, Amelia Jarrad, Carol McGeehan
Thank you to all who contributed, bought and sold tickets, we made \$636.10,
a fantastic effort—well done all.



APRIL FOCUS

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

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

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.
Envelopes available at the entrance.

The Chosen—Wangaratta Cinema Centre.

3.45 p.m. continued showing until Wednesday 23rd.

WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday of Easter Week, 21st April

Acts 2. 14, 22-32. Psalm 16. Matthew 28. 8-15.

Tuesday of Easter Week 22nd April

Acts 2. 36-41. Psalm 33. 4-9. John 20. 11-18.
8.30 a.m.—2.30 p.m., Yooralla group (Purbrick Hall).

Wednesday of Easter Week 23rd April

Acts 3. 1-10. Psalm 105. 1-7. Luke 24. 13-35.
9.30 a.m., St Michael's Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.
10.00 a.m., Eucharist, Lady Chapel, Cathedral.
4.00 p.m., Cathedral Choristers rehearsal.
6.30 p.m., Sing Australia (Purbrick Hall)

Thursday of Easter Week 24th April

Acts 3. 11-26. Psalm 8. Luke 24. 35-48.
10.00 a.m., Eucharist at St John's Chapel.
8.30 a.m.—2.30 p.m., Yooralla group (Purbrick Hall).
5.00 p.m., Cathedral Bell ringing practice.
5.30 p.m., Bishop in Council—Registry.

Friday in Easter Week 25th April

Acts 4. 1-12. Psalm 118. 21-29. John 21. 1-14.
For Anzac Day: Micah 4. 1-4. Psalm 46. John 15. 9-17.

Saturday in Easter Week 26th April (Easter Saturday)

Acts 4. 13-21. Psalm 118. 14-19. Mark 16. 9-15.
10.00 a.m., Baptism—Lucy Belle McGlynn—Cathedral.
10.00 a.m.—2.00 p.m., Lay Ministry Conference—Purbrick Hall.

Sunday 27th April, The Second Sunday of Easter

9.30 a.m., Eucharist @St Michael's, Wangaratta (AJ)
Acts 5. 27-32. Psalm 118. 14-29. Revelation 1. 4-8. John 20. 19-31.
8.00 a.m., Eucharist—Cathedral (NKH)
10.00 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Cathedral
with Baptism—Arthur Francesco Reginald Ray-laria (NKH).
2.00 p.m., Patronal Festival Eucharist @St George's, Taminick (CC & NKH)
Revelation 12. 7-12. Psalm 126. 2 Timothy 2.3-13. John 15. 18-21.

What if God should place a diamond in your hand and tell you to inscribe on it a sentence which should be read at the Last Day and shown there an index of your thoughts and feelings! What care, what caution would you exercise in the selection (The diamond is your child.)

— Russell Payson Great Illustrations

Sunday 20th April 2025

- ◆ **The World:** Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine.
- ◆ **Australia:** Healthy marriages. Healthy family life. All preparing for marriage. Family courts.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** The Salvation Army.
- ◆ **ACA:** Diocese of Riverina, Bishop: Donald Kirk (*Camryn*). Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence (Michelle).
The Parish of Albury, Rector: Peter Macleod-Miller. The Parish leaders and community at St Matthew's Albury.
- ◆ We give thanks and pray for: for all married people and their vocation in marriage. For the ministry of parents: for those called to live a celibate lifestyle for Christ. parish playgroups and parent support ministries.
For those living with the past trauma of sexual abuse and domestic violence: for those who struggle with their sexual identity.
- ◆ **Our Parishes:** pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our co-operating ministry. Our Parish Councils.
- ◆ **Baptism Anniversary:** 27/04, Jane Fisher.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Josef. Rob Butler. Warren Gould. Gwen Benstead. Wayne. Michael E. Kaye McKenzie, Jenny Molders.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 20th—26th April.**
[22/04] Thomas Luscombe, 2011. Elsie Rosser, 1994. Kenneth Moore, 2022.
[24/04] Linda Butler, 2014.
[25/04] Gloria Greene, 2016.
[26/04] Dianne Anderson, 2016.

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

Prayer of the week (*pray daily*)

Lord of all life and power,
who, through the mighty resurrection of your Son,
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise, honour and thanksgiving, now and for all eternity. **Amen.**



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