



**Diocese of Wangaratta**  
**Wangaratta West and The Warbys Parochial District.**  
**25th May 2025**  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

The Seasons of the Church Calendar can be instrumental in strengthening and encouraging us in the ebb and flow of our own Christian lives. The Season of Easter has much to offer us, as a space to continue to reflect and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, and at the same time, consider how our lives individually and the life of the church can respond and grow.

The Season from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, is the oldest part of the Church Year. It is derived from the fifty-day period in the Jewish calendar, which began with Passover and concluded with Pentecost (the Greek term for “fiftieth day”). The Lord’s death and resurrection took place at Passover, and its completion—the empowering of the apostles by the Holy Spirit—took place on Pentecost. The feast days were moved to Sundays due to the intense reverence for the first day of the week as the Lord’s Day, the Day of Resurrection.

The Great Fifty Days contain a number of differing liturgical characteristics:

### **Alleluia**

This word, (Hebrew ‘hallelujah’) means literally, “praise to Yahweh.” In Jewish worship, it is particularly characteristic of Passover, when the ‘Hallel’ Psalms (Psalms 113-118) are sung.

These Hallel Psalms have maintained their importance in the Christian Passover—that is, Easter. Psalm 114 is sung at the Easter Vigil and Psalm 118 on Easter Day. The word ‘Hallelujah’ has an important place in the church’s worship, as we see in the book of Revelation, and the descriptions of worship in heaven in that book. During Eastertide, along with its regular use, the word ‘alleluia’ is also in many hymns and other parts of the liturgy.

### **The Paschal Candle**

The paschal candle (from the Latin/Greek word pascha, meaning “Passover”), often decorated with nails representing the wounds from the crucifixion which the risen Lord’s body still bore, first lighted at the Great Vigil on Easter Eve, is lit at every service during the season. As early as the 4th CE, the celebration of the Resurrection in Jerusalem began with a candle being brought out and lighted in the Holy Sepulchre on Easter Eve to the words, “The light of Christ.” That ceremony continues today.

### **The Acts of the Apostles**

Rather than an Old Testament reading, throughout Eastertide, the Acts of the Apostles furnishes one of the readings every Sunday during the Great Fifty Days. This book with its description of the development and life of early Christian community, characterized by an intense awareness of the risen Lord’s presence and the apostolic preaching of the Resurrection, has much to offer us as the church continues to grow and change today.

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## **DATES TO NOTE**

**29th May**—Unearthing stories of faith WPAC 7.00pm

**30th—31st May**—Diocesan Synod. WPAC

**WWW.com** The next edition is due out in June, please let Margaret Gibson have any pictures— **Easter, St George's Day, Artisan Market, etc** and articles for this edition **by the 20th May.**



*Hope25 video for this week is from the Diocese of Gippsland.*

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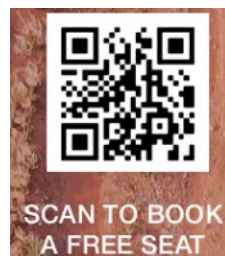
**Rosters**—Copy of the updated roster is available this week, and some of you have been rostered on a bit more than usual, owing to folk being away etc. I hope you can fulfil the extra duties until they return. Please let Margaret know if the dates are too inconvenient.

We are looking for an extra volunteer to assist with the power point on Sundays at St M's, if you would like to learn the system, please speak to Margaret and we will organise some training. It is not difficult!

**Unearthing Stories of Faith—**  
WPAC.

Thursday May  
29th.

Please note this is  
a free event, but  
you do need to  
book.



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

It helps with conversation and fellowship. It would be helpful if you would keep your badges on during morning tea, as that is when most of the interaction occurs.

**Wangaratta West and Warbys**  
All Parishioners



## **MAY FOCUS**

**Soup varieties. Sweet Biscuits. Tinned Mixed Vegetables.  
Milo. Tinned tuna varieties. Chunky Soup. Jam varieties.  
Shampoo.**

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

**Your generosity is appreciated. Many thanks!**

## WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May** *Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, (d 605)*

Acts 16. 11-15. Psalm 149. John 15. 26—16. 4.

10.30 a.m.—11.30 a.m., Embracing Hearts exercise group (Purbrick Hall).

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>** Week of Prayer for Reconciliation—May 27 to June 3.

Acts 16. 22-34. Psalm 138. John 16. 5-11.

8.30 a.m.—2.30 p.m., Yooralla group (Purbrick Hall).

10.00 a.m., Eucharist and Study—St Michael's

1.30 p.m., Funeral of Avis Porter—St Michael's.

5.30 p.m., Goju Kai Karate (Purbrick Hall)

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Acts 17. 15-18. 1. Psalm 148. 7-15. John 16. 12-15.

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.

7.30 p.m., Sing Australia (Purbrick Hall).

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> ASCENSION DAY**

Acts 1. 1-11 Psalm 110. Ephesians 1. 15-23. Luke 24. 44-53.

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.

7.00 p.m., Cathedral Singers rehearsal.

7.00 p.m., Unearthing Stories of Faith—WPAC

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Acts 18. 9-18. Psalm 47. John 16. 20-23.

9.30 a.m.—10.30 a.m., Embracing Hearts exercise group (Purbrick Hall).

1.00 p.m., Diocesan Synod—WPAC

6.00 p.m., Synod Eucharist—Cathedral—All Welcome.

Synod dinner in Purbrick Hall. All Welcome.

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH**

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

*Synod continues in WPAC. Lunch in Purbrick Hall.*

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025, The Sunday after Ascension—Easter 7.**

8.00 a.m., Eucharist @St George's, Taminick (C. Carden).

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

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

8.00 a.m., Eucharist—Cathedral (M. Beattie).

10.00 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Cathedral (M. Beattie).

9.30 a.m., Eucharist @All Saints Moyhu (N Hicks)

11.00 a.m., Eucharist @Holy Trinity Whitfield (N Hicks).

Acts 16. 16-34. Psalm 97. Revelation 22. 12-22. John 17. 20-26.

### Sunday 25th May 2025

- ◆ **The World:** Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles.
- ◆ **Australia:** the walk of Reconciliation between Aboriginal Peoples and later comers in this land.  
All coping with floods or drought in our nation, especially farmers.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Armenian Apostolic Church.
- ◆ **ACA:** Diocese of The Northern Territory, Bishop Gregory Anderson (*Annette*). Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence (*Michelle*).  
The Parochial District of Yackandandah, Priest-in-Charge: Vacant  
Parish leaders and communities of Holy Trinity, Yackandandah; St Mark's, Kiewa; St Andrew's, Dederang; St Paul's, Allans Flat; St Aidan's, Tawonga.
- ◆ **Service & Social Clubs,** e.g. RSL; CWA; Probus; Rotary; Lions; Inner Wheel, etc. Give thanks for the service offered to God through these organisations by many parishioners.
- ◆ **Our Parishes:** Fellowship groups in our parishes.  
Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our co-operating ministry.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Nicole. Josef. Rob Butler. Warren Gould. Gwen Benstead. Wayne. Michael E. Kaye McKenzie.
- ◆ **Died recently:** Avis Porter, obit May 16th.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 25th—31st May.**  
[27/05] 'Betty' Avis Dodemaide, 2007.  
[29/05] John Stephen Hart - 2nd Bishop of Wangaratta, 1952.  
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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