



Dubbo Anglican Church

To know Jesus and to make Him known!

Parish Bulletin 12 May 2024

Welcome!

"Welcome to church, as we gather together in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! We worship on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri people and we honour and, pay our respects to Elders past and present. We pray that you may know the presence of Gods Spirit as we gather together in Jesus name. And may you be encouraged by our time together today, strengthened in your faith and equipped to share God's love with those around us: making Jesus known to this city and the world."

From the Rector:

Our calendars remind us to observe Mother's Day on Sunday. Motherhood is a wonderful God-given institution, a blessing from above, and it is important and appropriate that we do take the time to reflect on the role of motherhood and express gratitude to all Mums, and to God for our Mums. Mothers' Day can be a difficult day for different reasons, reminding us of our fallen world and our need for something - someone - greater! And God meets that need through the Lord Jesus. However you observe this occasion over the weekend, may you know God's abounding love and be strengthened in this.



This weekend we continue our series in Ephesians, moving to the final chapter of Paul's teaching on God's plan for His world being fulfilled in Christ through His church. Ephesians 3 explores the mystery of this plan which involves all people, and the way in which He informs and strengthens the Church to carry out this plan by taking it to the world.

Next weekend we'll be joined by Bishop Mark at our Saturday and Sunday services. Mark will also be conducting a diocesan update and Q and A session in between Sunday's services: from 9:30am in the church; I commend this to you.

In Christ,
Pastor Andrew

Prayers and Readings for 12 May 2024 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sentence:

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. (Ephesians 3:16-17)

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God,
your blessed Son,
our saviour Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things:
mercifully give us a faith to trust that,
as he promised, he abides with us on earth until the end of time;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 1.15-17, 1.21-26

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, 'Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.' ²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.' ²³ So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.' ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

¹ Blessed are they
who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly:
**nor followed the way of sinners,
nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.**

² But their delight is in the law of the Lord:
and on that law will they ponder day and night.

³ They are like trees planted beside streams of water:
that yield their fruit in due season.

⁴ Their leaves also shall not wither:
and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

⁵ As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:
they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.

⁶ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up
at the judgement:
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

⁷ For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3

3 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ² Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. ⁴ In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. ⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. ⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. ¹³ I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory. ¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – John 17.6-19

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 17, beginning at verse 6
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁶ 'I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be

fulfilled. ¹³ 'I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Sermon Notes:

The Church is....informed and strengthened (Ephesians 3)

1. Informed

Genesis 12:2-3

2. Strengthened



Abundant Living.

You are invited to a Cursillo weekend!

Come to be nourished and equipped to live in the fullness of Christ by being part of this special weekend.

Theme: **Abundant Life**

John 10:10(b).....*I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.*

Leaders: Sylvia and Lew Hitchick

Dates: Friday evening to Sunday afternoon 12-14th July 2024.

Venue: Wellington Anglican Church, NSW with Motel Accommodation for two nights.

Application forms available from parish or text/phone Lew Hitchick: 0427 373 446.

A life-changing weekend for both Men and Women: Singles and Couples welcome, limited numbers can be accommodated. Please complete Application Form and book in ASAP.



Cursillo nourishes and equips Christians to live in the fullness of Christ in our community



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Hi ladies.

We have now sold 17 copies of the latest edition of the JBU magazine.

If you missed getting your \$5 copy it isn't too late!

Please send a message to 0407 988 747 to arrange.

**Ladies, details about the Coffee & Dessert Night coming to your phone as a text message soon .

Looking forward to a wonderful evening sharing the God Gems with you all soon, Erika

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR THANKS, PRAISE & PRAYERS TODAY & THIS WEEK

1 Thessalonians 5:17, "Pray without ceasing!"

Our Diocese and Parishes and people ...Praise/thank/pray...

- **All Clergy, LLM's & ALL Parishes esp. those without ordained clergy –Trundle** - praise/thank for the LLM who cares for this Parish; pray Parishioners will be inspired by Jesus & continue to seek & serve Him **Deuteronomy 31:8**, *"Do not be afraid or discouraged for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; He will neither fail you nor abandon you."*
- **Diocesan Conference** – praise/thank/pray for this opportunity to get together as a Dio. family for teaching, learning, friendship & fellowship; pray for our own Kath Thornhill, the event organiser; pray for resultant ways forward for Parishes **Isaiah 46:10b**, *"..Everything I plan will come to pass."*

Our Parish & Community...praise/thank/pray...

- **Our Parish** – praise/thank for the power God grants to us through Jesus to live life to the full & witness for Him to grow His Kingdom. **Our Volunteers** – praise/thank/pray for all who serve Jesus & invariably each other in our Parish & in instances where ministries are known only to God.
- **Ephesians 1: 19- 20a**, *"I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe Him. This the same mighty power who raised Christ from the dead..."*
- **Assistant Minister for our Parish** – continue to praise/thank for the person God has for this position & claim that person's conviction & positive response through Holy Spirit
- **DNA Youth** – praise/thank for recommencement for term 2. Pray for more leaders to commit to this ministry
- **Play Group** – praise/thank for the need to recommence this ministry. Pray for leaders to respond to Holy Spirit's prompting for this ministry for our Parish & community.
- **Peter Volkofsky, SRE Teacher, Dubbo, Coonamble et al** – praise/thank/pray for Peter & the way God is using him to reach young people & adults around them; pray esp. for his ministry in Narromine where miracles are happening! Praise Jesus!
- **Mother's Day** – praise/thank for our Mothers/Mother figures/those who've cared & nurtured us; pray esp. for those who don't enjoy a positive relationship with their Mother; pray the example of Mary, Jesus' Mother, & the love they shared for each other & for God will inspire; pray for those who desire to be a Mother but are unable to achieve this; pray they will truly know Jesus' comfort **Matthew 5:4**, *"God blesses those who mourn, they will be comforted."*

Further Afield/Praise/thank/praise...

- **Persecuted Church** – **Hebrews 13:3**, *"Remember the prisoners as if chained with them – those who are mistreated – since you, yourselves are in the body also."* Praise/thank/pray for ALL in the Body of Christ who suffer persecution because they love Him. **1 John 4 :19**, *"We love Him because He first loved us."*
- **Wars**– praise/thank for Christian & others who administer support in any capacity to those who continue to suffer as a result of conflict; pray esp. that food & medical relief get through to those who need this
- **1 John 4 :19**, *"We love Him because He first loved us."*
- **Australian Govt – Federal, State, Local** – praise/thank for those whom God has allowed to govern in various levels; pray none will operate from personal agenda but from genuine care, integrity & Godly wisdom **Mark 4:11**, *"The Secret of the Kingdom of God has been given to you."*

Andrew is away at a conference for much of next week. Please pray for safe travel, and a time of refreshing from the Lord.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers,

*Brian Lovemore
Jessica Slavin
Bill Fisher
Judy Emmett
Colin Fitzell
Sarah Dunn
Jo Fraser
Jan Gorrell
Philippa Adams
Beverley Brown
John Day*

*Brian Semmler
Leane Flynn
Lara McKenzie- Potter
Leigh Pearse
Janey Brown
John Lloyd
Anne Neville
Diane McCullough
Bev Birch
Philip Munge
Clancy Lloyd*

*Steve Honey
Shirley White
Amanda Gorton
Baby Lucas Hart
Lorraine Beattie
Philip Payne
Leah McDonald
Toni Ross- Symthe
Kath Starr
John Emmett*

Pray for those mourning the loss of loved ones : including Jenny Bruce, Kenneth Holmes, Jenny Macqueen

Those Remembering the Anniversaries: Fr Andrew McCartney, Lynette Ferguson, Barbara McKay, Rex Brown, Isabell Anderson, Audrey Campbell, Jessie Sadler, Marjorie Nott, Thomas Brett.

The church I'd like to join...

**Saturday 18 May 2024
9.30am to 3.00pm**

EARLY BIRD HAS CLOSED

Register at:
bathurstanglican.org.au/events/



Prays

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE 2024
Macquarie Anglican Grammar School, Dubbo

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 12 May – Mothers Day

8am Traditional Holy Communion
10am Family Service

Monday 13 May

Psalm 35.1-17, Numbers 22.41-23.12, 1 Corinthians 11.17-34

Tuesday 14 May

Psalm 34, Numbers 23.13-30, 1 Corinthians 12.1-13

9am Morning Prayer – Zoom

Wednesday 15 May

Psalm 37.1-17, Numbers 24.1-11, 1 Corinthians 12.14-31

9am Morning Prayer – Zoom
7pm Bible Study at 13 Lovett Avenue

Thursday 16 May

Psalm 38, Numbers 24.12-25, 1 Corinthians 13

7am Mens Bible Study in Parish Office
9am Morning Prayer– Zoom

Friday 17 May

Psalm 40, Numbers 27, 1 Corinthians 14.1-12

10am Holy Communion
1pm Parish prayer meeting (parish library)

Saturday 18 May

9.30am Diocesan Conference at MAGS
6pm Vigil Holy Communion

Sunday 19 May

8am Traditional Holy Communion
9.30am Information Session with Bishop Mark
10am Family Service

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