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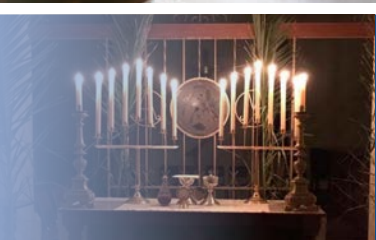
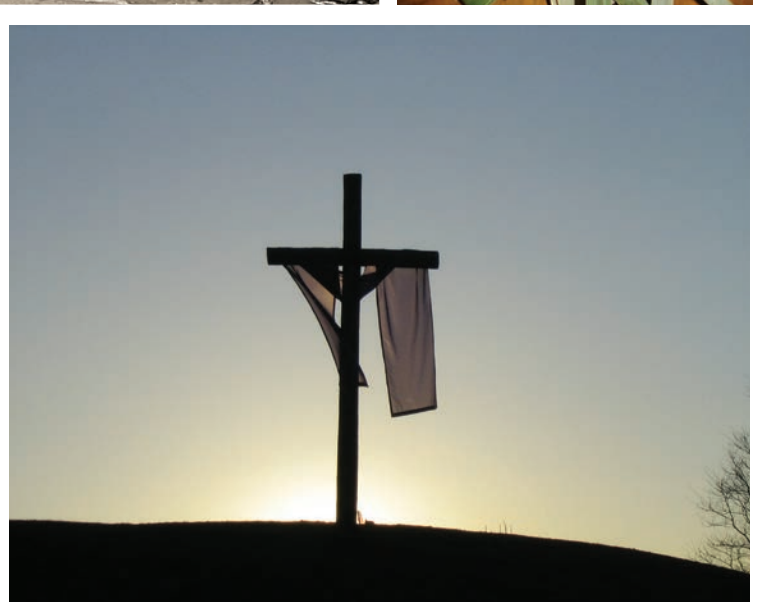
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OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LENT



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DEVELOPING MINISTRY TOGETHER

BY FR CLARENCE BESTER



Having led a retreat for our recently ordained Deacon, I also had the opportunity to reflect on my own journey of ministry and the kinds of situations that have shaped and the people who have influenced my journey over the past 22 years. It was a time of silent reflection, contemplation, discovery and the stirring up of memories that helped me to focus on what I needed to share with the retreatant and indeed the congregation gathered at the Cathedral on Saturday, 3 February.

What follows is an abridged version of the homily I shared at the ordination service.

[On this feast of the presentation of our Lord, we have the presentation of someone for ordination as Deacon in the Church of God. This is a promise being fulfilled in his own life as he journeyed for many years in a ministry expression of the Church as a Lay person. Naturally, a desire was stirred up in him to become more involved, to be more of service and to serve God and God's people through the ordained ministry of the Church.

How wonderful, even at a time when the Church is on its knees having to deal with the low attendances, financial struggles and lack of clergy, we are still able to gather to celebrate this moment of collaboration in ministry. This ordination service is once again an occasion of a

resounding yes to the God who calls us and sends us to be part of this gospel enterprise of knowing Christ and making Christ known.

Every strategic plan of action, ministry development programme, parish ministry direction plan, vision or mission imperative that does not have this centrifugal element of gospel sharing as part of its underlying objective, will just remain an ecclesiastical showcase waiting for the show to end. This normally happens when the money runs out and there are no more people to do the fundraising or 'mow the lawns'.

This is why we need to re-define and re-develop our ministry pattern so that it can include the fundamental aspects of evangelism and outreach. The Vicar-General said it so aptly at the Induction Service of Fr Scott Jessup in Rutherglen exegeting Mark 6:7-13, "that it seems as if we have outgrown this aspect of going out, knocking on the doors of others and sharing the gospel".

The exhortation for Deacons serves as a reminder to all of us in holy orders and also to all of God's peoples that we are:

1. Called to be ambassadors for Christ

2. Called to serve God as we serve others in Jesus' name

3. Called to proclaim the good news of God's love so

that the transforming power of God can move people to faith and repentance, newness and renewal

4. Called to encourage the members of Christ's body by word and example

5. Called to minister among the sick, the needy and all who are oppressed or in trouble.

Supporting this is taking one's place in public worship, nourishing yourself in scripture through study and modelling your life in accordance with God's word etc...but, through all of this, the call is still to transform the world through ministry and service in the very gospel imperative that calls us to go and tell and to meet people where they are.

Our core business remains evangelism, which is defined as 'the spreading of the Christian gospel by public preaching or personal witness'. This we do not only by the words we speak, but by the service of our lives, or as a popular saying reminds us: 'Preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary, use words'.

What a task, especially in the current circumstances of where we find ourselves as a Church today.

We are challenged to preach a gospel of hope, while knowing what others perceive that we no longer have the moral authority to direct people or their lives.

What a risk, when we are called to preach a gospel knowing that we have distorted the image of the Church through abuse and neglect.

What a challenge to preach the gospel to people who have better things to do.

Challenges however also present us with opportunities, the opportunity of knowing, that even when evil co-exist with creativity, we have the opportunity to restore the image of the Church by the way we conduct our business, the kind of ambassadors we present ourselves to be.

Even when we are presented with a dark and dim future, our hope remains in the 'Word made flesh', our hope remains in the one who calls us, the one who equips us and the one who sends us out.]

(Extract from the Service of Ordination 3 February 2018, Clarence E Bester)

I hope that, during this time of Lent leading up to Easter, we will create those moments of silent reflection, contemplation and discovery that will stir up inspiration and motivation to help us focus on our ministry directions as parishes, remembering the situations that have shaped us the people who have influenced our respective journeys and the eternal underpinning strength of the Holy Spirit.

More of Beris's Beanies go to Timor

BY CAROLINE BURGE

In October last year The Advocate ran an article about "Beris's Beanies" which had made their way with some Assumption College students from Kilmore to East Timor. The beanies were so well loved and appreciated, that Beris Hannam continued to knit, and when the opportunity came for a staff member to make a visit to Timor in January, another bag of Beris's Beanies went too.

This time, instead of going to the local school

in Laumana, the beanies ended up inadvertently in the western mountain region of Timor Leste and were donated to a number of families who receive assistance from the Jesuit 'Children's Feeding Program' out of the parish in the village of Railaco. Many of these families suffer poverty, malnutrition and eventually health issues and any support they can receive is truly appreciated and even life changing.


The car that the group was travelling in was crossing the mountain range from the villages of Balibo and Maliana


to the southern village of Bobinaro. As they reached the highest point, they needed an emergency stop at a remote village. The wind was bitter but the welcome and help from the villagers was warm and kind as they welcomed the strangers into their homes. The group was so moved

by the unconditional welcome and hospitality that as a way of thanks, the group handed out some of the beanies to the children. Within minutes everyone - men, women and other children came looking for a beanie and so "Beris's Beanies" became a part of yet another remote

community around the world.

The picture taken of the group reflects the happiness and joy that the beanies brought to the families in the very cold and difficult environment in the mountain regions of Timor Leste.






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Introducing ...

The Rev'd Richard Pennington

I have recently arrived in the Wangaratta Diocese from the Melbourne bayside suburb of Hampton following my Ordination as a Deacon on Saturday, 3 February. I have been an active member of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Hampton for the past 25 years taking roles as Lay Minister, Warden, Parish Council Secretary and Parish Council Member. I have been involved in the sermon ministry, healing ministry, intercessions, and the music ministry.

I have also had a lay ministry in the Wangaratta Diocese as chaplain of the Mt Buller Alpine Ski Village. I have held the role for fourteen years and as the chaplain I travelled to Mt Buller every weekend in the snow season as well as for the Easter weekend. During the snow season, I was involved in the weekly services held on a Saturday night, both Catholic and Anglican,

taking the Anglican service and either assisting or taking the Catholic service if we could not source a Roman Catholic Priest. At Easter, I conducted a non-denominational Good Friday service and an Easter Sunday service. We also conducted an annual Mt Buller memorial service, weddings, individual memorial services and remembrance services and I was available for those living and visiting the Ski Village. As a keen skier and snowboarder, I ventured onto the snow in a clearly designated "chaplain" ski parka and met and talked to people on the slopes.

The Melbourne Diocese Cursillo is now in recess but prior to that I was an active and enthusiastic member, taking roles on many weekends and on the secretariat.

I have three children, a son who is riding a bicycle down the

Mexican peninsular from the American border. He is making an adventure documentary about long distance cyclist Kate Leeming. My daughter is volunteering at a Girl Guide House in Pune, India, and will return after a six month stay to take a position at the Kids Ski School at Mt Hotham. My youngest son is a Snowboard athlete training in North America and

aiming for entry to the Australian Snowboard team and will return after seven months to work, train and live at Mt Buller.

I am excited to have moved to the Alpine Parish, to be living and working amongst the magnificence of the Wangaratta Diocese and look forward to becoming immersed in Parish and Diocesan life.



from the Vicar General



On 14 February, Ash Wednesday, we began once again the forty-day journey of Lent for this year. The reason Lent is forty days is because it is consciously evoking two biblical stories: the forty years that the Hebrews spent wandering through the wilderness before they entered the Promised Land, and the story of Jesus spending forty days in the wilderness before he started his public ministry.

Unlike Matthew and Luke, Mark doesn't tell us what the temptations in the wilderness were, or how Jesus reacted to them. All he gives us are two short sentences. But what Mark does include in his account is revealing, gives us much to think about as we face the wilderness places in our own lives.

In Matthew's and Luke's accounts, Jesus is 'led' into the wilderness. In Mark's gospel, Jesus is 'driven' or 'hurled' into the wilderness. The Spirit drove Jesus to the wilderness with a purpose. But so often in our lives we don't choose to enter the wilderness. And we often get thrown into it, sometimes violently it would seem, and there so often seems to be no purpose or meaning to it.

I can remember many years ago sitting with a parishioner who had been told by a well-meaning friend when her teenage son had died in a road accident, 'God must have needed him more.' I told the grieving mother that I couldn't believe that God needed her son more than she did, and that I had trouble believing in a God who would be so selfish. Yet we also know that sometimes our journeys with God include dark and desolate places. Not because God wants that, but because we live in a fragile, broken world that includes deserts and wilderness. And our wilderness journeys sometimes last a long time.

But just as the angels ministered to Jesus during his testing time in the wilderness, so God also accompanies us during those testing times of our lives. Jesus' baptism, where the voice of God proclaims him to be God's beloved Son, is also God's promise to us that we too are beloved children of God and that God will not abandon us during our times of pain and disappointment, but that God gives us the strength to emerge from these times, renewed in hope and faith.


The Very Rev'd Ken Goodger
Vicar-General



Congratulations...


BY FR CLARENCE BESTER

The Reverend Dr Michelle Wood was recently awarded the Catherine Laufer Prize for Excellence in Systematic Theology for her studies in 2017. The award was established in 2014 by the Reverend Dr Catherine Laufer, to provide a prize for a student studying at Trinity College Theological School who has excelled in the subjects of Systematic Theology. This prize is

awarded annually to the student with the best results for units in the discipline.


Michelle was both honoured and surprised to receive the award and extremely grateful to the Revd Dr Catherine Laufer for making the prize available and Trinity College Theological Faculty. We congratulate Michelle on this achievement and wish her well in her studies.

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9th June – Cathedral Wangaratta. 11th
August - Cobram. 13th October –
Benalla. 8th December - TBA

DIOCESAN CALENDAR		
MARCH		
11th	Sun	Mothering Sunday - Holy Trinity cathedral - See details page 5
14th	Wed	Lady Day - Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta
20th	Tue	Bishop in Council
25th	Sun	Lenten Meditation - Holy Trinity Cathedral - see details page 5
27th	Tue	Chrism Mass - Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta
APRIL		
14th	Sat	Cursillo Ultreya, - see details this page.
15th	Sun	Open Gardens, St John's Mansfield
17th	Tue	Bishop in Council

Easter Parish Service Times

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL WANGARATTA	Palm Sunday - 25th March 8am Holy Communion 10am Blessing of Palms & Procession with choral Eucharist.	27th March 11am Diocesan Chrism Mass 28th March 8pm Tenebrae	Maundy Thursday - 29th March 7.30pm Liturgy of the Last Supper Good Friday - 30th March 2pm Liturgy of the Day	Easter Day Sunday - 1st April 6am Vigil Mass 10am Choral Eucharist
ALBURY	CORRYONG	NUMURKAH	WANGARATTA WEST & WARBYS	
<i>Palm Sunday</i> 9.00 am Eucharist <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6.00 pm Simple Lenten Meal and a glass of wine followed by 7.00 pm Eucharist with washing of hands and strip-ping of Altar <i>Good Friday</i> 9.00 am The Passion Hymns and Readings 10.30 am Sharing the walk of witness, the Stations of the Cross. Starting at St Marks Church – Northern Albury and concluding at Sacred Heart Church 3.00 pm Musical Meditation – A Journey from Darkness to light. <i>Easter Day</i> 9.00am Family Communion Service, followed by Easter Egg Hunt	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 9.30am All Saints Corryong <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7.30pm All Saints Corryong <i>Good Friday</i> 9.30 am All Saints Corryong <i>Easter Day</i> 9.30 am All Saints. 11.30 am Cudgewa, 2pm Biggara.	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:40am Palm Procession, Nathalia 9:00am Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, Nathalia 10:30am Sung Eucharist, St George's, Numurkah <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7:30pm Foot Washing & Sung Eucharist, St George's, Numurkah <i>Good Friday</i> 9:00am Holy Trinity to the Nathalia Uniting Church 10:30am Stations of the Cross, St George's, Nu-murkah 11:30am Ecumenical Procession of the Cross, Melville St Numurkah <i>Easter Day</i> 9:00am Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, Nathalia 10:30am Sung Eucharist, St George's, Numurkah	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 09:30 St Michael's 11:00 St Paul's Glenrowan <i>Holy Tuesday</i> Reflection on the Stations of the Cross - 6pm – St Michael's Maundy Thursday - 7pm <i>Good Friday</i> 8:00 am - St George's Taminick 9:30 am - St Michael's Wang West 7:00 pm - St Paul's Glenrowan <i>Holy Saturday</i> 5:00 pm - St John's Village 7:30 pm – St Paul's Glenrowan <i>Easter Day</i> 8:00 am - St George's Taminick 9:30 am - St Michael's	
ALEXANDRA	EUROA	RUTHERGLEN CHILTERN	WODONGA	
<i>Contact Parish Directly</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:30am St Paul's, Euroa 11:30am St Dunstan's, Violet Town <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6pm St Paul's, Euroa <i>Good Friday</i> 9am St Paul's, Euroa <i>Easter Sunday</i> 8am St Andrew's, Longwood 9:30am St Paul's, Euroa 11:30am St Dunstan's, Violet Town	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:45am St Stephen's, Rutherglen – Sung Eucharist with Sunday School; 10:45am All Souls', Barnawartha – Holy Eucharist. <i>Wednesday in Holy Week</i> 9:00am St Paul's, Chiltern – Holy Eucharist. <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 9:00am St Stephen's, Rutherglen – Stations of the Cross; 7:00pm St Stephen's, Rutherglen – Sung Eucharist with footwashing, stripping of the altar – followed by the Watch until 10pm. <i>Good Friday</i> 8:45am St Stephen's, Rutherglen – Liturgy; 10:45am St Paul's, Chiltern – Liturgy. <i>Holy Saturday</i> 8:00pm St Stephen's, Rutherglen – Easter Vigil with liturgy of new fire, renewal of Baptismal vows and the first Eucharist of Easter. <i>Easter Day</i> 8am All Souls', Barnawartha – Holy Eucharist; 9:30am St Stephen's, Rutherglen – Sung Eucharist with Sunday School; 11am St Paul's, Chiltern – Holy Eucharist	<i>ST JOHNS WODONGA</i> <i>Palm Sunday</i> 5.00pm [Sat . 25th] 7.30am Holy Eucharist 9.30am Holy Eucharist 6.00pm Taize Service <i>Monday 26th March</i> 7.00pm Holy Eucharist <i>Tuesday 27th March</i> 7.00pm Holy Eucharist, <i>Wednesday 28th March</i> 10.00am Holy Eucharist, 6.00pm Stations of the Cross 7.00pm Holy Eucharist <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7.00pm Holy Eucharist with foot washing and strip-ping of the altar with vigil prayer through the night <i>Good Friday</i> 9.00am Holy Eucharist withThe Solemn Proclamation of the Cross, 12noon – 1.30pm Ecumenical Service & Witness Woodland Grove, Wodonga <i>Saturday</i> 8.00pm The Easter Vigil/Lighting of New Fire <i>Easter Day</i> 7.30am and 9.30am Holy Eucharist <i>EMMANUEL</i> <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7.00pm Uniting Tradition <i>Good Friday</i> 9.00am Uniting Tradition <i>Easter Day</i> 6.00am Anglican Tradition, Lighting of New Fire Holy / Eucharist. 9.00am Anglican tradition <i>BETHANGA</i> <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9.30am Holy Eucharist <i>Easter Day</i> 9.30am Holy Eucharist	
ALPINE	KILMORE	MANSFIELD	YACKANDANDAH	
<i>Contact Parish Directly</i>	<i>Contact Parish Directly</i>	<i>Contact Parish Directly</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 8.45am Tangambalanga <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6pm Tangambalanga service followed by Lenten sup-per (Combined Yackandandah, Tallangatta & Mount Tawonga) <i>Good Friday</i> 9.30am Yackandandah 10.30am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross (Witness Walk) 2 pm Dederang Stations at <i>Easter Day</i> 8.45am Allans Flat 10.30am Yackandandah	
BEECHWORTH	MARYSVILLE	MILAWA	YARRAWONGA	
<i>Palm Sunday</i> 9am Beechworth: Procession, Passion Reading and Eucharist 11am Eldorado: Palm Liturgy and Passion Reading <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7pm Beechworth: Footwashing Liturgy, Eucharist, and Watch <i>Good Friday</i> 9am Beechworth: Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross. 3 pm Eldorado: Passion Liturgy <i>Easter Day Sunday</i> 9am Beechworth: Blessing of the Paschal Candle, Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows and Eucharist 11.15am Eldorado: Easter Eucharist	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 10.00am: Palm Sunday Liturgy and Eucharist – St Thomas, Buxton <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7.00pm: Commemoration of the Last Supper – Christ Church, Marysville <i>Good Friday</i> 12noon: Good Friday Liturgy – Christ Church, Marysville <i>Easter Day</i> 8.30am: Easter Holy Communion – St Thomas, Buxton 10.00am: Easter Family Eucharist – Christ Church, Marysville	<i>Good Friday</i> 9am Milawa <i>Easter Day</i> 9am Milawa	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 7.00, Eucharist 9.30am Inter-church Palm Service in Kennedy Park 10.00am, Sung Eucharist <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7.30pm, The Last Supper with Foot-washing and Stripping the Altar <i>Good Friday</i> 9.00am Good Friday Liturgy - St Cuthbert's 11.00am Good Friday Liturgy - St Thomas, St James 5.00pm, STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ Boomah-noomoonah <i>Holy Saturday</i> 6.00pm Lighting the New Fire and Holy Communion - St Thomas, St James.	
BENALLA	MT BEAUTY/TAWONGA	NORTHERN ALBURY	YEA	
<i>Palm Sunday</i> 8.00 am Eucharist, Holy Trinity Benalla 9.30 am Palms Procession and Eucharist, Holy Trinity Benalla 11.15am Family Service, St Aidan's, Swanpool <i>Tuesday in Holy Week</i> 7.30 pm Guided Meditation, Holy Trinity Benalla <i>Wednesday in Holy Week</i> 7.30 pm Guided Meditation, St Aidan's Swanpool <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6.00 pm Maundy Thursday Meal, Holy Trinity Benalla 8.00 pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy, Holy Trinity Benalla <i>Good Friday</i> 11.15 am Good Friday Liturgy, St Aidan's Benalla 2.00 pm Good Friday Liturgy, Holy Trinity Benalla 5.00 pm Stations of the Cross, Holy Trinity Benalla <i>Holy Saturday</i> 8.00 pm Easter Vigil, Holy Trinity Benalla <i>Easter Day</i> 8.00 am Easter Eucharist, Holy Trinity Benalla 9.30 am Sung Easter Eucharist, Holy Trinity Benalla 11.15 am Easter Eucharist, St Aidan's Swanpool 5.00 pm Easter Eucharist, St Paul's Goorambat	<i>Contact Parish Directly - TBA ring 0418464053</i>	<i>Good Friday</i> Foot washing, Eucharist, followed by Vigil <i>Good Friday</i> 8.45 a.m. St. Luke's, Dookie 9.30 a.m. Service of Reproach, St. Augustine's 10.00 a.m. Combined Murchison & Rushworth at St. Paul's Rushworth <i>**Holy Saturday – there will be NO midnight mass</i> <i>Easter Day</i> <i>**</i> 6.30 a.m. Lighting of the New Fire and Eucharist, St. Augustine's 9.30 a.m St. Augustine's 8.45 a.m. St. Luke's, Dookie 9.00 a.m. St. Paul's, Rushworth 11.00 a.m. Christ Church, Murchison <i>Macedonian Easter Sunday 8th April</i> Service time to be confirmed	<i>Easter Day</i> 7.00am Lightng the New Fire and Holy Communion 10.00am Sung Eucharist	
CENTRAL GOULBURN	NORTHERN ALBURY	TALLANGATTA	WANGARATTA	
<i>Good Friday</i> 9am Christ Church Seymour & 11.00am St.. John's Nagambie. <i>Easter Vigil</i> 7.30pm Christ Church Seymour. <i>Easter Day</i> 8am St. Paul's Avenel, 9.00am Christ Church Seymour & 11.00am St. John's Nagambie	<i>Good Friday</i> 9.00am St Marks 10.30am Ecumenical Walk starting at St Marks, Gulpa St, North Albury <i>Holy Saturday</i> 8.30 pm St James, Urana Rd, Lavington <i>Easter Sunday</i> 8.30am St John's, Table Top Rd, Thurgoona 10.00am St Marks, Gulpa St, North Albury	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 10.30am <i>Good Friday</i> 8.30am <i>Easter Day</i> 8.30am	<i>Good Friday</i> 9.00am Greta <i>Easter Day</i> 9.00am Moyhu 11.00am Whitfield	
COBRAM	WANGARATTA	WANGARATTA	WANGARATTA	
<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6.00pm <i>Good Friday</i> 9.30am <i>Holy Saturday</i> 7.00pm <i>Easter Day</i> 9.30am			<i>Contact Parish Directly</i>	

OUR JOURNEY THROUGH *Lent*

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time.
1 Peter 5:6

Maunday Thursday

BY MOLLY CRAIG

One of the special services in the Parish of Benalla during Holy Week is on Maundy Thursday. Preceding the service, the parish celebrates an Agape Meal. This ancient meal from early Christian times, with a Middle Eastern feel, helps remind us of Jesus and the disciples gathering to share their meals together.

The Maundy Thursday service is very special and quite intimate. Parishioners sit up in the sanctuary, forming a circle encompassing the

altar and the lectern, allowing everyone to feel connected. It begins with hearing the Word, then follows the washing of the feet, the service culminates in the Eucharist, with all the members sharing communion. This service, commemorating the Last Supper, sees the stripping of the sanctuary whilst Psalm 22 is read. Parishioners then spend time in quiet and reflection in the Lady Chapel.

What a wonderful and enriching evening it is for all to be a part of during Holy Week.



A Lenten Meditation

Holy Trinity Cathedral Wangaratta warmly invites all members of the community to join us on **Palm Sunday, 25th March at 12.15pm** for a Lenten Meditation. 'A Lenten Meditation', set in the visual and sonic splendour of Wangaratta's Anglican Cathedral marries readings, both biblical and secular, some striking photographs and images, and the centrepiece, a performance of Pergolesi's masterpiece, Stabat Mater for two sopranos. Two outstanding vocalists, Alexandra Mathew and Jodie Schutte, accompanied by the Cathedral's Director of Music, Hugh Fullarton, will present the Stabat Mater, one of the incomparable glories of all Sacred Music. Attendees are advised that although this is a free event, a collection will be received.

FRCO ARCM B.Mus(Melb) Dip.Ed(Melb) LMusA

Lenten Bread and Soup evenings at St Margaret's, Cobram

BY ROSS SMITH

Each and every Friday evening during the Lenten season, parishioners join together to attend a Stations of the Cross service, followed by a simple shared meal of Soup and Bread as part of a Lenten discipline. Each week volunteers supply 3 different varieties of soup and a variety of breads. An offering bowl is placed where those attending can make an offering on the night and all the monies received are given to the ABM Lenten Appeal.

PHOTO ABOVE: Rev'd Maryann Leonard with some of the parishioners enjoying fellowship over a meal of Soup & Bread.



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Kids' & Young People's Service

BY CAROLINE BURGE

Over the years, the Parish of Kilmore has committed itself to reaching out to young people and young families. With various formats and names, from "Church School" back in the 1980's and 1990's; "K.C.'s" (Kids Club) in the 2000's; "Kids Church" from 2010; and Church 4 Kids from 2015, to a "Service for Kids and Young People"

in 2018 (the name will come later).

The inaugural service for kids and young people took place under the guidance of new Parish Priest Fr André Du Plooy at the end of February. By inviting the young and the young at heart, all who went took part in a short worship service, followed by an activity of making our mark (footprint, hand print etc) on canvas and then a shared dinner for all.

The young people were asked to assist Fr André with planning the next service - with their own choice of music, prayers and even guest speaker.

It was a great start to the year with great things to come.

PHOTO BELOW: Fr André with some of those in attendance with the completed wall mural



WANTED - STAMPS!

BY FR NORM HART

Stamps, postcards, coins can all be sold. The proceeds are sent to ABM. Donations can be sent to Fr Norm Hart, PO Box 303 Euroa 3666 or left at the Diocesan offices or the Cathedral shop.

Although I spent a large part of last year in hospital I was able to trim and sort stamps and I was still able to sell nearly 20 Kilograms of stamps, imagine how much a stamp weighs, now try and imagine how many it takes to make a kilo, I need lots of them!! I was also able to sell a couple of old albums.

Postage can be expensive so please give any large lots to your Parish priest or synods reps and they can bring them to Wangaratta on their next visit.

**St Stephen's 2018**
Festival of Flowers
10/11/12th March
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Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm
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An exhibition of stunning floral arrangements will be displayed in St Stephen's Church over the long weekend. This display has been held for many years and each year there is a different theme. The theme this year:

"The Language of Flowers"

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Part-time Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in Wangaratta 2018

A part-time Unit of CPE will be conducted in Wangaratta in second semester 2018, from 3 July to 21 November. The course will be conducted by the North-east Victoria CPE Centre. It will be coordinated by Dan Murphy, who works as Pastoral Care Coordinator at Northeast Health Wangaratta and is accredited as a Clinical Pastoral Supervisor, with the assistance of Maureen Beattie, who is an Anglican priest associate with Holy Trinity Cathedral in Wangaratta and Pastoral Practitioner with Northeast Health and Anne Wieczorek, a Hospital Chaplain at Bendigo Health, both of whom are Provisional Pastoral Supervisors. It will be located at Northeast Health Wangaratta.

CPE is one of the most highly recognised programs of supervised education for provision of spiritual and pastoral care, and is rarely available outside the metropolitan area. It carries extensive credit in tertiary religious and theological study programs. It is highly recommended for anyone contemplating working in pastoral or spiritual care, especially in a professional role, or in a volunteer capacity and also for those working in other helping professions.

The program will be conducted on Wednesdays from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, with attendance on 3 Tuesdays also required (3 July, 18 September and 20 November). A further day each week is required for delivery of pastoral care in an approved context and further time is also needed for writing reports on pastoral encounters, so participants need to be able to devote at least about 2.5 days each week for the 20 weeks of the program.

Cost of the CPE program is approximately \$1,400.00, or for those enrolled in theological studies, the cost will be the equivalent of 2 Units of study, payable through their University. Prospective applicants should contact the Course Coordinator, Dan Murphy, at dan.murphy1949@gmail.com or on 0408 841 997, for further information and to request an application form. You will need to request an application form before 31 March 2018, and applications must be made by 30 April 2018.



CPE Course Coordinator, Dan Murphy



Co-Supervisor Maureen Beattie



Co-Supervisor Anne Wieczorek

Induction of Fr André Du Plooy into the Parish of Kilmore

BY CAROLINE BURGE

On a wonderfully warm evening on the 24th January, the Rev'd André Jean Du Plooy was Inducted into the Parish of Kilmore. As many would know, Fr André and his wife Patty originally came to Australia from South Africa, but more recently they came to the parish of Kilmore from Shepparton where André has been one of the Assistant priests.

The Induction was a great evening with the Vicar

General, the Very Rev'd Ken Goodger, inducting Fr André; as well as parishioners from Shepparton travelling for the occasion, and a number of Diocesan clergy.

Speeches of welcome were presented by the local Mayor Councillor Rhonda Sanderson on behalf of the Shire; Stephanie Ryan - local MP on behalf of the electorate; the Rev'd Eden Nicholls on behalf of the clergy; Fr Grant O'Neill from the local Roman Catholic Church in Kilmore on behalf of the

other denominations within the parish; and Rector's Warden Caroline Burge.

Fr André responded telling those present that he had done his homework about the Parish of Kilmore, and informed all that "Kilmore means "Great Church". He did suggest we try and change the name of the town, but we couldn't see this happening.

A great new ministry is coming for the Parish which will be received with joy and enthusiasm.



Diocesan Choral Evensong for Mothering Sunday

Sunday the 11th of March, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is also Mothering Sunday, the Sunday of the year when we celebrate our own mothers, Mary, Mother of our Lord, and Mother Church. Holy Trinity Cathedral, the Mother Church of our Diocese, will be holding once

again this year, a special Choral Evensong for Mothering Sunday at 5.00pm. Everyone in the Diocese is invited to join in this special celebration, which will include a traditional 'clipping of the church', which comes from the Old English word 'clypan' meaning 'to embrace'.

The ceremony involves the congregation holding hands in a ring inside the Cathedral and walking around the nave to 'embrace' the Mother Church. Following Evensong, supper will be served in Purbrick Hall.








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GOODBYE & GOD BLESSINGS FOR MINSTER OF ANGLICAN PARISH

BY DIANE GRANT

Fr Gary Atherton and his wife Karen were welcomed at Christ Church in September 2015, to the Anglican parish of central Goulburn.

For just over two years they conducted a valuable ministry amongst the parish folk in St John's Nagambie. St Paul's Avenel and at Christ Church in Seymour.

The couple have been very popular and supported the Christ Church 150th anniversary just after arriving in the area and the St John's 130th in October 2017.

They were very active with the last two years of the Seymour Quilt and Craft Fair, the Adopt a Granny day at Puckapunyal, New Years Eve kids stalls, monthly POUR and annual NOW Festival, ecumenical services and family ones and Kids Club holiday programs in Nagambie.

They also supported the Mother's Union branch and their activities in the parish and Diocese and the Anglican

Debutante Ball last June.

Fr Gary and Karen were very talented with their puppet plays that featured stories and lessons with a Christian meaning that all could understand. The local children enjoyed having the team of Fr Gary's puppets in the church services and the clever quiz games that Karen derived for them to play.

Christmas in July and trivia events, Carols by Candlelight and Christmas community teas were also on their agenda.

Support of his parishioners endeared Fr Gary to the folk at each centre. His pastoral role also included weddings, funerals, baptisms, Bible studies, and home, hospital and hostel visiting.

The Parish was informed recently that Fr Gary had accepted a new post at Cardiff near Newcastle, and after some leave, will take over as their priest on 11 April.

Nagambie folk said farewell to them both on Sunday, 4 February, after the

family service with ever popular puppet Hamish also farewelled.

The rest of the parish were able to attend a formal farewell at Christ Church Seymour on Sunday, 11 February.

The Athertons will be missed and were thanked for being a great encouragement and support to many locals and they were thanked for all the dedication, spiritual support, love and care they gave to the parish centres and the community

The Nagambie Lakes Men's Shed guys cooked the bbq lunch on Sunday 4 February, and they thanked Fr Gary for his friendship and support over the past two years.

Normal Sunday services will be held at Christ Church, 9.00am, St John's services at 11am and St Paul's on the first Sunday at 8am with locum priests for the next few months. Details from church office. 5792 1101

PHOTO BELOW: Nagambie locals said farewell to Fr Gary Atherton and his wife Karen.



Farewell to Fr Scott Jessup

BY ANN BORSCHMANN

Great appreciation was shown for Fr Scott Jessup's work in the Alpine Parish at his farewell function on 31st December. A barbecue was held in the Rectory gardens at Myrtleford to say goodbye to Fr Scott and his much-loved family: his wife Kate and the three girls, Ruby, Maggie and Clare. A crowd of people from the 4 congregations and from the community gathered to express their thanks to Fr Scott for his ministry. The Alpine Parish spans quite a distance, from St John's in Whorouly, to St Paul's in Myrtleford, to All Saints in Bright and to St Etheldreda's in Harrietteville. Working as a part-time priest has had

its challenges with such a lot of time spent travelling from one end of the Ovens valley to the other. Fr Scott managed to do this with good grace, as well as introducing us to Taize services, blessing-of-pets services and even showing us native orchids on "Walk, Talk & Gawk" outings. He encouraged the establishment of the Community Garden on church grounds at Bright. He and other local church leaders have led ecumenical services outdoors for Easter, bringing the Church out to the people of the community.

Kate and the girls have gathered children to St Paul's, running a successful Sunday School. Their company and leadership will

be greatly missed. They have made many friends in the community, taking part in various local activities.

The whole family's musical and artistic abilities have been a treat for the rest of us to enjoy and appreciate. As keen gardeners, they have made the Rectory garden a beautiful space in the heart of Myrtleford.

Fr Scott and Kate face life's challenges with a calmness that demonstrates their faith, and is a fine example to us all. We of the Alpine Parish will miss them, but we wish them well as they begin their next stage of ministry and family life in Rutherglen/Chiltern.

Safe Church Safe People

New Safe Church Resource

BY NIKKI COLLINS

Before starting development of the Diocese's new website many heads came together to think about what we needed to have in it. From the earliest of discussions it was clear that Safe Church matters needed a greater presence. This offered us an opportunity to develop a really useful online tool via the website – a central source for current information about safety and risk management, plus tools and links to support Safe Church.

The online Safe Church resource can be found on the website (www.wangaratta-anglican.org.au) under the Safe Church tab. Currently this is a single page of information, resources and links. Prominent on the page is information on how to report concerns of abuse within the church, and also where to get help if you, or someone you know, needs support for any reason. You will also find a number of documents and tools, information on key contacts/roles and links to external resources such as the working with children check official sites.

As the Child Safe and Safe Church environment continues to develop in Victoria and NSW (and nationally following the release of the Royal Commission report), and as the systems review and implementation processes continue in the Diocese, the online Safe Church resource will grow. A Frequently Asked Questions section is currently under development and will expand over time to answer those questions raised through the diocesan committees and as we talk to people from across the diocese. The Documentation and Resources section will also continue to grow as policies and tools are finalised that will support each of us, especially those in leadership positions, to ensure the Church is a safe and welcoming place for all people. (The online resource will be reflected in a hard copy resource kit to be provided to each parish later in the year.)

If you have any questions or comments on the Safe Church webpage content or suggestions on what might be good to include in the future, please contact the Registry or the Diocesan Safe Church Officer on pabishop@wangaratta-anglican.org.au.



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Watch this space for more information, and your inbox. If you have not received any e-mails from us for a while please update your details. See below

NB. We are still negotiating price and planning the program. If you would like to know more or would like to offer some ideas/assistance please contact DLD Mary Pearson at marypear@hotmail.com or on 0418 167 968. De Colores

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Mothers' Union News and Events 2018

BY MARY MUNTZ

Last September members of Anglican Mothers' Union Australia celebrated the 125th year since the first meeting was held on a Rectory veranda in Tasmania. When considering the worldwide expansion of Mothers' Union I found a history written by Violet B. Lancaster and discovered the women of Christchurch New Zealand held their first meeting in 1887, the same year that the first Diocesan Conference was held in Winchester, England. The "Mothers' Union Journal" was published in January 1888. By January 1889 Mothers' Union was active in almost every English Diocese and in India and Canada as well. Many people in our Diocese buy Mothers' Union Christmas cards printed in Australia, the first MU Christmas cards were printed in England in 1891.

The first meeting of Council of Presidents was held in London 1893. In 1895 a suggestion that March 25th be observed by Mothers' Union Members as a day of Prayer and Praise was accepted. In 1924 it was resolved that if the 25th of March was not suitable in any particular year, then The Feast of the Annunciation be kept on a day appointed by the church. This is also known as Lady Day, and in Wangaratta Diocese is celebrated with a sung Eucharist in Holy Trinity Cathedral. It is the first of two important celebrations for Mothers' Union each year. The second is August 9th when members worldwide celebrate Mary Sumner Day in recognition of the life of Mary Sumner who encouraged women from the parish "to meet regularly in order to help one another to realise more fully their responsibilities as wives and mothers"

The importance of prayer in MU activities was strengthened in 1921 when "The Invalids Prayer Circle" began. Our Diocese has a Prayer Circle of members from each branch who are committed to praying for those who are ill, recovering or mourning. Miss Sue Fyfe, from Albury Parish is the Coordinator. Each Mothers' Union branch has Prayer Circle members who are willing to see names are added when requested. In August each year Wangaratta members also remember Prayer Partners in other Diocese around the world as part of the Worldwide Wave of Prayer which also begun in 1921.

In 1936 Mothers' Union Members celebrated the Diamond Jubilee with a Pageant held in Royal Albert Hall. At the same time Mrs Dicker, wife of Diocesan priest Fr Theodore Dicker, was in London and visited MU headquarters at Mary Sumner House. She expressed great interest in the Aims and Objects, learning all she could about the organisation. On her return to Wangaratta she encouraged the ladies from the Cathedral congregation to form the first branch in the Diocese. The current members celebrated the Branch's eightieth birthday in 2016 with a luncheon.

Farewell at Kilmore

BY CAROLINE BURGE

In early February, parishioners were saddened to farewell one of their young families who were moving back to Melbourne. Sarah and Rob Elliott, with children Sam, Jacob and Jocelyn were regular worshippers at Christ Church since they moved to Kilmore in late 2016. Prior to Rob and Sarah working at Assumption College, both played an active role in sport in Australia with Sarah playing for the Australian Womens Cricket Team, and Rob involved in many aspects of Cricket Management both in Victoria and the Northern Territory. On a more local level though, both also played

a big part in getting Church 4 Kids back off the ground for children and young families in the parish. With a young family themselves of two boys when they arrived in the parish, to welcoming baby Jocelyn in August last year, Sarah and Rob made quite an impact with their children's ministry.

It is always sad to lose parishioners, but we wish the whole family all God's blessings as they restart their new life back in Melbourne. Thank you Sarah and Rob for your generous natures and for all you gave to the parish in the time you were here.



SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS...

Same Sex Marriage: a Layman Reflects

BY GRACE BEER

I was glad to see that The Advocate published the opinion piece entitled 'Reflecting on Same Sex Marriage' in January of this year, because it also gives me the opportunity to reflect and comment.

The views of Christians are diverse on this subject, and what the reflection in January's edition demonstrates quite ably is the view that has recently been expressed openly in the media, in private conversations, in small groups, and on social media. A contrary Christian view, that the author of the above-mentioned article and many other Christians have parodied and derided, is also mentioned in that reflection. In a brief comment I cannot cover all the issues raised, but I would like to respectfully discuss one of them.

Truth is something that we humans come to only with great difficulty (if at all) and so it is in this case. One of my burning questions is this: How should followers of Jesus Christ respond to the ethical dilemmas of this life? Christians have always taken the written Word (the Bible), Church Tradition, and Spirit-inspired Reasoning together as a guide to resolve moral and ethical matters. The world (those systems and traditions that reject the rule of God) rely on human reasoning, local traditions,

and instinct. Our present age also relies very heavily on feelings and slogans - both features of the campaign for marriage 'equality'.

As the contribution that follows in the January Advocate ('Practice What We Preach') illustrates, once we conform to the world's way of thinking we have to grapple with the clear commandments of God without the steadying influence of traditional means of Christian guidance.

As Christians, we are followers of Jesus Christ, God incarnate. What are we doing as a church, then, if we follow the world in this matter? Our standard of life is to be measured by the holiness of God, not by the idea that our wants and desires should be regarded as rights. The Bible from beginning to end presents God's definition and description of marriage, and classes any deviation from this standard as rebellion against God himself and a violation of personal integrity. Jesus endorsed that definition by reference to Genesis chapter 2; St Paul also holds true to Scripture in his teaching about sexual relationships in his letter to the Roman church; John, the Apostle of Love, is very clear in what he says about the holiness of God, human sexual sin and the consequences of it. Are we greater than Jesus? Can anyone claim to equal the inspiration and intellectual

brilliance of the Apostle Paul? Will any reader condemn as a homophobe that disciple whom Jesus loved and who leaned on his breast?

Scripture has not changed; church tradition has continued unchanged for 2000 years; and the course of reasoning from Nature is clear. What has changed is the world's attitudes. Not even in the society that has come closest to endorsing same sex relationships - the pagan one which Paul described in Romans 1 - was same sex marriage sanctioned; however, they elevated the sexual relationship of married man and teenage male lover above the married (heterosexual) couple.

I will not discuss the matter of 'love', here, except to say that our English language is most inadequate to deal with its nuances. I think most of us would agree that we must treat with caution the word as it used in popular writing.

The world can and will do as it likes. I believe that our responsibility is to live our lives with integrity and authenticity in Christ's service, motivated by his love (not to be equated with sentimentality) and exercising humility, compassion and forbearance. Sometimes this way of life will draw scorn and even hatred from the world around us; I, for one, am resolved to carry that cross if necessary.

A Response to - Reflecting on Same Sex Marriage

BY PETER W MARTIN

As I walked into church this morning, 11/2, I picked up February's Advocate and coming to page 6, the Spirit within convulsed. In response to an article published on same sex marriage, I am appalled that it could tie Mary, the mother of Christ into the secular thrust for SSM is beyond my comprehension.

Here we have purity being equalised with a spiritual condition which leads to the second death. Yes, we are called and obliged to love the sinner, but we are told in specific terms not to love the sin. Romans 1: 20-32, paints an accurate picture of society's current state with a specific warning to those who don't follow that conduct but accept it.

Contrary to one point, there is absolutely no scientific evidence supporting genetics being a cause. As for Steve Fowl's idea - my opinion is that we are called to study Scripture and let the Holy Spirit interpret it for us.

Having been called by God to walk through an issue relating to homosexuality, having been threatened with legal action and as a direct result having had two experiences on the streams and mountains surrounding Whitfield, I can without any fear of contradiction say that God has not changed His mind. That is, that homosexuality leads to the second death [Revelation 21/8].

Now, as true Christian soldiers of faith, who have put on the armour of God,

our duty to our King is to present the Gospel of Good News --- the Cross - and to lead all to Jesus to be healed. I have done this in a small way - I know it works - I know God lives - and I know Christ Jesus our Saviour King is there willing and able to bring healing to all who truly desire to change. That is the Gospel that is our task - so why are the faithful being lead into the acceptance of that which is not of or from God?

Worse, these articles diminish the power and authority of the Cross and our calling.

It is time to open our Spiritual eyes and ears and listen to God and not the quest of the rulers of the secular world.

Everyone is invited to contribute their thoughts and ideas to this section. Submissions must include a name to be printed with the article and should be kept to about 300 words.

Publication of all contributions is dependent on space availability and are printed at the discretion of the publisher. The views expressed in this section are not necessarily the views of the Diocese of Wangaratta.

This edition will be the last one on the topic of same sex marriage.



Centenary of the ABM Good Friday Gift

This year marks the centenary since the Anglican Board of Mission – Australia first began collecting donations for the Good Friday Gift in support of people in the Holy Land.

The ABM Good Friday Gift is an annual appeal which traditionally focuses on fund-raising for ABM’s partner, the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Today the Church is made up of four dioceses, three of them multi-national. The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem covers Palestine, Israel, Lebanon Syria and Jordan. The Episcopal Diocese of Egypt, North Africa and the Horn of Africa is made up of Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Djibouti and Somalia. The Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf comprises Cyprus, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Yemen. The fourth Diocese is the Diocese of Iran.

The birth of the Good Friday Gift was set against the backdrop of World War 1, where key moments took place in the Middle East. The Sinai and Palestine Campaign saw fighting take place between the British Empire and the Ottoman Empire, assisted by the German Empire. The British imperial forces were boosted by Australian diggers. Many families here will have relatives in their family trees who fought in Palestine between 1915 and 1918.

As fighting raged, ABM received a Cry from the Holy Land, an appeal on behalf of the ‘distressed and starving peoples of Palestine and Syria [...] sent to elicit the sympathy and to enlist the co-operation of the Christians in Australia’.

This cry for help was promoted to ABM’s supporters in October 1917 and is the beginning of ABM’s relationship with the Church in the Holy Land. Funds were distributed ‘to the poor and destitute irrespective of race or creed. Train loads of food, clothing and medical stores were got through ...’

Thus it was that in 1918 the first monies sent by Australian Anglicans through ABM reached those in Palestine whose lives had been turned upside down by imperial conflict.

This tradition continues today through the generosity of many modern-day Australian Anglicans, enabling local church institutions, such as those run by EpiscoCare in Egypt, to serve those in need regardless of faith background.

ABM has supported the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza for many years, including during times of emergency. The hospital’s value to the local community is immeasurable, helping Arabs whether they are Christian or Muslim, and providing a tangible witness to the love of Christ in action.

The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East has seen many changes since those early days, with more of an indigenous church represented today. It is reassuring to know that Christians in the Middle East continue to serve God through faithful service and that the ABM Good Friday Gift continues to fund their good deeds.

Find out more about the ABM Good Friday Gift Appeal at www.abmission.org/GoodFriday18



The Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) is the national mission agency of the Anglican Church of Australia. For over 160 years ABM has been assisting people all over the world to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, provide health and education services, improve agricultural practices and strengthen the Church.

Church Mice

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But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.'

~ Matthew 28:5-6

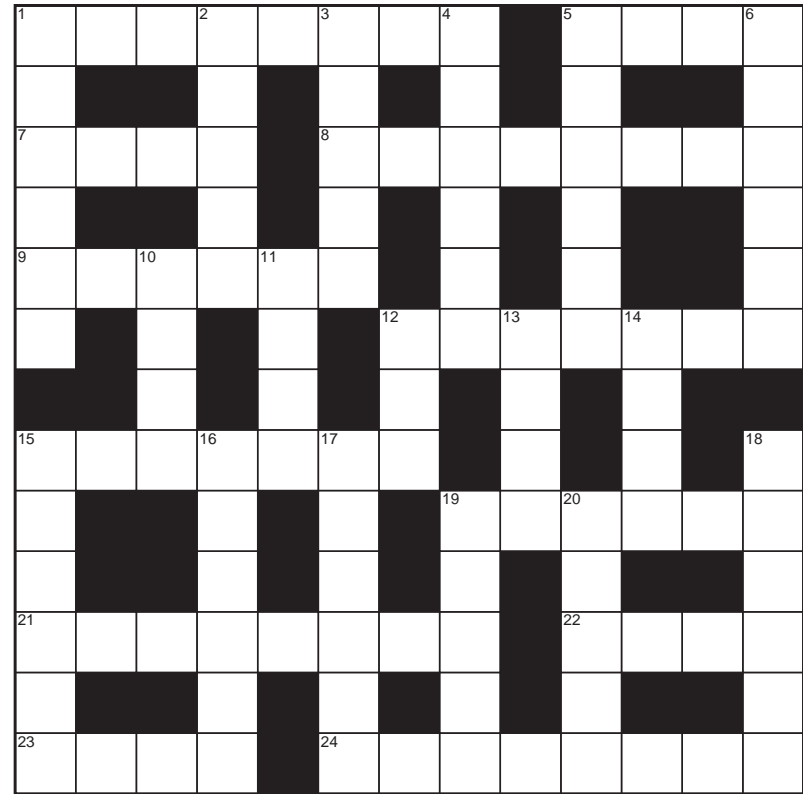
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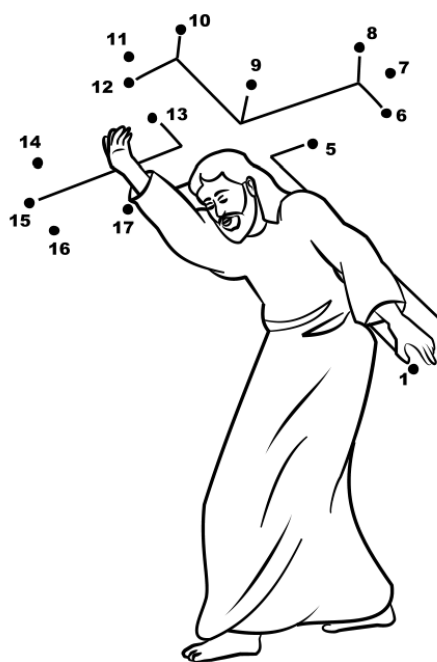
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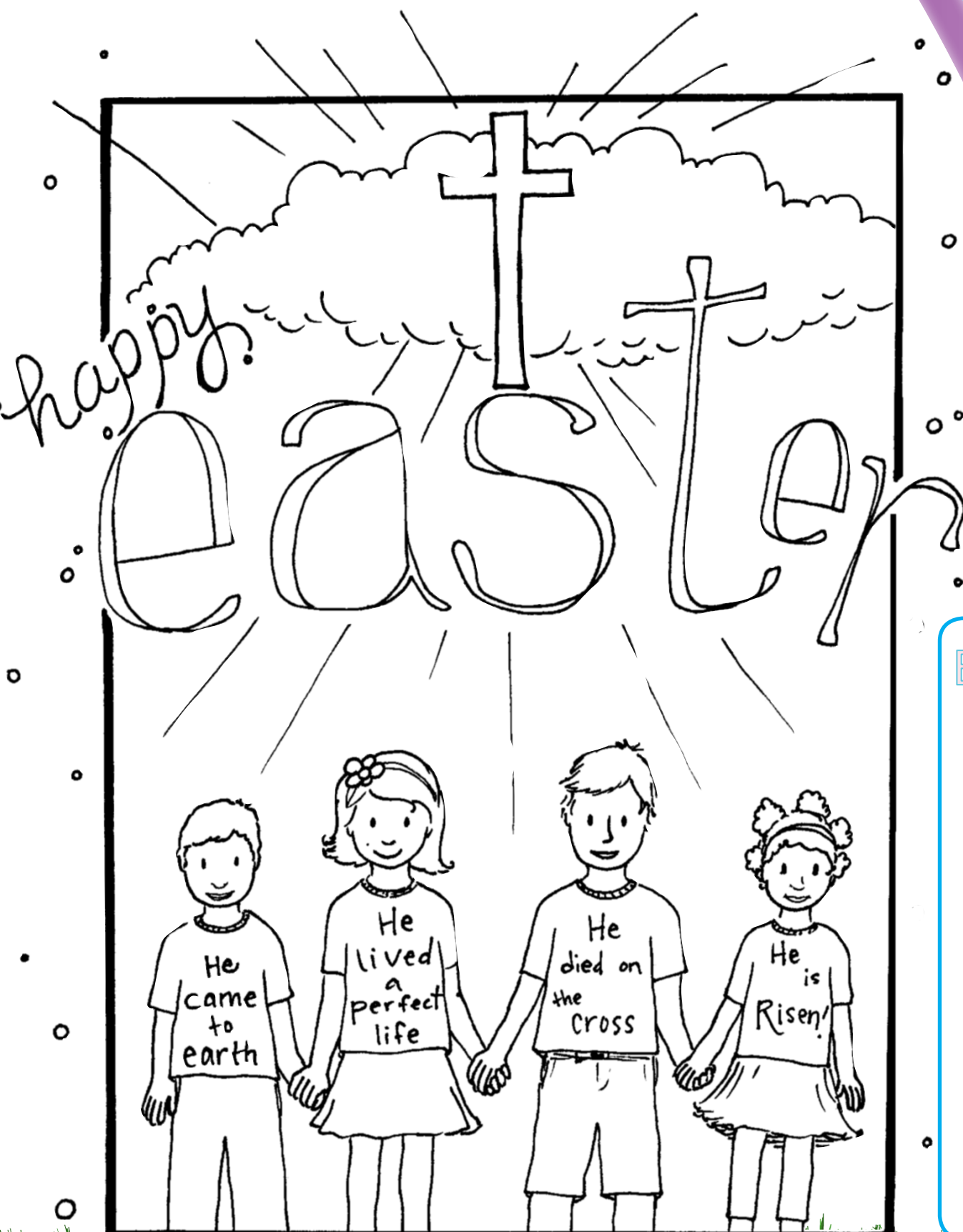
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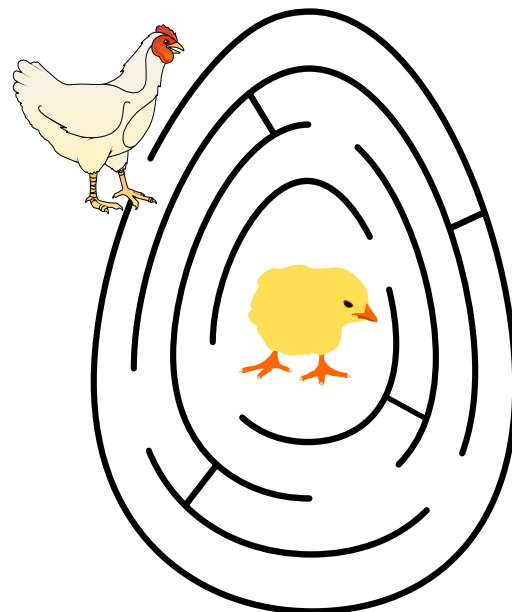
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ALEXANDRA <i>St John's, Alexandra</i> Sunday 9.30am Eucharist	EUROA <i>St Paul's Euroa</i> Sunday 9.30am Eucharist Wednesday 10am <i>St Andrew's Longwood</i> 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday 8am <i>St Dunstan's Violet Town</i> 2nd & 4th Sunday 11.30am	NUMURKAH NATHALIA <i>St George's Numurkah</i> Sunday 10.30am Sung Eucharist <i>Holy Trinity Nathalia</i> Sunday 9.00am Eucharist 4th Tuesday 10.00am Eucharist <i>St Paul's Wakiti Creek</i> 1st Sunday 7.30am Holy Communion	WANGARATTA WEST & WARBYS <i>St Michael's Wangaratta West</i> Sunday 9.30am Tuesday 10am <i>St Paul's Glenrowan</i> Sunday 11am <i>St George's Taminick</i> 1st & 3rd Sunday 8am <i>St Johns Village Chapel</i> Tuesday 10am + Saturday 5pm
ALPINE <i>All Saints, Bright</i> Wednesdays 9:30am Sunday 11am Eucharist <i>St Paul's Myrtleford</i> Sunday 9.15am Eucharist Wednesday 11am Eucharist <i>St John's Whorouly</i> Sunday 8am Eucharist <i>St Etheldreda's Harrietville</i> 3rd Thursday 10.30am Eucharist	KILMORE <i>Christ Church Kilmore</i> Sunday 9am Sung Eucharist 4th Sunday 5pm Meditation Service <i>St Matthew's Broadford</i> Sunday 11am Holy Eucharist <i>St Stephen's Tallarook</i> Sunday 11am Holy Eucharist <i>Church of the Transfiguration Pyalong</i> 1st & 3rd Sunday 4pm Holy Eucharist 5th Sunday 11am Family Service rotates between Broadford, Tallarook and Pyalong see parish website for Church	RUTHERGLEN CHILTERN <i>St Stephen's Rutherglen</i> Sunday 8.45am Eucharist Thursday 9.00am Eucharist (M.U. on 2nd) <i>All Soul's Barnawartha</i> 2nd & 4th Sunday 10.45am Eucharist <i>Browns Plains</i> 3rd Sunday 7.45am Kids Church during Term 5th Sun 10.45am <i>St Paul's Chiltern</i> 1st & 3rd Sunday 10.45am Eucharist Wednesday 9.00am Eucharist <i>Christ the King Wahgunyah</i> 4th Saturday 6pm Eucharist	WODONGA <i>St John's Wodonga</i> Saturday 5pm Vigil Eucharist Sunday 7.30am Eucharist 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Wednesday 9am Meditation 10am Eucharist 4th Sunday 6pm Taize 5th Sunday 6pm Choral Evensong <i>Emmanuel</i> 1st & 3rd Sundays 9am Sung Eucharist <i>Holy Trinity Bethanga</i> 4th Sunday 9.30am Eucharist
BEECHWORTH <i>Christ Church Beechworth</i> Sundays 9am Sung Parish Eucharist Wednesdays 10am Eucharist <i>St Jude's Eldorado</i> Sundays 11am Divine Worship 1st & 3rd Sundays Eucharist 2nd & 4th Sundays Morning Prayer.	MANSFIELD <i>St John's Mansfield</i> Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion Friday 12 noon Meditation <i>Christ Church Bonnie Doon</i> 2nd Sunday 11.30am Anglican Church Service 4th Sunday 11.30am - Uniting Church Service <i>St Peter's Jamieson</i> 1st Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion	SHEPPARTON <i>St Augustine's Shepparton</i> Sunday: Eucharist 8.30am, 10.30am (Family Service) Fifth Sunday: combined service 9.30am Wednesday: Eucharist 10am <i>St. Luke's Dookie</i> 2nd Sunday: 8.45am: Eucharist 4th Sunday 9am alt. with Uniting Church. <i>Christ Church Murchison</i> Sunday: 11am: Eucharist 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays; Morning Prayer 4th Sunday <i>St. Paul's Rushworth</i> Sunday : 9am: Eucharist 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays; Morning Prayer 4th Sunday 5th Sunday combined Murchison/Rushworth service.	YACKANDANDAH <i>Holy Trinity Yackandandah</i> 1st& 3rd Sundays 10.30am Eucharist 2nd & 4th Sunday 10.30 Morning prayer <i>St Mark's Tangambalanga</i> 2nd Sunday 10.30 Eucharist 4th Sunday 8.45am Eucharist <i>St Paul's Allan's Flat</i> 1st & 3rd Sunday 8.45am Eucharist <i>St Andrew's Dederang</i> 1st & 3rd Sunday 7.00pm Eucharist
BENALLA <i>Holy Trinity, Benalla</i> Sunday 8am Eucharist 9.30am Sung Eucharist Monday 10am Eucharist (Cooinda Nursing Home) Thursday 9.30am Eucharist <i>St Paul's Goorambat</i> 1st Sunday 5pm Eucharist <i>St Aidan's Swanpool</i> 2nd & 4th Sunday 11.15am Eucharist	MARYSVILLE <i>Marysville</i> 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday 10.00am <i>St Thomas Buxton</i> 2nd & 4th Sunday 10am	TALLANGATTA <i>Christ Church Tallangatta</i> Sunday 9.00 am 4th Sunday Family Service 10.30 am	YARRAWONGA <i>St Cuthbert's Yarrawonga</i> Sunday 7am Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist Wednesday 10am <i>St Thomas' St James</i> 1st, 2nd & 4th Sunday 8.30am Eucharist
CENTRAL GOULBURN <i>Christ Church Seymour</i> Sunday 9am Wednesday 10am <i>St. John's Nagambie</i> Sunday 11am <i>St. Paul's Avenel</i> 8am 1st Sunday of the Month	MILAWA <i>St Paul's Milawa</i> 2nd & last Sunday 9am Eucharist		YEA <i>St Luke's Yea</i> Sunday 9.15am Holy Eucharist Thursday 9am Morning Prayer
COBRAM <i>St Margaret's Cobram</i> Sunday 9-9.15am reflection time 9.30am Eucharist 5th Sunday Parish Eucharist Wednesday 10am.	MT BEAUTY/TAWONGA <i>St Aidan's Tawonga</i> 1st and 3rd Sunday at 5.00pm		

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PHOTO CAPTIONS

1. Patty DuPlooy having her hands painted for the first hand print at the Parish of Kilmore.

2. The young and the young at heart - Dean, Gareth and Beris from the Parish of Kilmore

3. St Johns Wodonga Choir and Friends after singing in the service of 9 lessons and Carols in December 2017

4. Parishioners enjoying pancake night on shrove Tuesday at the Parish of Wodonga.

5 & 6 Before and after photo's representing new life for Easter at St Augustines, Shepparton.