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THE TRUE MEANING OF Christmas

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

What has Santa Claus got to do with Christmas?

patron Saint of the Netherlands known to us as St Nicholas. The fame of St Nicholas is as celebrated as the detail of his life is obscure.

For one about whom we know so little, St Nicholas has become one of the most popular Saints. He is the one Saint who is revered by both Christians and non-Christians

alike, he is the real Santa Claus.

The name "Santa Claus" is an St Nicholas was born in Patara American corruption of the Dutch in Lycia, part of the country we "Sinterklaas". Sinterklaas is the now know as Turkey, of wealthy Christian parents. Sadly for Nicholas, his parents died while he was still young. Yet throughout his life he continued to practice their strong Christian faith and their generosity and commitment to caring for others.

> Legend has it that Nicholas heard by chance of a rich man who has lost all his money. The man had

three daughters of marriageable age but no money for their dowries. Their fate would have the chimney, with the same joyous been slavery or worse for the three girls had Nicholas not intervened. Secretly at night, Nicholas climbed on to the roof of the man's house and dropped a small bag of gold down the chimney. In the morning the poor family rejoiced as their eldest daughter was now assured a respectable marriage. Yet there was still sadness for the other two daughters.

The next night, Nicholas again

dropped a small bag of gold down result in the morning. Realising that there might be a third gift that night, the father hid so that he might be able to recognise their mysterious benefactor and thank him for his generosity. As Nicholas climbed down from the roof, the father embraced Nicholas and fell to his knees in praise. Nicholas however, quickly exhorted the man to rise and offer his thanks and praise to God, for God's goodness and for the gifts.

When asked why he gave the gifts, Nicholas replied that "it is good to give and have only God know about it."

Although many acts, legends and miracles were to become part of the legacy of St Nicholas, he always directed the praise to Nicholas' whole life was a Christian life, and an active life dedicated to God's work as a servant of Christ. Indeed, the townsfolk of Patara saw Nicholas as a gift from God.

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DEVELOPING MINISTRY TOGETHER

BY FR CLARENCE BESTER

DIOCESAN APPRENTICESHIP MODEL OF MINISTRY

Given the reality of the Church today, the constraints and the changing patterns of ministry, there is a need to reconsider how Clergy are trained to fulfil their roles. Just as the early gatherings of Christians organised themselves to suit the needs of the time, so must the present-day Church pay particular attention to the training of newly-ordained clergy.

The Parish Administration Act has little to say regarding ministry patterns for Assisting Clergy. There is reference only to accommodation and their full role on Parish Council. However, the longstanding assumption is that newly ordained Deacons and Priests one-to-four-year serve a curacy under a Rector or Priest-in- Charge as referred to in the November article in the Advocate on Developing Ministry Together.

In the Diocese of Wangaratta and in the present economic climate, with many Churches not being able to afford the ministry of a full-time Priest, it is becoming more difficult to accommodate a Curacy Model. Some Clergy entering ministry might be older, with long-standing secular experience, but would still need mentoring and supervision as they settle into parishes, sometimes as the only clergy person in a Parish.

To accommodate the training of curates, or to implement an apprentice model, the Diocese has set aside a small amount of money from the Church Extension Fund. Considering the cost of a clergy person in a Parish, it is obvious that any amount will easily be depleted, even combined with a Parish contribution, after a short to medium period. In most instances, curates can only be placed where there is no Rector or Priest-In-Charge, or in a Parish where a second clergy person can be afforded. Part of the constraints that we have is the lack of finances and the limited numbers of clergy entering ministry or offering to join the Diocese from elsewhere.

Shaping a model of Ministry:

As the Diocese moves from the traditional Curacy Model to an Apprenticeship Model of Ministry, this will be set up with all those ordained in the past year and who are either licensed as Assisting Clergy or as Priest-In-Charge under supervision and mentoring. The apprenticeship model would have the Archdeacon Ministry Development (ADFMD) as Ministry Supervisor and Mentor, the recently ordained clergy person who is the 'Apprentice' looking after the day to day ministry of the Parish, and an experienced clergy person (full-time or retired) in a nearby parish for voluntary weekly contact in relation to homiletics.

Regular Professional Development Sessions (PDS) as part of a Post Ordination Training Programme will take place at least twice a month, one with each of the clergy in their respective context of ministry and one collectively that provides a type of 'on the job' training for ministry facilitated by the ADFMD and presented by a group of practical experienced clergy with specific areas of expertise as identified by the Bishop of the Diocese.

The idea is to get more clergy involved in the official once a month programme so that resources and experiences can be shared. Those appointed to this model will be termed as 'Priest or Deacon Assisting' or Priest-In-Charge under the supervision of the ADFMD and the financial component for apprenticeship model will be calculated as to the agreed formula in relation to the Diocesan Administrative Circular and Diocesan Finance Committee.

Consideration can be given, after a period of 12 months, to the Apprentice taking on the role of Priest-In-Charge, once the necessary Theological Qualifications have been obtained. In some instances, a Deacon can also work alongside a retired Priest or a Priest in a neighbouring Parish

to fulfil a function of looking after the daily ministry of a Parish.

Focus Areas

After consultation with the Bishop, the follow areas of training have been identified:

- The Order of Celebrating the Eucharist, Vestments, Vessels and Sacristy.
- Pastoral & Sacramental Engagements.
- Contextual and Creative Liturgical Expressions.
- Homiletics and Hermeneutics: Preaching & Teaching in Context.
- Process of Facilitation
 & Effective Parish
 Administration.
- Understanding the Parish Administration Act in relation to Functions of Parish Council and Church Wardens.
- Understanding the Operational Structure of the Anglican Church of Australia and Diocese of Wangaratta.
- Contextual Models of Ministry: Mission, Evangelism & Outreach.
- Congregational Analysis, Envisioning, Strategic Planning and Collaborative Ministry.
- Learning Style Characteristics, Conflict Management & Resolution.
- Pathways Model 7 Marks of a Healthy Church.
- Wider Community Connections and Fundraising Resources.

One on One Interaction

- This will happen every six weeks with a designated Apprentice between 2-4 hours focussing on Personal and Professional Development in a Supervisory and Mentoring capacity.
- A further focus will be to look at the implementation strategies of the group discussions and any other questions relating to ministry or management processes.
- It is also envisaged that approximately every six weeks, the ADFMD

will come alongside a designated Apprentice within a divine service to worship and assess the ministry development and to provide feedback in relation to the aforementioned.

 The ADFMD will be available as a first point of contact in relation to ministry matters.

Apprentice Advisor

- Weekly or bi-weekly meetings between one and one and a half hours where possible to discuss the following Sunday/s readings.
- The Apprentice to prepare a draft sermon and to discuss with the Advisor, sending an electronic copy before meeting time.
- Advisor to provide feedback and to possibly look at a final draft which can be submitted electronically.
- The next meeting should start with a reflection on a previous sermon.

Apprentice & Parish Ministry Support Group

- The ADFMD to set up a group of not more than three persons who are not part of the Parish Council to act as a Ministry Support Group to any 'Deacon/Priest Assisting' or any 'Priest-In-Charge under supervision and mentoring'.
- The group and Apprentice to meet at least every 6 weeks to raise and discuss any ministry concerns and to assist the Apprentice where possible with any matters that will assist the clergy person in any way.
- THE ADFMD to join some of those sessions and regular two-way reporting to take place.

It is hoped that this model will be developed further in the coming months especially after an evaluation by the end of next year. It is a draft model and the future changes will also be in line with changing circumstances.

The Advocate Team would like to wish our readers and contributors all the love, peace and blessings of Christmas and may your year be filled with happiness



Introducing the Rev'd Neil Hicks

The Revd Neil Hicks joined the Diocese just over a year ago and was inducted to the Parish of Yarrawonga on the 11/11/2017 with a hopeful time of 11am. Unfortunately, it being Remembrance Day, the time had to be moved to 11:30 am as many parishioners wanted to join in the Community Remembrance Day activity.

Neil and his wife Sue joined us from the Diocese of Melbourne and the Parish of St Paul's Geelong where Neil served as Vicar for 12 years and as Archdeacon of Geelong for 10 years. Born and bred in Tongala near Kyabram, Neil felt a call to Ministry in his early twenties and pursued his Theological studies at St. Barnabas Theological College, Belair, South Australia. Now being ordained for 30 years, Neil started his ministry as a Curate in the Parishes of Maryborough, then Mildura and then as Rector of the Parish Robinvale/Manangatang, all in the Bendigo Diocese. He then served at the Parish of Point Lonsdale (Melbourne), followed by an appointment as Dean of Sale in Gippsland before returning to the Diocese of Melbourne to take up the position as Vicar of Balwyn North for 4 years before moving to St Paul's Geelong. During his time in Melbourne, Neil served on Archbishop in Council as well as Provincial Council. Minutes of the last Provincial Council attended by Neil referred to



Archbishop Freier expressing his great appreciation for Neil's invaluable contribution to the Diocese of Melbourne and Provincial Council.

One of Neil's great passions is music, mostly classical, pipe organ, brass and Abba. Good Liturgy is deeply important to Neil and he enjoys devising services for the Church's various celebrations.

Sue feels called to the contemplative lifestyle and is Secretary of the Community of Aidan and Hilda Australia - a Celtic, Neo Monastic community based on Lindisfarne in UK. Sue's other interests are vegetable gardening, dogs and

choral music.

They have a son, Callum who is a Sub Lieutenant in the Australian Navy presently serving at HMAS Watson, Sydney and who is the Godson of Bishop Garry Weatherill. Callum is an accomplished musician who plays, tuba, trombone, piano and pipe organ.

The Diocese and the Parish of Yarrawonga are really privileged to have Neil and Sue as part of the wider Diocesan family and we look forward to his ministry as Director of Vocations as he guides enquirers to discern God's will for their lives.

PHOTO ABOVE: Reverend Neil and Sue Hicks

Rats! Cathedral Organ Damaged

BY FR KEN GOODGER

In July of this year, a maintenance inspection found that rats had caused substantial damage to the bellows of the Cathedral's Henry Willis & Sons organ, rendering the instrument unplayable.

The organ, built in 1922, was

initially placed in a Church in Dublin, Ireland. It was rebuilt and installed in its present location in 1993. It is considered one of the finest instruments in Australia.

An initial estimate of the cost of repairing the organ is in the order of \$100,000. The Cathedral has started a

public appeal for donations. If you would be interested in helping to restore this jewel of the Diocese, please either phone the Cathedral Office on (03) 5721 3719 or e-mail: wangarattacathedraloffice@bigpond.com.au. All donations are tax deductible.



from the Bishop



My dear sisters and brothers

We are fast approaching the season of Christmas. Our hearts and minds are increasingly focussed on celebrating with wonder the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many refer to this as the 'silly season' as we try to get our plans organised either for a holiday break, or to meet up with family and friends whom we might not have seen for some time. No doubt we are all looking forward to the opportunity to sit down together for that special Christmas meal followed by a time of rest, relaxation and rejuvenation as we prepare for the New Year with its endless possibilities and challenges.

While many, perhaps most will focus on secular things, as people of faith we will reflect and meditate on the Advent message which speaks of hope, love, joy and peace. We will prepare ourselves for the celebration of this wonderful event that transformed all of history when God in Christ becomes one with us. As we encounter afresh the beauty and majesty of the Christ-child in the Feast of the Incarnation may we also extend God's gifts of hope, love, joy and peace to all those we will encounter.

As a Diocese we have done well amidst the changes and chances of this fleeting world. Aged Care, declining numbers in congregations and financial difficulties are among our besetting challenges. Nevertheless, we have a wonderful team of clergy who travel vast distances to minister to God's people and who try their best to be visible and available for ministry. I am also very grateful to the many retired clergy who not only assist us to cover the areas where we do not have resident clergy but also make themselves available to stand in for those who will be taking some time off over the next few weeks. Above all, I am extremely thankful to all the people of the various congregations in the Diocese for their love and support of their Bishop and the places where they worship.

Please continue to pray for the Diocese, its mission and ministry in which we all share. I look forward to seeing many of you on 15 December at 11am at Holy Trinity Cathedral as we celebrate a decade of ministry together as Bishop and People of God in the Diocese of Wangaratta.

We pray for travelling mercies for the many who will be connecting with family and friends locally, nationally and globally. And may the Peace of Christ fill our hearts and minds this Christmas and forever.



15th

Tue

The Rt Reverend John Parkes AM Bishop of Wangaratta

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

DECEMBER	2018							
11 th	Tue	Bishop in Council						
1 5th	Sat	Thanksgiving Service - 10th Celebration of Bishop John Parkes as Bishop of Wangaratta						
21st	Fri	Registry office closes for the Christmas period.						
JANUARY 2019								
2nd	Wed	Registry office re-opens.						

Bishop in Council



Christmas Service Times

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, WANGARATTA

2nd December

5pm - Advent Carol Service

Christmas Eve 6pm - Family Worship 11.30pm - Midnight Mass Christmas Day 8am - Holy Communion 10am - Choral Eucharist

ALBURY

Christmas Eve 24th December 4.00pm Toddler Crib Service (Children to dress as angels, shepherds, King, Mary or Joseph, Inn Keeper or wise boy/girl)

6.00pm Family Christmas Mass (Children to dress as angels, shepherds, King, Mary or Joseph, Inn Keeper or wise boy/girl)

10.30pm Carols

11.00pm Midnight Mass Christmas Day 25th December

9.00am Family Christmas Mass

ALEXANDRA

Please contact Parish for service times

ALPINE

Sunday, 23rd December 5.00 pm - Ecumenical Christmas Service -Outdoor Piazza Myrtleford Christmas Eve 24th December 5.00 pm - Christmas Eve at St John's Whorouly 11.00 pm - Christmas Eve at St Paul's

Myrtleford

Christmas Day 25th December

9.15 am - St Paul's - Myrtleford 11.00 am at All Saints - Bright

BEECHWORTH

Sunday, 23rd December

9.00am Parish Eucharist - Christ Church Beechworth

7.30pm Traditional Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols - Christ Church Beechworth

Christmas Eve 24th December 6pm Christmas Eucharist with Carols - St Jude's Eldorado

11.30pm Midnight Mass of the Incarnation - Christ Church Beechworth

Christmas Day, 25th December 10am Family Eucharist with Carols - Christ Church Beechworth

Wednesday 26th December Feast of St Stephen 10am Said Eucharist - Christ Church Beechworth

BENALLA

Christmas Eve 24th December 3pm Christingle service for children and families at Holy Trinity, Benalla 5pm St. Paul's Goorambat 7.30pm St. Aidan's, Swanpool 9.30pm Midnight Mass, Holy Trinity,

Christmas Day 25th December 9.30am Holy Trinity, Benalla

CENTRAL GOULBURN

Please contact Parish for service times

COBRAM

16th December A very 'Messy' 9 Lessons and Carols. 5.30pm followed by a Birthday Party for Jesus.

Christmas Eve 24th December 6.00pm. Eucharist. Followed by Christmas Cake and cuppa Christmas Day 25th December

Christmas Day 25th December9.30am. Followed by Morning Tea.

CORRYONG

Christmas Eve 24th December
4.45 pm Eucharist at the Nursing Home
Corryong Health.
6.30 pm Eucharist All Saints Corryong
Christmas Day 25th December
9.30 am All Saints Corryong

EUROA

Christmas Eve 24th December 5.30 pm Carols, 6 pm Christmas Eve Family Eucharist Service St Dunstan's Violet Town

11.30 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist Service, St Paul's Euroa

Christmas Day 25th December 8 am Christmas Day Eucharist Service St Andrew's Longwood 9.30 am Christmas Day Family Eucharist Service, St Paul's Euroa

KILMORE

16th December

5.00 pm Carol Service - Christ Church, Kilmore

Sunday 23rd December 4th Sunday in Advent.

9.00am Holy Eucharist - Christ Church, Kilmore

11.00am Holy Eucharist - St Stephen, Tallarook

Christmas Eve 24th December 11.30 pm Midnight Mass Broadford Christmas Day 25th December 9.00am Holy Eucharist - Christ Church, Kilmore

30th December Sunday after Christmas 10.00am Holy Eucharist - Christ Church, Kilmore. Combined Service Kilmore (one service only)

MANSFIELD

Please contact Parish for service times

MARYSVILLE

Sunday 23rd December Evening - Nine Lessons and Carols, Christ Church, Marysville

Christmas Eve 24th December 11.30 pm - Midnight Mass, Christ Church,

11.30 pm - Midnight Mass, Christ Church Marysville *Christmas Day 25th December*

9.00 am - Family Eucharist, St Thomas's, Buxton.

MILAWA

Please contact Parish for service times

MT BEAUTY/TAWONGA

Christmas Day 25th December 10 am at Tawonga

NORTHERN ALBURY

Christmas Eve 24th December
6pm Family service with Eucharist, St
Mark's North Albury
8.30pm Eucharist St James', Lavington
Christmas Day 25th December
9am Eucharist St John's, Thurgoona

NUMURKAH/NATHALIA

Christmas Eve 24th December 11:30pm Midnight Mass at St George's Numurkah.

Christmas Day 25th December 9:00 Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Nathalia.

RUTHERGLEN CHILTERN

Christmas Eve 24th December 6pm - Kids Christmas Service at Christ the King, Wahgunyah; 8pm - Holy Eucharist with Carols - St

Paul's, Chiltern; Christmas Day 25th December

8:00am - Holy Eucharist with Carols - All Souls', Barnawartha;

9:30am - Sung Eucharist with Carols - St Stephen's, Rutherglen.

SHEPPARTON

Friday 21st December
7pm Service of Lessons and Carols St

Augustine's Shepparton

Christmas Eve 24th December

5pm Christmas eucharist St Luke's Dookie
5.30pm Crib service and eucharist St

Augustine's Shepparton

11.30pm midnight mass St Augustine's

Shepparton
Christmas Day 25th December

9.30 am Christmas eucharist St Augustine's Shepparton

9.30am Christmas eucharist Christ Church Murchison

TALLANGATTA

Christmas Eve 24th December 9pm Christ Church Christmas Day 25th December 9am Christ Church

WANGARATTA

Christmas Eve 24th December 7pm - Christ Church, Greta Christmas Day 25th December 9.30am - All Saints', Moyhu 11am - Holy Trinity, Whitfield

WANGARATTA WEST & WARBYS

Friday 14th December
5.30pm 9 Lessons & Carols
Christmas Eve 24th December
5 pm -St John's Village
8:00 pm St Paul's Glenrowan
11:30pm - St Michael's Wangaratta West
Christmas Day 25th December
8am - St George's Taminick
9:30 am - St Michael's Wangaratta West

WODONGA

Sunday 2nd December 5.00pm Memorial Service, St John's Memorial Garden 7.00pm Advent Carol Service, St John's, Beechworth Road Wodonga

Saturday 15th December 7.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols at St John's, Beechworth Road Wodonga Sunday 23rd December

9.30am Christmas Eucharist, Holy Trinity, Bethanga

Christmas Eve 24th December 5.00pm Children's Crib Service, St John's,

Beechworth Road Wodonga. 8.00pm Christmas Service, Emmanuel, Emerald Avenue West Wodonga. (Uniting

Tradition)
11.00pm Carol Singing at St John's

11.30pm Christmas Midnight Mass, St John's Christmas Day 25th December

9.00am Christmas Day Eucharist, St John's 9.00am Christmas Day Service, Emmanuel (Anglican Tradition)

YACKANDANDAH

Christmas Eve 24th December 5 pm Kiewa/Tangambalanga 7pm Dederang Christmas Day 25th December 8.45am Allans Flat 10.30 Yackandandah

YARRAWONGA

Christmas Eve 24th December 7.00pm at St. Cuthbert's, Yarrawonga 9.00pm at St. Thomas's, St. James Christmas Day 25th December 9.00am at St. Cuthbert's, Yarrawonga

Sunday 23rd December

Interfaith

YEA

4.30pm - The Christmas Story in word and song (9 lessons and carols)

Christmas Eve 24th December
5.30pm - A not so silent night.

Special family service to celebrate the nativity. Children are invited to come dressed as shepherds and angels.

11.00pm - Christmas Eve Eucharist service.

Christmas Day 25th December
9.15am - Miracle on Pelissier Street - Christmas Day Eucharist service





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The True Meaning of Christmas

Christmas Mission in the Parish of Benalla

For the third year in a row, the Parish of Benalla, is undertaking a specific mission for families in need in the Christmas period.

Families who will not be able afford to celebrate at

Christmas are identified by the local school. The parish then gathers items that can be used for gifts for the children in the families and also food for them over the holiday period.

It's been amazing to see the number of presents and food that comes in week after

week during Advent. goodies are then presented to a representative from the school who then distributes to

For us in the parish it's a small thing to donate, but it's a huge thing for the families who receive them.



What has Santa Claus got to do with Christmas? - continued from front page

Later in his life Nicholas made his home in the City of Myra on the Mediterranean coast. When the Bishop of Myra, who Nicholas greatly admired, died, the people and church leaders sought a new Bishop to continue his good works.

While the people prayed, one of the elder churchmen had a dream in which God appeared to him and told him that the church leaders were all to pray together early the next morning. The first person to enter the church for prayers would be their choice as their new Bishop.

Nicholas was making his customary way to church as the angelus rang. Upon entering the church, Nicholas saw the elder churchman near the door. Nicholas greeted him with due warmth and respect. The elderly priest asked his name, and on hearing the response, "Nicholas your servant for Jesus' sake", knew that Nicholas was the one chosen to be the next Bishop of Myra. Within weeks, Nicholas was ordained, consecrated and hailed as Bishop of Myra. The people welcomed him as their Bishop, for they knew that God meant for this unassuming man, whose good deeds were well known. to lead them.

As Bishop of Myra he became His stories and miracles can

even more aware of the needs of the people. He would appear all over the city offering help to anyone in difficulty, then, quietly disappear without waiting for thanks. Although he actively shunned publicity, his reputation as a holy man continued to grow and spread widely to distant cities that had never seen him. was especially dedicated to seeing that families had enough to eat and a place to live; that children had a secure future and that old people lived out their lives with dignity and respect.

Yet it is for his devotion to children that St Nicholas is best remembered. While he lived, he gave the little ones he met small gifts - sweets, a small toy. His kindness always surprised them in those harsh times, and his and holiness generosity touched tneir hearts. Importantly, they learned from this truly holy man what beautiful gifts kindness and giving are.

His fame and Christian devotion would go on to inspire countries like Russia, Greece, Northern France, Germany, Belgium and Holland, as their Patron Saint. Christians of many lands and traditions continue to honour this Saint of God.

inspire us in our earthly pilgrimage. Advent is a time of repentance, a time to prepare the way. It is a time when we are asked to hold a mirror up to ourselves and see if the reflection in it reveals who we are called to be. If we are unsure, let us take as our example the good St Nick. In whatever he did, Saint Nicholas reflected most clearly the call to all of us, to be "other Christs". Saint Nicholas himself has shown us that the potential is there, hidden inside each of us like the gift inside the Christmas bonbon. It is there because God put it there, as the giver of all good gifts. As the one who can turn an obscure 4th century bishop into who some know as Santa Claus, he can make us all into his saints, not just on Christmas Eve, but on every eve.

Although some traditions have minimised his position giving way to the invention of Santa Claus, it is time to reclaim this Saint as our own inspiration for our lives of service to God and his people. His feast day is on Wednesday December 6th

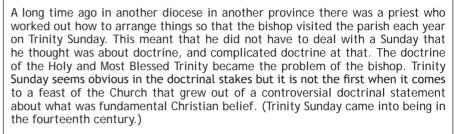
So to answer the question, nothing much! The real spirit of Christmas is reflected in the life and devotion of the great Saint Nicholas. He is the real Santa Claus and he shows us our greatest gift at Christmas, the living Christ.



A regular column on informed consent and the Eucharist

BY REV'D DR EDWIN BYFORD

A diversion for Christmas



By far, by about a thousand years, the first great doctrinal feast was that of The Nativity of our Lord, or the Birth-Day of Christ commonly called Christmas Day. It was in the year AD 336 that we have the earliest record of the celebration of Christmas. The fact that that record comes from Rome and that the date of the festival was 25th December is of great significance for the way that we keep the

Let us set aside for a moment the date and its significance and consider the doctrinal controversy. Within a decade of the Emperor Constantine granting toleration for Christians (AD 313) the Church was tearing itself apart about the divine status, or not, of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. To settle the argument Constantine summoned a Council of Bishops that gathered at the Greek city of Nicaea (now near the west coast of Turkey) in AD 325. The bishops finally agreed that our Lord is "eternally begotten of the Father ... True God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father;" etc, as we say in the Nicene Creed most times that we gather to celebrate the Holy Communion. The Council, although they had an agreed statement, did not settle the fight which raged on for decades. The Bishop of Rome was a champion of the Nicene statement and it is in Rome that we find the earliest record of the feast of the Birth of Christ only a decade after the Council. It took another one hundred and fifty years for the Nicene Creed to begin to become part of our regular worship but it is peculiarly appropriate that we say this creed at Christmas.

It is only in very modern times that we have started reading the account of the birth of our Lord from the Gospel according to Saint Luke in the Holy Communion at Christmas. Traditionally the Gospel reading was the beginning of the Gospel according to Saint John about the Word becoming flesh. Christmas was the time for restating our fundamental belief in the eternal equality of God the Father and God the Son. The mystery and the wonder, that the Lord of all creation took our flesh and dwelt among us, is at the heart of the celebration of this feast.

We still find this wonder in some of the words and music that we associate with Christmas:

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source the ending he ...

True God of true God, Light of light eternal, lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb; Son of the Father, begotten, not created: O come let us adore him etc

The wisdom and genius of the Roman church can be seen in the choice of date for this great doctrinal feast. We need to remember that the feast is to proclaim a fundamental belief. We have no idea of the date of birth of our Lord and speculation has wandered far and wide. The Roman ecclesiastical authorities took an existing Roman pagan feast (the birth of the Sun of Righteousness), on 25th December, associated with the lengthening of daylight hours after the winter solstice and transformed it into the feast of the birth of the Son of God

It may well be that in modern times powerful commercial interests have repaganised our feast, but that makes our central proclamation, that the Lord of all creation took flesh in a backwater town near Jerusalem a little over two thousand years, ago all the more important. When we gather to celebrate Christmas we proclaim its significance to the whole world for all eternity.

Our celebration is when exactly the opposite is happening in Australia to what is happening in Rome. Christmas follows the summer solstice for us and the daylight hours are shortening. The festival as a celebration of doctrine has always been central in Australia, because most of the traditional activities associated with Christmas come from the northern hemisphere and have never quite made sense here — such as singing "In the bleak midwinter" in the sweltering heat of the cathedral in Townsville as happened one Christmas Eve some decades ago. Winter or summer, we celebrate the birth of Christ, who is one with God the Father and the author of the salvation of the whole world.





Nagambie Remembers

The Nagambie memorial gardens looked spectacular on November 11 for the 100 years commemoration service since the signing of the Armistice agreement that was supposed to end the war of all wars - World

The Nagambie RSL led the service at the cenotaph area and were well supported by local school children, community groups and the community.

Those remembered and honoured on the day were those who served and made the supreme sacrifice, in WWII, Korea, South Vietnam, other conflicts that Australia has been involved in, and Iraq and Afghanistan.

The members of the armed forces serving today were also remembered by all present.

Meanwhile Fr Alan Jarrad was leading a Remembrance Day service St St John's Anglican church with a handmade Poppy banner made by parishioner Val Milne taking pride of place.

Pictured above is young Seymour College student Tahlia Butcher with her wreath she was to lay at the Nagambie cenotaph on Remembrance day. She is pictured in front of the crocheted/knitted poppy banner made by members of the Nagambie Men's Shed in honour of the 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli in 2015.

St John's Parishioner Val Milne, and her friends Sue Pollard and Trish Anderson, made 300 poppies for the banner, cenotaph rails skirt, and two handmade poppy wreaths, of which St John's has one and they used it this Remembrance day.

Remembrance Day

BY CAROLINE BURGE

The 11th day of the 11th month 2018 was the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. Remembrance Day fell this year on a Sunday. With many churches housing Memorial Honour Boards, Wall Plaques, or Rolls of Honour remembering those who gave their lives for peace, it was a fitting day to mark the 100th anniversary.

At Christ Church Kilmore, the church bell was tolled 100 times by parishioner Bob Humm prior to the service starting; and St Matthew's Church Warden Bruce Radford gave the homily at both Christ Church and St Matthew's, talking of family members who had been involved in the War and he also spoke of his visit to Anzac Cove. What a moving experience.

At St Stephen's Tallarook, an array of pictures of family members who served in the armed services was on display with the church Roll of Honour.

We pray for those men and women who gave their lives for peace in our world.



Central Goulburn MU Host Karingal Hostel Folk

BY DIANE GRANT

Some Karingal aged care facility residents visited Seymour's Christ Church on 31 October to enjoy a Eucharist, and lunch provided by MU members.

Fr Andre Du Plooy, Parish priest at Kilmore conducted the church service and gave the congregation folk a small wooden cross to help them remember

as Christians to all whom they meet and his sermon provoked highlights of being an example to our families, friends and community.

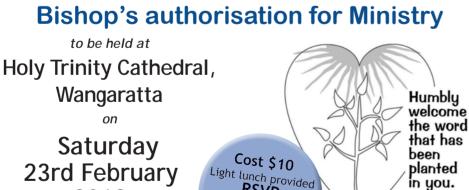
It was wonderful hearing local man Harvard Mountjoy and the other hostel folk joining in the wonderful old hymns led by organist Tony Spencer

Following the service the

visitors joined the church folk for a delicious three course lunch in the hall.

A wonderful time of food and fellowship was had by

PHOTO BELOW; Old times shared in Christ Church Seymour. MU and parish members and visitors from Karingal Aged Care facility enjoy a Eucharist led by Fr Andre Du Plooy on Wednesday, 31 October



The Diocese of Wangaratta

Lay Ministry

Invigoration Seminar

23rd February 2019

9am - 1.30pm

Concluding with a Eucharist service at 12.30pm

FOCUSSING ON:

11th February

- Eucharistic assistants, pastoral visitors and home communion.
 - Lay ministry, lay readers
 - Liturgical and childrens ministry
 - Parish safe church officers

REGISTRATION DETAILS	
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there is NO January edition of the Advocate. See you all in February 2019!

St John's Alexandra Celebrates 150 years

BY SUE PHELPS

On the weekend of 20/21st of October, St John's Alexandra celebrated 150 years of the Anglican Church in the Alexandra Parish. An Open Day was held on the Saturday, followed by a Commemorative Eucharist- led by Bishop John- and celebratory Luncheon on Sunday.

An enthusiastic gathering enjoyed reminiscing over times past, as well as giving much attention to the displays and vast collection of photographs, gathered by our historians Joy Welsh and Norma Miller.

We were delighted to welcome two former Rectors, Fr Fred Morrey (1960s) and Fr Barry Johns (1990s), while our current priest Fr Graeme Brown (locum), related the kind and affectionate wishes from many others unable to attend. Fr Morrey cut our Birthday Cake, and entertained us with some recollections. It is always a delight to welcome the Bishop to our church, and for the first time, Archdeacon Clarence.

Many thanks to all our guests for helping to make our 150th a joyous occasion, and to all our dedicated workers.

More photos on back page.



Annual Fete at Kilmore

BY CAROLINE BURGE

On a typical Kilmore windy day, the Parish of Kilmore held their annual Fete. The day dawned bright and sunny, but the 'dreaded Kilmore wind' decided to blow for much of the day. This didn't, however, dampen the spirits of the many people who came, supported, donated and enjoyed the occasion.

The annual Fete has run in the parish for well over thirty years with the venue either at St Matthew's, Broadford or at Christ Church, Kilmore. Regardless of the venue, all centres of the parish from Kilmore, Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook all pull together

to make the day successful.

The Fete runs the 'usual' stalls of Cake, Book, Produce, Plant, BBQ, Spinning Wheel and Brica-brac, and including a couple of new stalls of an 'adults only' Bottle Stall with some very nice bottles of wine; and an Art Stall with drawings of all our churches in the parish being drawn by artist and parishioner Betty Daly. The Christmas Stall was a big hit with preloved decorations of every shape and size and a number of nativity scenes. It is always great to see pre-loved goods recycled and enjoyed over again by a new family. The 'Old Wares and Collectables' Auction was run by parishioner Bob Humm with

many old and rare items on sale. A scrumptious Morning Tea was served in the church by Edie, Marg and Gwen - a great way to encourage the local community to come and visit our gorgeous church.

The Fete is the parish's main fundraiser for the year, but it is always about more than just the money raised - it is the community spirit in which it is run, and the outreach to all locals - you can't put a price on that.

PHOTO BELOW: The lovely morning tea ladies - Gwen Bushell, Edie Simpson and Margaret Tuckett





Mothers' Union News and Events 2018

BY MARY MUNTZ

During the recent election of the Mothers' Union Worldwide President a vote was also taken for a new Trustee for Zone E. Mrs Thembsie Mchunu is now that Zone Trustee which includes the countries of Central Africa, Nigeria, South Sudan, Sudan and Southern Africa.

The two women who nominated for the position were very involved in MU activities in their own Dioceses. Thembsie Mchunu, the current Provincial President of Zululand in Southern Africa, has been a MU member since 1978 and was elected to the Diocesan Executive in 1985. She became Diocesan President in 2012 and commenced a program "one parish, one orphan" when the diocese was devastated by the number of HIV and AIDS cases. One of her projects has been promoting environmental care and MU are running a campaign" BYOB", "bring your own bag" when shopping.

The Rev'd Nkosazana Maqoma has been a MU member for more than ten years, is currently Diocesan President of Grahamstown, South Africa and a member of the Worldwide Action and Outreach Committee at Mary Sumner House. She has also spent her time visiting children affected by HIV and AIDS and providing them with food and school uniforms. Both women have encouraged families to have a small garden to help fight poverty and encourage a healthy diet. The position of Zone Trustee can mean long hours of air travel, something these two women were willing to accept when they offered themselves for nomination.

Now that most meetings are behind us this year I hope you are all able to relax and enjoy some time for yourselves. The first Council Meeting next year will be held in Purbrick Hall February 4th at 9.30am for 10.00am start.

It has been a challenging year but we are all continuing to care for and support each other.

I wish you all a Holy, Happy and safe Christmas and New Year season among family and friends.



People of Euroa Stand Together

BY REV MICHELLE WOOD

People of Euroa Stand Together to awaiting transfer Show their Concern for Children in medical treatment. Offshore Detention

Community members and members from the Anglican Parish of Euroa gathered together on Sunday 18 November for a Candlelit Prayer Vigil for children in offshore detention on Nauru. The service was led by Rev Dr Michelle Wood, the Anglican Priest at St Paul's and comprised reading and reflecting upon the UN Rights of the Child and listening to Syrian children singing in a horrendous bombing situation.

Fifty-two children have been subjected to the conditions of offshore

detention on Nauru and Manus Island and now twenty-two are left on Nauru awaiting transfer to Australia for medical treatment.

The group has decided to continue to meet weekly each Sunday at St Paul's Anglican church from 3-4 pm from the 25th November and maintain a candle prayer vigil until all children are released from Nauru. The group will also continue to pray for and reflect on how the lives of all fifty-two children can be repaired and restored after the traumas of fleeing their native countries and experience of offshore detention by the Australian government.

All members from the community are welcome to attend.

Hymnfest Yackandandah

BY FR ALAN KELB

On Sunday 14th October 2018 Holy Trinity Church, Yackandandah, hosted its second Hymnfest "Let Us Make A Joyful Noise", in support of refugees settling in the Albury/Wodonga community.

Over 140 people enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon's entertainment, with a varied musical program and community hymn singing. There were solo performances, as well as items by the Rickety

Ramblers from Yackandandah

Health facility and special performances by members of the Congolese community from Albury /Wodonga and the Bhutanese community of Albury/Wodonga. informative address by Dr. Penny Vine, President, Murray Valley Sanctuary Refugee Group, inspired generous donations, which will be passed on to both communities who shared their diverse talents, to the delight of those privileged to attend.

Our grateful thanks go to all who attended and particularly those who contributed to the success of the afternoon - to all who "praised God in music".

We look forward to presenting another musical extravaganza in the future - but we may have to get a 'bigger church'!

Thanks from organizing committee Lesley Tepper, Kris Reif and Heather Matthews





Fun and Fellowship

BY CAROLINE BURGE

Every month for the last eight years, the parish of Kilmore has held a monthly lunch. We put no pressure on anyone to produce a banquet for many, each month is a bring and share, and in true form, it is often like the feeding of the five thousand as it seems that there is more food left at the end than at the

beginning. Certainly no one ever goes hungry.

The lunches vary from Soup Lunches in the winter in aid of Bishop John's winter appeal; bring and share hot food when it is too cold to BBQ, and the good old Aussie BBQ in the warmer weather. With different parishioners offering to host each month, the lunches are varied and always

enjoyable. November saw the return of the BBQ and hosted by Fr Andre and Patty DuPlooy, with new parishioners during 2018 Suzy and Aileen Callaghan capably cooking the BBQ for all.

PHOTO ABOVE: Fr Andre with Aileen and Suzy Callaghan





Photo: Julia Loersch/Act for Peace

The New Testament contains more than one reference to gifts being given to Jesus, our King — one of which is easy to miss. In Matthew 25, the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats, the King replies 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Serving those in dire humanitarian need is a way of serving our Lord.

Our Rapid Response Emergency Fund has been used over the years to respond to disasters in various parts of the world. From famine in South Sudan, to the Rohingya refugee crisis, to the recent tsunami in Sulawesi, Indonesia, money from this fund has been deployed to respond with immediate care for people who are in dire need.

These immediate and life-saving needs include food, shelter, clean water, safe spaces for children, and medical care. Without your support, we would not be able to respond as quickly as we have.

Your financial support has saved lives.

We never know when disaster will strike a particular location. When it does happen though, responding with the compassion of Christ is something we are called and privileged to do.

As our partners mobilise on the ground to provide emergency relief and life-saving aid, we need to again find generous hearts.

Please donate to our Christmas Appeal to help people recover and resettle after disaster strikes.

HOW TO DONATE

1 Online: anglicanoverseasaid.org.au

2 Phone: 1800 249 880

3 Post:

2018 Christmas Appeal Anglican Overseas Aid, PO Box 389, Abbotsford, VIC 3067 Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible

Anglicord: ABN 39 116 072 050







The ABM Advent and Christmas Appeal 2018

This year, the theme for the Anglican Board of Mission's Advent and Christmas Appeal is 'Shaping the Future', focusing on projects which support education in Kenya, Myanmar and Australia.

According to the United Nations, "today there are 1.8 billion people between the ages of 10-24 ... Close to 90 per cent of them live in developing countries, where they make up a large proportion of the population."

With this statistic in mind, it is vital that youth are given opportunities for education so that they can contribute positively to their own lives and become agents of change for their communities and beyond.

In semi-arid Eastern Kenya where climate change has affected food security and consequently, the health and livelihoods of many people, thousands of school children are helping to shape the future. ABM supports the Sustainable Livelihoods Project which has enabled children to plant trees in their school yards, and to irrigate them with rainwater from water tanks supplied through project funding. The children also learn about hygiene, and are encouraged to care for the environment.

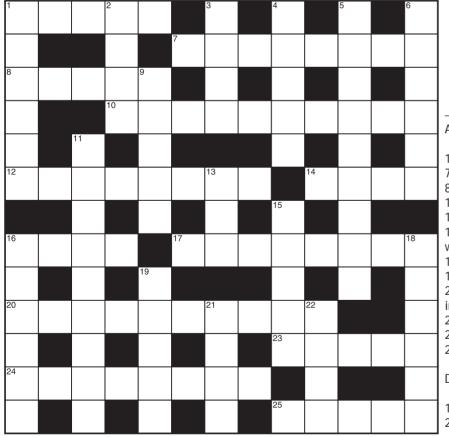
Funds raised through the Christmas Gift will allow St Peter's Bible School in the Diocese of Toungoo, Myanmar, to establish an English Language Centre where children and youth from low income families can access courses for English language, computing, and music. With life changing rapidly in Myanmar, this can assist them with gaining further opportunities in education and employment.

ABM's Advent Appeal also supports Nungalinya College in Darwin and Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in Cairns. Both colleges are committed to providing culturally appropriate studies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people so that they may be empowered and equipped to be leaders in their own communities, and to make a difference.

Please consider giving a gift to help shape the future of many others during this Holy Season. To donate, visit www.abmission.org/Christmas2018.

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- 2. Rupture

Singalong Enjoyed at MU Annual Meeting

BY DIANE GRANT

Members from MU branches across the Diocese of Wangaratta attended the annual coffee morning and annual meeting at Purbrick hall on Monday, November 19.

They enjoyed morning tea, followed by a talk by the Dean of the Cathedral, The Reverend Ken Goodger, who spoke on his early days as assistant priest at St James in London.

This was followed by something different, a singalong by the members, led by Father David Holloway and accompanied beautifully on the piano by Jayne Jarrad.

The annual meeting was held after a Eucharist in the Lady Chapel. A minutes silence was held for MU members who had passed away this year.

Executive annual meeting minutes for 2017 were moved and accepted. Branch and departmental reports were presented

and approved by those in attendance.

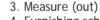
No changes to the office bearers' positions occurred, but members were asked to consider over the Christmas break to help on the Diocesan MU executive committee for 2019.

MU publications resources were taken by Central Goulburn MU members to stock take and evaluate for early 2019. A decision will be made then as to what to do with all the cards, books, tea towels and other resources.

The raffle was won by Dawn Leece from Seymour, 2nd was Sue Fyfe, and lucky door winner Betty Saggers.

If any branch requires MU Christmas cards or calendars they can contact Diane Grant on 5794 1720 and order them ASAP.The next meeting of the MU executive is on Monday, February 4. 2019. Wangaratta. 9.30am. Any details can be obtained from Mary Muntz. 58 662 621





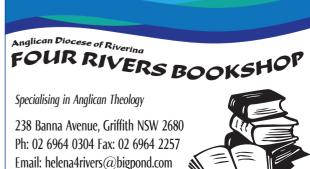
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Church Mice

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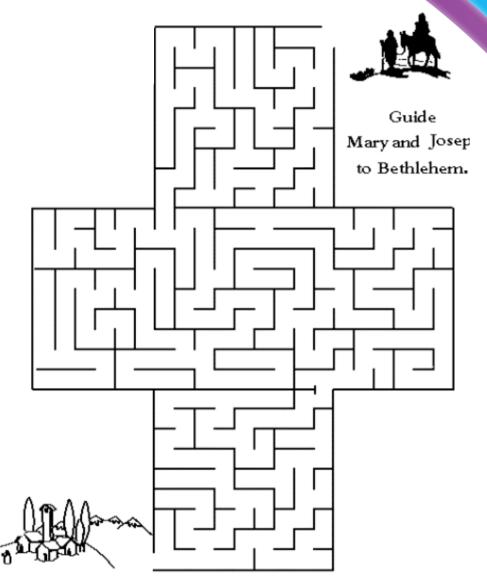




Mail Orders Welcome

Little Champions

Maze Help Mary and Joseph find their way to Bethlehem.



The Birth of Jesus

Luke Chapters 1 and 2
Answer the questions below,
then find the answers in the puzzle.

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- 1. The people living in the fields nearby, watching their flocks. (Luke 2:8)
- 2. Jesus' mother. (Luke 2:5-7)
- 3. The angel who brought messages from God. (Luke 1:19&26)
- 4. The wife of Zechariah the priest. (Luke 1:13)
- 5. The caesar that issued a decree that a census should be taken. (Luke 2:1)
- 6. A righteous man who was waiting for the consolation of Israel. (Luke 2:25)
- 7. Zechariah's son, a relative of Jesus. (Luke 1:59-60)
- 8. The man Jesus' mother was pledged to. (Luke 1:27)
- 9. How many months did Mary stay with Elizabeth? (Luke 1:56)
- 10. The town of David where Joseph and Mary went to be counted. (Luke 2:4)

Calvary Kids Pages www.calvarywilliamsport.com/kids-index

Als Bautist

Candy Cane Poem about Jesus

Look at the Candy Cane
What do you see?
Stripes that are red
Like the blood shed for me
White is for my Savior
Who's sinless and pure!
"J" is for Jesus My Lord, that's for sure!
Turn it around
And a staff you will see
Jesus my shepherd
Was born for Me!

Regular Parish Service Times

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, WANGARATTA

Sunday

8.00am Holy Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist Wednesday 10.00am Eucharist Saturday 6.00pm Saturday @ 6 **Morning Prayer**

Daily at 9.00am (except Sunday)

Evening Prayer
Daily at 5.00pm

ALBURY

St Matthew's, Albury Sunday 9am Sung Eucharist Wednesday 10.30am

10.30am Children's Church (3rd Sunday every month)

5pm Evensong (1st Sunday of every month)

ALEXANDRA

St John's, Alexandra Sunday 9.30am Eucharist

ALPINE

All Saints, Bright
Wednesdays 9:30am
Sunday 11am Eucharist

St Paul's Myrtleford Sunday 9.15am Eucharist Wednesday 11am Eucharist

St John's Whorouly Sunday 8am Eucharist

St Etheldreda's Harrietville 3rd Thursday 10.30am Eucharist

BEECHWORTH

Christ Church Beechworth Sundays 9am Sung Eucharist Tuesdays 4.30pm Hour of Silent Prayer Wednesdays 10am Midweek Eucharist

St Jude's Eldorado Sundays 11am 1st & 3rd Sundays Eucharist 2nd & 4th Sundays Morning Prayer.

BENALLA

Holy Trinity, Benalla Sunday 8am Eucharist 9.30am Sung Eucharist

Monday 10am Eucharist (Cooinda Nursing Home)

Thursday 9.30am Eucharist

St Paul's Goorambat 1st Sunday 5pm Eucharist St Aidan's Swanpool

2nd & 4th Sunday 11.15am Eucharist

CENTRAL GOULBURN

Christ Church Seymour Sunday 9am Wednesday 10am St. John's Nagambie Sunday 11am St. Paul's Avenel 8am 1st Sunday of the Month

COBRAM

St Margaret's Cobram Sunday 9-9.15am reflection time 9.30am Eucharist 5th Sunday Parish Eucharist Wednesday 10am. CORRYONG

All Saints Corryong
1st Sunday 9.30am
3rd Sunday 9.30am
Holy Trinity Cudgewa
3rd Sunday 11.30am
Tennis Club Biggara
1st Sunday 2pm
2nd & 4th Sundays 9.30 am Morning Prayer

EUROA

St Paul's Euroa
Sunday 9.30am Parish Holy Communion
Thursday 9am Contemplative Holy
Communion; 5pm Evening Prayer.
Fridays 9am Morning Prayer; 5pm Evening
Prayer
Saturdays Morning Prayer, 9am; Evening
Prayer, 5pm
1st Thursday of the month 10.30am

Anglican Prayer Service at Granite Hill 2nd Thursday of the month 10am Anglican Prayer Service, Violet Town Bush Nursing Home St Andrew's Longwood

Sundays (1st, 3rd, 5th) 8am Holy Communion *St Dunstan's Violet Town*Sundays (2nd and 4th) 11.30am Holy
Communion

KILMORE

Christ Church Kilmore

Sunday 9am Sung Eucharist
4th Sunday 5pm Meditation Service
St Matthew's Broadford
Sunday 11am Holy Eucharist
St Stephen's Tallarook
Sunday 11am Holy Eucharist
Church of the Transfiguration Pyalong
1st & 3rd Sunday 4pm Holy Eucharist
5th Sunday 11am Family Service
rotates between Broadford, Tallarook and

MANSFIELD

St John's Mansfield
Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion
Friday 12 noon Meditation
Christ Church Bonnie Doon
2nd Sunday 11.30am Anglican Church
Service
4th Sunday 11.30am - Uniting Church

Pyalong. See parish website

Service

St Peter's Jamieson 1st Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion

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MARYSVILLE

Marysville 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday 10.00am St Thomas Buxton 2nd & 4th Sunday 10am MT BEAUTY/TAWONGA

St Aidan's Tawonga 1st and 3rd Sunday at 5.00pm

MILAWA

St Paul's Milawa 2nd & last Sunday 9am Eucharist

NORTHERN ALBURY

St. Mark's North Albury
10am Sunday
St. James' Lavington
8.30am 2nd & 4th Sundays
St. John's Thurgoona
8.30am 1st & 3rd Sundays.
St. Paul's Jindera
10.30am 2nd & 4th Sundays.
Messy Church
St. Mark's 4pm 2nd Sunday

NUMURKAH NATHALIA

St George's Numurkah Sunday 10.30am Sung Eucharist

Holy Trinity Nathalia Sunday 9.00am Eucharist

St Paul's Wakiti Creek
1st Sunday 1.30pm Holy Communion

RUTHERGLEN CHILTERN

St Stephen's Rutherglen Sunday 8.45am Eucharist Thursday 9.00am Eucharist (M.U. on 2nd)

All Soul's Barnawartha 2nd & 4th Sunday 10.45am Eucharist Browns Plains

3rd Sunday 7.45am Kids Church during Term 5th Sun 10.45am *St Paul's Chiltern*

1st & 3rd Sunday 10.45am Eucharist Wednesday 9.00am Eucharist

Christ the King Wahgunyah 4th Saturday 6pm Eucharist

SHEPPARTON

St Augustine's Shepparton Sunday: Eucharist 8.30am, 10.30am (Family Service)

Fifth Sunday: combined service 9.30am Wednesday: Eucharist 10am

St. Luke's Dookie

2nd Sunday: 8.45am: Eucharist 4th Sunday 9am alt. with Uniting Church.

Christ Church Murchison

Sunday: 11am: Eucharist 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays; Morning Prayer 4th Sunday

St. Paul's Rushworth

Sunday: 9am: Eucharist 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays; Morning Prayer 4th Sunday 5th Sunday combined Murchison/Rushworth service.

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TALLANGATTA

Christ Church Tallangatta Sunday 9.00 am 3rd Sunday Family Service 10.30 am

WANGARATTA

All Saints Moyhu 1st Sunday 9.30am Eucharist

Holy Trinity Whitfield 3rd Sunday 11am Eucharist

Christ Church Greta 3rd Sunday 9am Eucharist

WANGARATTA WEST & WARBYS

St Michael's Wangaratta West Sunday 9.30am Tuesday 10am St Paul's Glenrowan Sunday 11am St George's Taminick 1st & 3rd Sunday 8am St Johns Village Chapel Tuesday 10am + Saturday 5pm

WODONGA

St John's Wodonga
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
Emmanuel
1st & 3rd Sundays 9am Sung Eucharist
Holy Trinity Bethanga

YACKANDANDAH

Holy Trinity Yackandandah 1st& 3rd Sundays 10.30am Eucharist 2nd & 4th Sunday 10.30 Morning prayer

St Mark's Tangambalanga 2nd Sunday 10.30 Eucharist 4th Sunday 8.45am Eucharist

4th Sunday 9.30am Eucharist

St Paul's Allan's Flat 1st & 3rd Sunday 8.45am Eucharist

St Andrew's Dederang 1st & 3rd Sunday 7.00pm Eucharist

YARRAWONGA

St Cuthbert's Yarrawonga Sunday 7am Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist Wednesday 10am St Thomas' St James 1st, 2nd & 4th Sunday 8.30am Eucharist

YEA

St Luke's Yea Sunday 9.15am Holy Communion

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MU RAFFLE RESULTS

The results of the raffle drawn on the 19th November 2018 for the MU Diocesan AGM

\$159 Voucher - D. Leece \$75 Voucher - Sue Fyfe Lucky door raffle -Betty Saggers.

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Russ and Marg Hurren to boat along the Murray River -UPDATE

In the November edtion of the Advocate there was an article about the Hurrens going down the Murray River by an old boat. Unfortantley their trip has been delayed and they now plan to go early next year. We hope they make it in Jan 2019.

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PHOTO CAPTIONS

- 1. Members of St John's, Nagambie remember those who served for God and their Country on November 11th.
 - 2. Joy Welsh and Jennifer Nunan at St John's, Alexandra 150th Celebration.
 - 3. Lynne Burnet and Tim Williams at St LUke's, Yea 150th Celebration.
- 4. Marion Thorneycroft, Robin Ellis and Helen Brooks, serving the feast at St John's, Alexandra 150th Celebration.
- 5. Beris Hannam and Caroline Burge in Patty's artistic garden at the Parish of Kilmore's monthly lunch.6. Joint winners of the 'Guess the Lollies in the Jar Competition' Warden Dean Saitta and Fr Andre DuPloor with the stall holder Anthony selling the winning number at the Annual Fete, Kilmore.

