



Dubbo Anglican Church

To know Jesus and to make Him known!

Parish Bulletin 21 April 2024

Welcome!

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

From the Rector:

This past week has seen our newspapers, TV screens and other media feeds detail a number of horrific violent acts committed here in NSW, causing heightened levels of anxiety and sorrow in many. We lament that these acts occur; and we grieve with those directly affected by these awful incidents. May God our refuge and strength be an ever-present help in this trouble, to the many impacted by these atrocities.

This weekend we observe Good Shepherd Sunday, a helpful reminder of Jesus the good shepherd and His life-giving service to us through His life, death and resurrection. As part of this, we also gratefully acknowledge the ministry of the Company of the Good Shepherd throughout the north-western region of our diocese over many years.

Psalm 23 is one of this week's readings and I look forward to preaching from this tremendous Psalm of David: looking to our shepherd Jesus and how He meets our greatest need.

Please be in prayer for newly ordained deacons, the Rev'd Stuart Border (Gilgandra) and Josh Taylor (moving to our diocese from 2025): for their continued faithful ministry in their respective churches, and that God will continue to transform their lives, and the lives of those they minister to for His glory.

Please pray too for all those heading to the Soul Survivor conference this week: for safety; for faith-filled, Word-based fellowship and fun; and that God will use this time to grow each one in their love and knowledge of Jesus.

With love in Christ,
Pastor Andrew

Prayers and Readings for 21 April 2024 – Fourth Sunday after Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

Sentence:

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:11)

Prayer of the Day:

O God,
whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people:
help us when we hear his voice
to know him who calls us each by name,
and to follow where he leads;
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 4.5-12

⁵ The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: 'By what power or what name did you do this?' ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: 'Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: it is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." ¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths

for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk

through the darkest valley

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Second Reading

1 John 3.16-24

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. ¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ if our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: we know it by the Spirit he gave us.

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Gospel Reading – John 10.11-18

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 10, beginning at verse 11

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ 'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.'

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Annual Parish Meeting

Next Sunday April 28 from 12:30pm, here at Holy Trinity.

This is for communicant members of our parish, to come and thank God together for His work in and through us during 2023, to elect (if required) office-holders for the period ahead, and to commit the year ahead to Him in prayer.

Reports available at the rear of church.

Any questions to be tabled requiring in writing today.



Sermon Notes:

1. Perfectly led (vv.1-4)
2. Abundantly served (vv.5)
3. Eternally pursued (vv.6)

Scan here, to register your contact details:
especially if you're new or visiting, or wish to
advise of a particular pastoral matter.





CRAFT GROUP

Holy Trinity Hall
Saturday 4 May at
2pm .

All Welcome .



Garage Sale and Cake Stall Saturday 4th May



Along with Garage sale we will also be having a **cake stall** in the hall , if you are able to assist with cooking, that would be great .

Cooking please label with ingredients, and this can be delivered to the hall on Friday morning or Saturday morning.

Will set up on Friday 3 May if you can assist please contact Parish Office .

Op Shop open on that Saturday as well.

Attention all ladies.



The **Just Between Us** magazine is printed and ready!

Magazines are available at the back of the church.

Please record your details on the form.

Coffee and Dessert evening details available shortly. (you can buy a magazine without attending; however, the magazine is essential for the evening).

For more information, please call or text Erika 0407 988 747.

Looking forward to sharing the God Gems in the current issue.

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

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

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

- **All Clergy, LLM's & ALL Parishes esp. those without ordained clergy –**
- **Praise, thank, pray for newly ordained Deacons Stuart Border, Gilgandra & Josh Taylor** as God blesses them in His leading in His purpose for their ministry in Jesus' Name. **Parishes without stipendiary clergy -** Please regularly pray for Narromine (Luke Merriman coming in May), Cumnock, Trundle, Condobolin, Kelso
- **Trundle Parish-** Praise/pray for LLMs who are carrying on with love & devotion for Jesus & their people; that God will raise a minister for the parish; pray also the Lord will provide the funds needed
- **National Church: The Diocese of Sydney with Archbishop Kanishka Raffel** and regional bishops, clergy and people. Thank God for Sydney Diocese's generosity, whose gift supports our bishop & registrar.

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

- **Our Parish –** praise/thank/pray Holy Spirit to descend on our Parish & our community to live victoriously in Jesus, to assure those to whom we witness that God loves them with a never ending love & to grow His Kingdom **Numbers 6:24-26, "The Lord bless you & keep you: the Lord make His face shine on you & be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you & give you peace."**
- **Assistant Minister for our Parish –** continue to praise/thank for the person God has for this position & for this person to respond to Holy Spirit's prompting.
- **DNA & Soul Survivor Conference –** praise/thank/pray for the attendance & protection of our youth & leaders, Amy, Henry, Emma, Lynas & Rowan the bus driver; pray Holy Spirit will overwhelm all & refresh, revitalise & build higher, their faith; pray for all groups attending for the first time incl. Nelson Bay Youth

Further Afield/Praise/thank/praise...

- **Persecuted Church – Saudi Arabia –** pray great numbers of the Saudi royal family will hear Jesus' Good News & turn to Him; praise that laws concerning women have relaxed a little from former draconian measures; pray for encouragement & bravery of those who worship in secret; for Christian women who are esp. targeted by family & the religious police (they are often murdered by family); for protection & growth of Christian groups there; pray asylum cases of persecuted Christians will be expedited
- **Stabbings at Assyrian Christian Church, & at Bondi Junction –** praise/thank/pray for the witness of the Bishop & his church family; pray Jesus' love will be demonstrated & that those who don't know the real Jesus, will be convinced & convicted by Holy Spirit of God's all compassing & eternal love for every person **Psalms 112:7, "He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord."**
- **Isaiah 41:10, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your GOD. I will strengthen you! Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."**

A Prayer on ANZAC Day (25 April):

God of love and liberty,

We bring our thanks today for the peace and security we enjoy.

We remember those who in time of war faithfully served their country.

We ask for comfort and provision for their families, and for gratitude and contentment for ourselves whose freedom was won at such a cost.

Make us a people zealous for peace, and hasten that day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither learn war any more.

This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world: Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers,

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

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

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

Pray for those mourning the loss of loved ones : including Bruce Sotheron, Donald Smith, John Monaghan.

Those Remembering the Anniversaries: Don Wright, Denise Murphy, Eric Donoghue, Ross Macqueen

The church I'd like to join...

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

Earlybird registration:
\$35 adults
\$15 school-aged

Register at:
bathurstanglican.org.au/events/

A hand is shown holding a large, stylized graphic of the word 'Prays'. The 'P' is a large, thick, brown outline, and the 'rays' are written in a cursive, brown font. The background is a soft-focus image of a hand holding a small object.

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE 2024
Macquarie Anglican Grammar School, Dubbo

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 21 April

8am Traditional Holy Communion
10am Family Service
12md Baptism of Theodore Koutsogiannis

Monday 22 April

Psalm 118.1-18, Numbers 3.5-13,40-51, 1 Corinthians 3.18-4.5

Tuesday 23 April

Psalms 124,125,126, Numbers 6.1-8,6.22-7.5, 1 Corinthians 4.6-21

9am Morning Prayer – Zoom

Wednesday 24 April

Psalm 130,131,133, Numbers 9.15-10.10, 1 Corinthians 5

9am Morning Prayer – Zoom
7pm Pray for Revival meeting will be on at Riverside Church.
7pm Bible Study at 13 Lovett Avenue

Thursday 25 April Anzac Day – Office Closed

Psalm 19, Isaiah 50.4-11, Acts 12.25-13.13
9am Morning Prayer– Zoom

Friday 26 April

Psalm 137.1-6,138, Numbers 11.16-33, 1 Corinthians 6.12-20

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

Saturday 27 April

6pm Vigil Holy Communion

Sunday 28 April

8am Traditional Holy Communion
10am Family Service
11.145am Baptism of Grayson Catto
12.30pm Parish Annual General Meeting

PARISH CONTACTS

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