



The Parish of Kilmore
with
Broadford, Pyalong Tallarook



11th October 2015
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

A warm welcome to everyone, please stay and enjoy hospitality after the service.

Hymns: 59, 599, 526, 571

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Sentence: There is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for Jesus' sake, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.

Collect: Merciful God, in your Son you call not the righteous but sinners to repentance: draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction, and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant, that in seeking your truth, and obeying your will, we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Job 23.1-9, 16-17

In the continuing saga the much besieged Job, longs for a divine court from which he might seek redress and justice. He casts about on every side for God, but is met with a devastating absence of God's presence. Though this reflection comes as a response to Job's accusatory "friends" Eliphaz, it is in the nature of an interior monologue as his distress mounts and he is subjected to a pervading sense of isolation. Job believes in God's justice, but so bereft of any signs of its dawning that he thinks he would prefer entire darkness.

Then Job answered: “Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. “If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 22

A Psalm of lamentation and a plea for deliverance by one who feels deserted and pressed in on every side.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me;
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:
“He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,
let him rescue him, if he loves him.” R

Indeed, many dogs surround me,
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;
They have pierced my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones. R

They divide my garments among them,
and for my vesture they cast lots.
But you, O LORD, be not far from me;
O my help, hasten to aid me. R

I will proclaim your name to my brethren;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:
“You who fear the LORD, praise him;
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!” R

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

The reading reminds us that the Lord’s word is active, probing the human heart and all creation, while we can yet boldly approach God’s throne because Jesus, our great high priest, has known our weakness and temptations. The first statement is a warning: God’s word, which God has spoken at the creation, through the scriptures, and personally in Jesus, is everywhere and makes judgement. But we now have a heavenly

high priest our brother, who knows all about our life, and helps us to find God's mercy. The insistence that Jesus was without sin relies not on extensive knowledge of what he did not do, but on the memory of his positive dedication to God's will.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Blessed are the | poor in spirit, for theirs is the king- | dom of heaven. (Matt. 5:3)

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The Lord be with you

And also with you

Gospel

Mark 10.17-31

In the Gospel Jesus counsels a man to sell all for the benefit of the poor and follow him, and he then teaches how hard it is for those with riches to enter the kingdom. Disciples who now surrender much will receive back all manner of new relationships in the age to come. Jesus first refuses to let himself be called good since that description belongs to God alone. He then finds that the man has tried to live out his duties towards his neighbors in response to divine love. But the decision for discipleship must go beyond this. If the heart is divided by desires for worldly security, there is no way one can enter into the kingdom's loving justice. Yet by the power of God people can be converted and saved.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall

not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.” *This is the Gospel of the Lord* **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for the peoples of the world: for those whose lives and lands are devastated by wars; for those who are victims of poverty, exploitations and disease; the leaders of Governments, financiers and international agencies. Lead us in the path of righteousness that so that we may leave behind violence and greed and follow in your way, that all your people may live in dignity and peace. Loving God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your holy catholic church: for all who seek to live as your disciples; for all who suffer persecution for their faith; for leaders of churches. We pray for Bishop John, and for the clergy of this parish and all who are priests and ministers to your people. We pray for all congregations who gather in your name. Lead us in the path of salvation so we can leave behind the works of evil and follow in your way, so our lives may proclaim the gospel in the world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community and for all with whom we share our lives: For those whose work enriches our lives and those who have no work; for civic leaders and all with responsibilities for the welfare of others. This week we remember and give thanks for CFA members, and all emergency service personal who worked to save lives, homes, land and animals in the recent bush fires, that devastated Victoria over this last week; for our families, our friends. Lead us in the path of love so we can leave behind intolerance and envy and follow in your way, that our communities may be places of welcome and care. Loving God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in trouble, need and distress: for the frail, the elderly and those who cannot care for themselves; for the lonely and the unloved, the sad and all mourn; for the confused and despairing, the sick and the dying.

Requests for Prayer: *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Tom Scrivens, Franca Caia, Tom & Sandra Davidson, Bianca Davidson, Jenny Curry, Dianne Mitsakis, Seth Gunter, Barbara Kaye, Sarah, Lisa, Alex Impols, Elizabeth, Mark Bennets, Margeurite Kisvardai, Penny;* and we give you thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

Give to us a hopeful heart of a little child, that we may be open to receive your reign of healing.

Lead in the path of compassion so we may leave behind selfishness and apathy and follow in your way, that to those who suffer we may comfort and relief. Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember all who have died in faith: those of every age who have left all to follow you; those who have gone before us all from this parish. We remember today the Year's Mind; *11th Robert Glanville, Rose Harriden, 15th Bernie Castles, Herbie Chapman, Edith Rae, Katherine Jones, John Gardner, 16th James Humphries, 17th Percival Bradshaw, Dorothy Loft.* Lead us in the path of faith so we may leave behind all earthly wealth that, with your faithful followers of every time and place, we may find in you eternal treasure. Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All praise to you, abundant God, for when we ask, you give, when we seek, you show the way; when we knock you answer; hear us as we pray for ourselves..... We praise you for your infinite love and grace and help us to be your faithful people. We offer our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

The overwhelming awareness in this week's Scripture passages is of the reality of suffering, and the pain and indignity that it brings. In Job, the suffering of Job is made worse by his sense of abandonment by God, and his longing to put his case before God. In Psalm 22 the sense of abandonment is echoed, as the Psalmist speaks of being persecuted, without any sense of God's presence or rescue. In the Amos reading, there is the threat of judgment on those who ignore the suffering of others, and who refuse to turn to justice and compassion on behalf of those who suffer. In Psalm 90 there is the call for God to have compassion of God's suffering people. In Hebrews we find the assurance that Jesus is trustworthy because he was tempted as we are and overcame, and because he offers us mercy. Finally in the Gospel, after graphically revealing how hard it is for the wealthy to

embrace the sacrificial life of God’s Reign, Jesus assures his disciples that their sacrifice – and the persecution which they will certainly experience – is not in vain, and that God will restore good things to them. Every community has suffering people, but often these people find themselves feeling isolated and marginalised even within our churches. Too often we try to avoid facing or acknowledging the reality of suffering, and in the process we leave sufferers feeling hurt, humiliated and lonely. This week, is there a “wealth that you can give to the poor” in your community? Whether it’s a wealth of friendship or compassion or support, we do have wealth to offer struggling, sick and lonely people. The friendship, the “standing with” and the acknowledgment is often a far more powerful gift than any material help we can offer – which sometimes only confirms our superiority and further disempowers. Furthermore, when we face suffering ourselves, it is always important that we have the humility to receive the help and compassion of others, and not embrace a proud, stoic aloofness. It is only as we walk through suffering together that we can really experience and reflect the mercy and compassion of God.

Adapted from John van de Laar (2015) www.sacredise.com



NOTICES

Parish BBQ: Today at Carolines from 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome. The usual catering for the BBQ - BYO meat, and bring drinks, salad and/or sweet to share.

Fr Kim is on leave until Sunday 25th October. Please contact Revd Maryann Leonard for pastoral matters.

Faith Enhancement Study Group is suspended until Fr Kim returns.

Church 4 Kids: cancelled for October due to ‘Salvation Jane’ performance.

Parish Council: postponed to 28th October (as Fr Kim away).

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser: Helpers needed for the Bunnings Fundraising BBQ on Saturday 24th October. Please contact Robyn Whitehouse if you can help.

Victorian Council of Churches (VCC) Emergency Ministry is a vital multi faith multicultural program providing personal support to people during emergency situations. Volunteers are being sought from faith organisations to be trained for the Mitchell Shire. Personal Support training will be conducted 23-24 October in Broadford. Please contact Alan Russell 5784 2626 or visit www.vccem.org.au for more information and requirements to be a volunteer.

CONCERT October the 25th 2.30pm ‘SALVATION JANE’ Cost: \$20 or \$10 Con-

cession. Includes light refreshments and glass of wine. **Venue: Christ Church Kilmore.** **Phone bookings:** Wilma Hammond. 0408950258 or Ruth 0410477957. Proceeds after expenses shared between the Parish of Kilmore, Mechanics' Institute and the Free Library Inc.



Parish Fete - Saturday 21st November - Those interested in running or assisting on a stall please attend or contact Caroline, Lucy or Robyn. **Plant Cuttings** - with the arrival of Spring, please start striking some cuttings or planting some seeds for the Plant Stall. Preserves and jams are needed for bottle stall. **Bigger and better Cake Stall** - 'cake bakers', and donor of ingredients needed. If you can donate flour, eggs, sugar, butter, rather than bake or if you are able to bake more than one or two items, please let us know.

Fr. John Young will be away this coming week as he fulfills his duty as Chaplain for the Kilmore RSL. He will be accompanying them on a trip to the National War Memorial Canberra.

PARISH DIARY

1st Wed	7.30pm	Property Committee Meeting	venue TBA
1st & 3rd Fri	7.00pm	Faith Enhancement Study resumes after Fr. Kim returns	13 The Parade, Broadford
2nd Sun	12.30pm	Parish BBQ	See Notices for details
3rd Tues	1.30pm	St Matthew's Friendship Group	Gavan Hall Broadford
3rd Wed	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting (Moved to 28 th Oct)	venue TBA
4th Sun	5.00pm	Church 4 Kids (Cancelled this month)	Christ Church

PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK

Thursday 15th Oct 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews Broadford
 10.00am Willowmeade. Rev'd Maryann.
 Holy Communion by extension
 11.30am Caladenia. Rev'd Maryann
 4.00pm Dianella.
 Rev'd Maryann.

Holy Communion by extension

Friday 16th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House

Saturday 17th 10.00am - 12.00pm Op Shop, Church House

Services Next Sunday

18th October: Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost. Job 38.1-7 Psalm 104.1-10,26,
Hebrews 5.1-10, Mark 10.35-45

Christ Church	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11.00am	Holy Communion by extension. Holy Baptism
St Stephens	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration	4.00pm	Holy Communion by extension

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