



**Anglican Parish of Kilmore,  
Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
24<sup>th</sup> January 2021**



# Australia Day

*As we gather in prayer today, we acknowledge the Taungurung people who are the traditional custodians of this land. We pay respects to the past and present Elders of the Kulin nation and extend that respect to any Aboriginals present. Welcome to all, especially, to newcomers and visitors. **Please observe social distance and sanitise your hands on entering and when you leave the church. Please have you mask on during the service and remove only on receiving communion.** Our service starts on page 119 of *A Prayer Book for Australia**

**HYMNS: 135; 672; 188; Song for Australia**

**Sentence:** What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. *Psalm 116.12–13*

## THE COLLECT

Bounteous God, we give thanks for this ancient and beautiful land, a land of despair and hope, a land of wealth and abundant harvests, a land of fire, drought and flood. We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land and bring forgiveness, reconciliation, and an end to all injustice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah Chapter 29.4 – 14

<sup>4</sup> Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup> Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup> Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup> But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. <sup>8</sup> For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, <sup>9</sup> for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord. <sup>10</sup> For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup> For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup> Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup> When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, <sup>14</sup> I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow each reading*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 33.12 – 21

**Said/ Sung: Let your mercy be upon us.**

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord: the people he chose to be his own possession. <sup>13</sup> The Lord looks down from heaven and surveys all the children of

Adam: he considers from his dwelling-place all the inhabitants of the earth; <sup>14</sup> he who fashioned the hearts of them all: and comprehends all that they do. <sup>15</sup> A king is not saved by a mighty army: nor is a warrior delivered by much strength; **Let your mercy be upon us.**

<sup>16</sup> A horse is a vain hope as a deliverer: nor can he rescue any by his great power. <sup>17</sup> But the eye of the Lord is on those that fear him: on those that trust in unfailling love, <sup>18</sup> To deliver them from death: and to feed them in time of dearth. <sup>19</sup> We have waited eagerly for the Lord: for he is our help and our shield. <sup>20</sup> Surely our hearts shall rejoice in him: for we have trusted in his holy name. <sup>21</sup> Let your merciful kindness be upon us, O Lord: even as our hope is in you. **Let your mercy be upon us.**

*Silence may follow each reading*

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians Chapter 5.12 – 24

<sup>12</sup> But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; <sup>13</sup> esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup> And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. <sup>15</sup> See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup> abstain from every form of evil. <sup>23</sup> May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow each reading.*

## **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia! **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

If you stay in my word, you will indeed be my disciples, and you will know the truth, says the Lord. Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 8.31 – 36

### **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, ‘If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples;<sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.’ <sup>33</sup> They answered him, ‘We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, “You will be made free”?’ <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there for ever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

For the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*Silence may follow each reading.*

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Let us pray:

Our prayer responses are: God in whom we trust and hope, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our Creator, we pray for the beautiful and bountiful land we live in.

We thank you for the smell of gum leaves and the magpie’s song; for the roar of the surf and silence of the desert; for the fruits of the earth and the wealth of the soil. Give us wisdom to preserve the treasures you entrusted to us and help us to share with generosity the abundance we enjoy. (pause) God in whom we trust and hope, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our Protector, we pray for the diversity of the people who call this land their home. We remember those who have cared for this land since the dreamtime; those who were dispossessed and those brought here against their will; those who come seeking opportunity or escape from oppression. Give us grace to live in harmony and together build a future based on reconciliation, tolerance and justice. (pause) God in whom we trust and hope, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our Redeemer, we pray for all people of faith who seek to worship you. We remember those of different faiths and traditions; those who have cared for the land as a sacred trust; those who are leaders of churches, especially for Philip, our Archbishop and Clarence, our Bishop and all who minister in your name. Give us a willingness to listen to one another and make us ready to tell others the good news of your love. (pause) God in whom we trust and hope, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our Companion, we pray for those communities in which we live. We remember all whose love and toil sustains our lives; those who live in poverty, those who cannot find work; those who suffer discrimination, violence or neglect. Give us a desire to be a welcoming and generous community, where all can feel accepted and live-in safety. (pause) God in whom we trust and hope, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our Comforter, we pray for those who are in trouble or need. We remember those who mourn lost families and loved ones; those who are anxious for the present and fear for the future; those who suffer addictions, the sick and the dying. We pray especially for Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Sharron de Battista, Jim Chatz, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Beris Hannam, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Allan Rose, Beryl Kirby, Anne Rose and Candice Pearce ... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer.*] Give us kind and compassionate hearts and teach us to care for one another, to befriend the lonely and comfort the sad. (pause) God in whom we trust and hope, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our eternal dwelling place, we give thanks for your servants of every age. We remember all good and holy people whose lives have enriched our nation; those who have taken your gospel to remote parts of this country; those who have ministered to the disadvantaged and poor. We remember the recently departed Kevin Wright and our loved ones who have died: Joyce Wilkinson (24<sup>th</sup>); Ethel Goodman, Heather Dixon, Norman Fagg (25<sup>th</sup>); Jessie Smith (26<sup>th</sup>); Douglas Hall, Digger Forwood (27<sup>th</sup>); Walter Kirby, Pam Rhue (29<sup>th</sup>); Harold Napper (30<sup>th</sup>). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Give us faith to follow in the steps of your saints and with them come into the joy of your everlasting presence. (pause) God in whom we trust and hope, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day... (pause) God in whom we trust and hope, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers. **Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*It is the custom of our church to invite all baptised communicant members of other Christian traditions to share in the Lord's Supper with us. Non-Communicants are invited to receive a blessing.*

## NOTICES:

### **SERVICES AT BLUE CROSS RESIDENTIAL AGE CARE FACILITY WILL RESUME ON FRIDAYS.**

#### **Finances:**

Our Parish is not able to rely on Funds being raised either by the OP Shop or many other fundraisers **at this time please consider your weekly offertory giving by giving through Direct Debit or just paying into our account at any Bendigo Bank.** As most bills require payment within one month it would be great if donors could consider monthly giving **as we cannot access any withdrawals from Trust accounts as it is for maintenance only and not for ministry and daily running cost.** Our costs have been cut to the very minimum and are being adjusted downwards as far as we can possibly take them.

**Rosters for Christ Church:** With the opening of our Church buildings, we now need to resume our Reading, Sidespeople, Dusting and Vacuuming rosters at Christ Church. With thanks to Shirley Evans, Sherine, and Patty for ensuring this has been done every week since October, but the time has come to share the jobs around. Please let Doug know this week if you can help. If you are unsure about returning to church because of COVID, please be assured that you can clean the church on your own without anyone else around if you prefer.

#### **Direct Debit /EFT Offerings –**

Account details: BENDIGO BANK – Account Name ‘Anglican Parish of Kilmore’; BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921. Reference: Offertory

**Emergency Relief: We are in NEED of groceries for those who are doing it tough in our Parish. Please deliver it to the Rectory, it will be distributed every Friday morning.**

### **PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am – 12.00pm Op shop Trading

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am – Eucharist at St Matthew’s Broadford.  
10.00am – 3.00pm Op shop Drop off and sorting

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop  
 10.30am – Eucharist at Blue Cross RACF

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am – 12.00 noon Op Shop

<b>Next Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</b>		
Christ Church, Kilmore	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
Combined Service and Annual Parish Meeting. 10.45am – 11.30am		

### Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 62; 63	Ps 64; 67
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Genesis 13	Jeremiah 8.4 – 17
	Luke 1.1 – 12	James 2.1 – 13
Tuesday Australia Day	Ps 65; 70	Ps 66
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Genesis 14.8 – 24	Jeremiah 8.18 – 9.11
	Luke 1.13 – 25	James 2.14 – 26
Wednesday	Ps 68.1 – 20	Ps 68.24 – 35
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Genesis 15	Jeremiah 9.12 – 26
	Luke 1.26 – 38	James 3.1 – 12
Thursday	Ps 71	Ps 119.65 – 88
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Genesis 16	Jeremiah 10.1 – 16
	Luke 1.39 – 56	James 3.13 – 4.10
Friday	Ps 69.1 – 16	Ps 69.17 – 23, 31 – 38
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Genesis 17	Jeremiah 10.17 – 11.8
	Luke 1.57 – 66	James 4.11 – 5.6
Saturday	Ps 72	Ps 73
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Genesis 18.1 – 22	Jeremiah 11.9 – 23
	Luke 1.67 – 80	James 5.7 – 20

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**Love in Action thank you all for your ongoing support.**

**Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 at Christ Church, Kilmore at 10.45am for the service followed by the APM.**

**Song for Australia**

We gather here to celebrate,  
with gratitude and song,  
that though we come from far and wide,  
to this land we belong.

We love this vast and sun-kissed land,  
whose blessings we recall;  
with dreamtime people let us build  
a vibrant space for all.

With varied gifts, diverse in faith  
and language, culture, creed,  
we meet as one to play our part,  
to speak in word and deed.  
Today we dream of unity;  
with wisdom's guiding hand,  
we join with those who strive to shape  
a just and generous land.

As opal fire and starry sky  
infuse our shores with light,  
we share in freedom's costly gifts  
with daring and delight.  
Together on this special day  
we make our vows anew  
for here in one community,  
we are Australians true.

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