



Diocese of Wangaratta

## Anglican Parish of Kilmore with Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook

# Sunday 7th January 2018



## Baptism of Our Lord

*Welcome to all, especially newcomers and visitors. Please introduce yourself to one of our welcomers, who will be able to offer you some help in feeling at home. Please join us for coffee after the Eucharist.*

**HYMNS: 270, 250, 223, 188**

### SENTENCE

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
*Isaiah 60.1*

### THE COLLECT

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptised into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING** (please sit)

### **A reading from the book of Genesis, Chapter 1 verses 1-5**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light 'day', and the darkness he called 'night'. And there was evening, and there was morning – the first day.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 29**

**Response: May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.**

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:

ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:

O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness./R

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:

the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:

the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice./R

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:

the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes them skip like a calf:

Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox./R

The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:

the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,

the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, and strips bare the forests:

in his temple all cry 'Glory.'/R

The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:

the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever. The Lord will give strength to his people:

the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace./R

## SECOND READING

### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 19 verses 1-7**

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?' They answered, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' So Paul asked, 'Then what baptism did you receive?' 'John's baptism,' they replied. Paul said, 'John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in through out the world.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

### **A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark. Chapter 1 verses 4-11**

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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

## THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

At the dawn of time your Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep and brought form and life to your creation: so overshadow your world today and give to us a new sense of wonder and responsibility for this planet and all its creatures.

God in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

In the days of the great flood you saved Noah from the waters of death and made a covenant with Noah and his descendants: look with compassion today on all in danger from natural disaster and from those catastrophes that we inflict on ourselves.

God in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

In ancient times you brought your chosen people from slavery to freedom through the waters of the Red Sea; liberate your people today who are held in the bondage of cruelty, oppression or injustice, so they may live in dignity, freedom and hope.

God in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

In the River Jordan, your Son Jesus Christ was baptised with those he came to save: bring your people today to seek the salvation that you offer so we may turn away from all that holds us in the power of evil.

God in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Through the water of baptism you seal us as your own and make us one with all who bear your name; we pray for your church, for Bishop John and the Diocese of Wangaratta; giving thanks for Fr Barry Johns as he ministers to us this morning; and for Fr André as he prepares to come to be our priest. We pray for our Op Shop in their ministry and mission in our parish as we seek to show your love to the world. Empower us to faithfully serve you and proclaim your good news of justice, peace, redemption and love.

God in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

At Jesus' baptism, you named him your beloved Son and anointed him with power for ministry; bring healing today to those who are sick, hope to those in despair and comfort to the lost and lonely ones of our community; we pray for those on our hearts and for those who have requested prayer: Lorraine Lipsom, Karen Goodger, Belinda Shannon, Jenny Curry, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Mark Bennetts, Fay Muddyman, Rob Muddyman, Elaine Haddock, Joy Rowe, Francis Piva, Sharron de Battista, Iris Haywood, Tania Morgan (Norman & Ann's Daughter), Barry Watts (giving thanks to God for his degree of recovery.) Chris (friend of Edie in Broadford), Fr John Young preparing for surgery.

God in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Everliving God, by the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us to new and everlasting life; we commend to you the recently departed and those years mind occurs at this time: Patty James, Michael Perry, Judith Carboon, Rose Anderson, George Brown, Ernest Shinn, David Nolan, June Winnell, Alma Fleming, Terry Guinelly, Joan Scale, June Arbuthnot, William Harrington, Cynthia Hill, Alma Smith, Vera Brereton, and John James.

God in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord our God, we rejoice in the promises of baptism revealed in your Son Jesus our Lord, hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; empower us with your Spirit and equip us to be faithful to our baptismal promise.

God 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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thank you** to Fr Barry Johns who will be taking our services in the Parish today. Over the coming weeks we will be having a Sunday locum only. If you know of anyone who is in need of a priest urgently, please contact one of the Wardens.

**The Rev'd André Du Plooy** has been appointed the next Priest-In-Charge of the Parish of Kilmore. Fr André's Induction will be held at Christ Church on Wednesday 24th January at 6.30pm. Please put this date in your diary. Could everyone please bring finger-food for refreshments after the induction.

**Fete feedback:** Thank you for fete feedback. There were some good ideas and people from all parts of parish are happy to meet. I thought it was proper to postpone fete meeting until new priest has arrived so will let you know date and time but it will be soon. Thanks, Barb Radford

**Christmas Tree Gifts:** As has been our tradition, parishioners this year were given the opportunity to place a gift under our empty Christmas trees during Advent. Your generosity was greatly appreciated by the "Love in Action" local organisation who distributed these gifts to those in need prior to Christmas.

**Emergency Food and toiletries:** Big thank you for what I was able to pick up last week. I thought I might suggest a few things each week. For next week you might like to buy zooper doopers, cake mixes, kitchen and laundry detergent. Thanks again. Keep it up! Barb Radford

**Kids Church:** January cancelled. Please wait for further information after Fr. André arrives.

**Opportunity Shop Workers Needed:** In order to support our opportunity shop properly, we need more people to help with sorting of incoming goods. Please put your name down on the timetable provided. We are asking for one or two hours per week per person. This is vital for our future as a ministering congregation via the Op Shop, and to our future as a continuing Church.

**Monthly Parish BBQ:** In January, the parish monthly BBQ (usually held on the second Sunday of the month) will be an Australia Day BBQ instead at Caroline's house. This will be just two days after the Induction and will be a great opportunity to come and get to know Fr André and Patty.

**Thursday morning Eucharist:** Please note that the Thursday morning Eucharist at Broadford will be in recess during January.

**Pew Sheet:** If anyone would like to prepare, photocopy and distribute the Pew Sheet each week, please contact Caroline. In the meantime, if you would like anything to go in the Pew Sheet please let Caroline know.

**Rectory Working Bee:** In preparation for the arrival of Fr André and Patty it would be great to either have a Working Bee or helpers to just turn up and manage an hour or three in the garden, or clean the windows. This can be done any time up to the 15th January. Thank you.

**Next Parish Council Meeting** - 7.30pm Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, Broadford. Please note that there will not be a meeting in January.

**Direct Debit /EFT Offerings** - Account details: BENDIGO BANK - Account Name 'Anglican Parish of Kilmore'; BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921. Parishioners using direct debit or electronic funds transfer please use these bank details when making offerings.

## **PARISH DIARY [Regular Meetings and Events]**

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of the month:</b>	Parish BBQ - 12.30pm. See Notices for details
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month:</b>	St Matthew's Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm contact Edie Simpson ph. 5784 1246 for details.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month:</b>	Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm. 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2018
<b>Tuesdays 10 am:</b>	Knitting Group. Christ Church.

## **Parish life this week**

Thursday 11th January	10.00 am Blue Cross Nursing Home Eucharist
Friday 12th January	10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop Church House
Saturday 13th January	10.00am - 12.00pm Op Shop Church House

**NB: Op Shop hours as normal, except Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January.**

<b>Next Sunday 14th January</b> - Second Sunday after Epiphany. Locum Fr Geoff Polines <b>Readings:</b> 1 Samuel 3. 1-10 (11-20); Ps 139. 1-5, 12-18; 1 Corinthians 6.12-20; John 1.43-51		
Christ Church, Kilmore	9am	Eucharist
St Matthew's, Broadford	11.00am	Morning Prayer
St Stephen's, Tallarook	11.00am	Eucharist
Transfiguration, Pyalong	— — — —	No service this day

**Locum Priest (Sundays only):**

7<sup>th</sup> January Fr. Barry Johns

14<sup>th</sup> January Fr. Geoff Polines

21<sup>st</sup> January Fr. Morning Prayer [Induction Eucharist on Wednesday]

**Parish Priest elect - Fr André Du Plooy**

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# *Anglican Board of Mission Pew Reflection*

## **The Baptism of our Lord**

Today the Psalmist tells us ‘The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters’. St Mark tells us that the voice says, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’ May we hear that thunderous voice and follow Jesus Christ, the one beloved by God.

- Pray that you may live your life so that God may say of you, ‘You are my Son / You are my Daughter, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased’
- Pray for the Anglican Church of Australia, giving thanks for all that is done in the twenty-three dioceses of our Church to further God’s mission in the world.

*Text:* Robert McLean, Partnerships Coordinator

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