



**Anglican Parish of Kilmore,
Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook
8th Sunday after Pentecost**

26th July 2020

Nothing can separate us from the LOVE of God...



Sentence: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8.38–39*

THE COLLECT

O God, the fount of wisdom, you have revealed to us in Christ the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price: grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment, that, in the midst of the things of this world, we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom, and be ready to renounce all else for the sake of the precious gift you offer. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 29.15 – 28

¹⁵ Then Laban said to Jacob, ‘Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?’ ¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, ‘I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.’ ¹⁹ Laban said, ‘It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.’ ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. ²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, ‘Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.’ ²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. ²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. ²⁴ (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵ When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, ‘What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?’ ²⁶ Laban said, ‘This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.’ ²⁸ Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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

Silence may follow each reading

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 105.1 – 11

Said: I will seek the Lord continually

¹ O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name: tell among the peoples what things he has done. ² Sing to him, O sing praises: and be telling of all his marvellous works. ³ Exult in his holy name: and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart. ⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength: O seek his face continually. ⁵ Call

to mind what wonders he has done: his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth, ...**R**

⁶ O seed of Abraham his servant: O children of Jacob his chosen one. ⁷ For he is the Lord our God: and his judgements are in all the earth. ⁸ He has remembered his covenant for ever: the word that he ordained for a thousand generations, ⁹ The covenant that he made with Abraham: the oath that he swore to Isaac, ¹⁰ And confirmed it to Jacob as a statute: to Israel as an everlasting covenant, ¹¹ Saying 'I will give you the land of Canaan: to be the portion of your inheritance', ...**R**

Silence may follow each reading

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 8.26 – 39

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that

neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Silence may follow each reading

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 13.44 – 58

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴⁴ ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ ‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ ⁵² And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’ ⁵³ When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place. ⁵⁴ He came to his home town and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, ‘Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? ⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶ And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?’ ⁵⁷ And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.’ ⁵⁸ And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

God for whom we long, you have made us for yourself, and you alone can satisfy our needs: hear the prayers for your world and for your church.

Source of all wisdom, we pray for leaders of nations, for all who govern and administer the law, for all whose decisions shape the fate of others and the wellbeing of this planet. We pray for Scott Morrison, our Prime Minister and Daniel Andrews our Premier; for all who work and plan to combat the effect of the COVID 19 virus. When we put our trust in human cleverness, when we do not have any answers, help us to find wisdom in you, that the longings of our heart may be satisfied. Christ Jesus, intercede for us, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Source of our salvation, we pray for your church, for all who preach the gospel and minister in your name, for respect for ancient truths and openness to new insight. For Philip, our Archbishop and Clarence, our bishop. When we feel no need for you, when our lives are devoid of meaning, help us to find our salvation in you, that the longings of our hearts may be satisfied. Christ Jesus, intercede for us, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Source of forgiveness, we pray for this community, for all who are forgotten or unwanted, for those whom we have harmed and for those who have caused us pain. When we are self-centred and indifferent to others, when we are filled with guilt, help us to find forgiveness in you, that the longings of our hearts may be satisfied. Christ Jesus, intercede for us, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Source of all consolation, we pray for all in need of comfort, for the broken-hearted, for those who have lost loved ones and for those who have life-threatening illnesses. We pray especially for Kathy Slade, Belinda Shannon, Sharron de Battista, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Shirley Perkins, Beris Hannam, Joyce Bennet, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Candice Pearce and Beryl Kirby... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer*] When we are overwhelmed with grief, when we have no one to turn to, help us find consolation in you, that the longings of our hearts may be satisfied. Christ Jesus, intercede for us, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Source of all hope, we pray for those trapped in poverty, those unable to find work, for the confused and the frightened and all whose dreams are shattered. When we cannot face the present, when we can see no future, help us for find our hope in you, that the longings of our hearts may be satisfied. Christ Jesus, intercede for us, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Source of all longing, we give thanks for all who have found their peace in you. The recently departed Ron Eichstädt and especially those from this parish who we

remember this week: Jason Schafer, Leslie Walton, Joyce Brown (26th); Alma Rowe (28th); Francis Ryland (29th); Linda Speirs (30th); Win Hix, Eric Cowley (31st); Roy Parker, Nadine Smith (1st Aug). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Help us to grow in understanding, that we may distinguish fleeting pleasures from those things of everlasting worth and, with your saints of every age, give all we have to find in you our eternal treasure. Christ Jesus, intercede for us, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In a time of silence let us pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day...(pause) Christ Jesus, intercede for us, and, 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.

NOTICES:

Parish Council meeting will continue online our next meeting date 19th August 2020.

Christ Church - Our new entrance is just about fully completed. The skirting boards were put in place last week and the painting inside has been completed. The grounds are looking good and all roses pruned and sprayed.

St Stephen's - Clymac Constructions have been working on the church roof in recent weeks to repair some leaks. The bell has been removed to be cleaned and refurbished.

Church of the Transfiguration - Sadly this was vandalised during this lockdown period. The windows have been boarded up, and it is hoped that the insurance will cover all damage.

St Matthew's – has a new path along the side of the vestry. It used to be muddy on that side of the church in winter.

Stephen's World Vision- To all those who contribute to World Vision, due to Co-vid I have not been able to collect your contribution. Just to let you know I paid the April payment and at the end of July another payment is due. I will pay this also and when we are able to catch up, I will need to collect \$40 from each contributor. Thank you for your support. Julie.

Self-isolating Parishioners: If we have any parishioners who are “self-isolating” due to the Coronavirus, but who need essentials from the shops or support in some way, please do not hesitate to contact the Wardens or Fr André.

Finances: Ministry is continuing throughout the Parish with weekly services published on the internet, funerals being conducted, hospital and aged care visitation and general contact with Parishioners. There is also a great deal of help being provided to the community in general. Our website lists large numbers of people accessing and appreciating the efforts we are making at this difficult time. 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 so that we can plan any withdrawals we may need from Trust accounts. Our costs have been cut to the very minimum and are being adjusted downwards as far as we can possibly take them.

Direct Debit /EFT Offerings –

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

We hope to have a **Parish Chat on Zoom every Friday at 12.00 noon**. Please join us. Let Fr André know if you wish to be invited.

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

ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

NO SERVICE IN OUR CHURCH BUILDING UNTILL FUTHER NOTICE.

Op Shop closed till further notice.

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<p>Next Sunday 2nd August – Nineth Sunday after Pentecost: Genesis 32.22 – 31; Ps 17.1 – 7, 16; Romans 9.1 – 8; Matthew 14.13 – 21</p>
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Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 68.1 – 20	Ps 68.24 – 35
27 th July	Hosea 1	Ezekiel 36.22 – 38
	John 8.31 – 47	Romans 4.1 – 12
Tuesday	Ps 71	Ps 119.65 – 88
28 th July	Hosea 2.1 – 13	Ezekiel 37.1 – 14
	John 8.48 – 59	Romans 4.13 – 25
Wednesday	Ps 69.1 – 16	Ps 69.17 – 23, 31 – 38
29 th July	Hosea 2.14 – 3.5	Ezekiel 37.15 – 28
	John 9.1 – 17	Romans 5.1 – 11
Thursday	Ps 72	Ps 73
30 th July	Hosea 4.1 – 9	Ezek. 38.14-23; 39.21-29
	John 9.18 – 38	Romans 5.12 – 21
Friday	Ps 59	Ps 58; 79
31 st July	Hosea 4.10 – 5.4	Ezek 40.1- 5; 42.15- 43.12
	John 9.39 – 10.18	Romans 6.1 – 11
Saturday	Ps 74	Ps 75; 76
1 st August	Hosea 5.5 – 6.3	Ezek. 47.1-12; 48.30- 35
	John 10.19 – 39	Romans 6.12 – 23

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