



**Anglican Parish of Kilmore,  
Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook  
First Sunday of Advent**

29<sup>th</sup> November 2020

*We are never without Hope...!*



*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 your mask on during the service and remove only on receiving communion.** Our service starts on page 119 of *A Prayer Book for Australia**

**Sentence**

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. *Isaiah 2.3a*

*The lighting of the first Advent candle:*

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory forever. You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

**Invitation to Confession**

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

*Silence may be kept*

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith. *Silence is Kept. Almighty God...* (p 120 APBA)

**THE COLLECT**

Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths: renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love; to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah Chapter 64.1 – 9

<sup>1</sup> O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— <sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup> When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup> From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup> You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you

hid yourself we transgressed. <sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. <sup>8</sup> Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup> Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

*Silence may follow each reading*

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 80.1 – 7, 17 – 19**

**Said: O Lord show us your face and we shall be saved.**

<sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock: you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory; <sup>2</sup> Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh: stir up your power, and come to save us. <sup>3</sup> Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. <sup>4</sup> O Lord God of hosts: how long will you be angry at your people's prayer? <sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears: and given them tears to drink in good measure...**R**

<sup>6</sup> You have made us the victim of our neighbours: and our enemies laugh us to scorn. <sup>7</sup> Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. <sup>17</sup> Let your power rest on the man at your right hand: on that son of man whom you made so strong for yourself. <sup>18</sup> And so we shall not turn back from you: give us life, and we will call upon your name. <sup>19</sup> Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved...**R**

*Silence may follow each reading*

## **Second Reading**

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians Chapter 1.1 – 9

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge

of every kind—<sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*Silence may follow each reading*

## **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark Chapter 13.24 – 37

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

<sup>24</sup> ‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>28</sup> ‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup> ‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup> Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup> or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

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

*Silence may follow each reading.*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Let us pray:*

We wait for the Shepherd of Israel to come to save us. Come, Jesus, from your heavenly dwelling place, come, and let us see your face; come, and in your mercy, **save your people.**

We pray for the peoples of the world. Especially for countries struggling to combat the COVID 19 pandemic, the promising hope of a vaccine and the frontline medical staff and workers ensuring basic needs are met. Teach us to share justly the resources of the earth, that we may live in harmony with creation and at peace with one another. Come, Jesus, and make known your mighty deeds; come, and in your mercy, **save your people.**

We pray for your church, your clergy and people. For Philip, our Archbishop and Clarence, our Bishop. Teach us to turn from all that is evil and welcome you to our hearts, that at your coming we may stand blameless before you. Come, Jesus, and rekindle our faith and strengthen our will; come, and in your mercy, **save your people.**

We pray for this community, and for all whom we hold dear. Teach us your ways of gentleness, unselfishness, forgiveness and care, that we may live and work together in love for one another. Come, Jesus, and let your light shine upon us; come, and in your mercy, **save your people.**

We pray for all in sorrow, grief, pain or despair. Teach us to trust in your unfailing kindness, that we may bear our troubles with courage and uphold others in their times of adversity. We pray especially for Kathy Slade, Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Sharron de Battista, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Shirley Perkins, 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*]. Come, Jesus, and bring your healing and hope to your people; come, and in your mercy, **save your people.**

We give you thanks for your servants of every time and place, especially those whose anniversary of death we remember this week, Rita Castles, Edward Ryan (29<sup>th</sup>); Raymond Speirs, Stan Pawlicki, Kay Kirk (30<sup>th</sup>); Paul Sutton (1<sup>st</sup> December) Lillian Evans (2<sup>nd</sup>); Esma Woods, Albert Boyd (3<sup>rd</sup>); Hilda Maher, Neil Pearce (4<sup>th</sup>); Angus Cooper (5<sup>th</sup>). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Teach us to follow their example of faithfulness, that at your coming we too may be ready and go joyfully to meet you. Come, Jesus, and your elect into your presence; come, and in your mercy, **save your people.**

We wait for the Holy One of God to come in glory. Come, Jesus, from your heavenly dwelling place, come, and let us see your face; come, and in your mercy, **save your people.**

In a time of silence let us pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day... (pause) Come, Jesus, come, and in your mercy, **save your people.**

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 the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper with us. Non-Communicants are invited to come and receive a blessing.***

#### **NOTICES:**

**Parish Council meeting our next meeting date is 16th December 2020. Please let us have your reports by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

#### **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 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

**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 Friday morning.**

#### **PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December      10.00am Eucharist at St Matthew, Broadford

**Op Shop meeting on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am at Christ Church for all volunteers to discuss preparation and procedures for Op Shop to open. Please pass this message on to ensure all will be present.**

<b>Next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December: Second Sunday of Advent</b>		
Isaiah 40.1 – 11; Ps 85.1 – 2, 8 – 13; 2 Peter 3.8 – 15a; Mark 1.1 – 8		
Christ Church, Kilmore	09.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthew's, Broadford	11.00am	No Service
St Stephen's, Tallarook	11.00am	Holy Eucharist

### Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 72	Ps 73
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Isaiah 1.18 – 31	Isaiah 40.1 – 17
	Mark 4.1 – 20	1 Thessalonians 1
Tuesday	Ps 74	Ps 75; 76
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Isaiah 2.6 - 18	Isaiah 40.18 – 31
	Mark 4.21 – 41	1 Thessalonians 2.1 – 12
Wednesday	Ps 77	Ps 78.1 – 15
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Isaiah 2.19 – 3.12	Isaiah 41.1 – 16
	Mark 5.1 – 20	1 Thessalonians 2.13 – 20
Thursday	Ps 78.16 – 38	Ps 78.39 – 70
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Isaiah 3.13 – 4.6	Isaiah 41.17 – 29
	Mark 5.21 – 43	1 Thessalonians 3
Friday	Ps 80	Ps 81
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 5.1 – 17	Isaiah 42.1 – 17
	Mark 6.1 – 13	1 Thessalonians 4.1 – 12
Saturday	Ps 82; 84	Ps 85; 87
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 5.18 – 30	Isaiah 42.18 – 43.13
	Mark 6.14 – 29	1 Thessalonians 4.13 -5.11

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As our church buildings begin to reopen, our online services in future will be recorded at Christ Church on a Sunday morning (with the privacy of all parishioners present valued). The recording will be available on our Parish Website and Parish Facebook page during the day on that Sunday. Please note that Communion will not be recorded, nor filming of any parishioners without their consent. Please bear with us as we try to reach out to as many people as possible. Facebook page link: <https://www.facebook.com/AnglicanKilmore/> or you can type in Anglican Parish of Kilmore Facebook into the search bar and it should come up. Its also on the link Services Online on the website.

**Love in Action thanks you all for your ongoing support particularly during this time.**

We are now building our supplies for Christmas both with food hampers and Christmas gifts. We need everything **in BEFORE Friday 4th December** so we can collate and organise things and get them to families before Christmas.

# 1.

- Christmas gifts unwrapped for
- \*only few preschool boys and girls
- \* primary girls and boys
- \* teenage girls and boys- possibly general gift vouchers
- \*young male and female adults
- \* male and female older adults.

#2.

- Christmas food
- \*shortbread
- \*chocolates
- \*frozen turkey rolls
- \*mince pies
- \*bon bons
- \*Christmas serviettes
- \* pretzels
- \* tinned ham
- \*Long life custard

Thank you all so much.

Barbara

**Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place as soon as the current restrictions allow us to do so. A fourteen-day notice will be given.**