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

Sunday 19th March 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Mothering Sunday



*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 all newcomers and visitors. Please introduce yourself to one of our welcomers, who will be able to offer you some help in feeling at home. **The service for Holy Eucharist starts on page 119 and that of Morning Prayer on page 19 of A Prayer Book for Australia.***

Hymns: 216; 147; 233; 129

Sentence: 'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord; 'those who follow me will have the light of life.' *John 8.12*

FIRST READING

A reading from the first Book of Samuel Chapter 16.1 – 13

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, ‘How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.’ ² Samuel said, ‘How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.’ And the Lord said, ‘Take a heifer with you, and say, “I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.”’ ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.’ ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, ‘Do you come peaceably?’ ⁵ He said, ‘Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.’ And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.’ ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.’ ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, ‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’ ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, ‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’ ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The Lord has not chosen any of these.’ ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.’ ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, ‘Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.’ ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Silence may follow each reading

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 23

Response: For you are with me.

¹ The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing. ² He will make me lie down in green pastures: and lead me beside still waters. ³ He will refresh my soul: and guide me in right pathways for his name’s sake. ⁴ Though I walk through the

valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me. **For you are with me.**

⁵ You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me: you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. ⁶ Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **For you are with me.**

Silence may follow each reading.

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians Chapter 5.8 – 14

⁸ For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— ⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

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THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

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I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 9.1 – 41

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' ³ Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground

and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷ saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' ⁹ Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' ¹¹ He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' ¹² They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' ¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' ¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' ²⁰ His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' ²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' ²⁵ He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' ²⁶ They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' ²⁷ He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' ³⁰ The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' ³⁴ They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of

Man?’³⁶ He answered, ‘And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.’³⁷ Jesus said to him, ‘You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.’³⁸ He said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshipped him.³⁹ Jesus said, ‘I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.’⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, ‘Surely we are not blind, are we?’⁴¹ Jesus said to them, ‘If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, “We see”, your sin remains.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray for the world and the church:

Let us pray: Jesus, Light of the world, Sun of Righteousness, to you we bring our prayers. We pray for the peoples of the world: for all whose lives are shattered by warfare and violence; in Ukraine, Russia, Syria, Palestine, Israel, Afghanistan, Yemen, Iran, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Myanmar; for victims of incompetent and corrupt government; for leaders of nations; for Anthony Albanese, our Prime Minister and Daniel Andrews, our Premier, for our state and federal politicians; for those who administer the law. Jesus, Light of the World, shed your purifying light on all places of destruction and death, that you people may live in justice and harmony. Jesus, make us children of the light, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church: for all our brothers and sisters in Christ; for theologians, teachers and theological students; for catechumens and for all who seek your truth. We pray for Philip, our Archbishop and Clarence, our bishop, and all clergy and all who minister in your church. May your church in the time of a world crisis be your beacon of hope and assurance of your ever presence and healing. Jesus, Sun of Righteousness, shed the brilliance of your truth on our doubt and unbelief, that our hearts may be enlightened and our lives show forth your glory. Jesus, make us children of the light, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the community in which we live: for our families, our neighbours and our friends; for our parish family; for the people of this city, especially those who are living in fear and anxiety, those without shelter and food; for the overworked; for health workers and for the unemployed. Jesus, Light of the World, shed the radiance of your love on the lonely and loveless places, that all your people may know their worth and live in dignity and hope. Jesus, make us children of the light, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in trouble or need: for the sad and the broken-hearted; the lonely and the friendless; for the sick and for those who have been affected by the spread of the worldwide corona virus infection, for the dying and all who care for them. We pray especially for Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Jim Chatz, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Beryl and Geoff Kirby, Fiona Mctier, Robert Whalley, Candice Pearce, Russel Taylor, Kate Jessup, David Valentine, Margaret Taylor, Jeanne Jones, Rebecca Wallis, Peg Raeburn, Bishop John Parkes, Glenda McDonald, Edie Simpson, Doreen Armstrong, Natalia Apaseray, Family members and friends in New Zealand, Alison Mead, Sherine and Roger Sedras, Bruce Seaman, Caroline Burge, Thomas De Sousa and Vince Fazio ... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer*]. We give you thanks where healing blessings have been received. Jesus, Sun of Righteousness, shed your warming rays on the cold and comfortless places of our lives, that in our tears and terrors we may not be alone. Jesus, make us children of the light, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for your holy people of every age and for your faithful people of this parish whose yearly remembrance occurs at this time: Reagan Meehan (22nd); Jack Cockroft (23rd); Eric Stanmore (24th); Carol Matters, Dorothy Drysdale, Myrtle (Bettie) Mathiesen (25th). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Jesus, Light of the World, accompany us through the night of death, that, fixing our sights on you, we may travel unafraid and, with all your saints, be drawn to the light of your eternal presence. Jesus, make us children of the light, 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) Jesus, 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.**

The Commandments

Hear the commandments which God has given to his people and take them to heart.
(SILENCE)

I am the Lord your God; you shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not make an idol of anything and worship it.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not make wrong use of the name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Remember the Lord's Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Honour your father and mother.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not give false evidence.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not covet the possessions of others.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith. (*p.120 of A.P.B.A*)

THE COLLECT

Gracious God, in order that we children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world: as the light of Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in truth and goodness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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. If you do not wish to share in the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Parents of children should encourage them to fold their arms if they do not want them to receive the sacrament.

Notices:

Parish council meeting **Wednesday 19th April 2023 at Kilmore 7.30pm.**

Op Shop Committee Meeting on **Monday 17th April 2023 at 12.30pm.**

Direct Debit /EFT Offerings – Account details: BENDIGO BANK – Account Name ‘Anglican Parish of Kilmore;’ BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921.
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PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK

Monday 20th March 10.00am – 12.00pm Op shop: Trading, Drop off, sorting.

Wednesday 22nd March 02.30pm – Res Eucharist at Dianella RACF
 Thursday 23rd March 10.00am – Eucharist at St Matthew’s Broadford.
 10.00am – 12.00pm Op shop: Trading, Drop off, sorting.
 Friday 24th March 10.00am – 04.00pm Op shop: Trading
 10.30 am – Res Eucharist at Blue Cross RACF
 Saturday 25th March 10.00am – 12.00 noon Op Shop

Next Sunday 26th March 2023: Fifth Sunday in Lent: Ezekiel 37.1 – 14; Ps 130; Romans 8.6 – 11; John 11.1 – 45		
Christ Church, Kilmore	09.00am	Morning Prayer
St Matthew, Broadford	09.00am	Morning Prayer
St Stephen’s, Tallarook	11.00am	Morning Prayer

Daily Readings	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 48	Ps 49
20 th March	Exodus 1	Jeremiah 36.1 – 19
	Luke 18.1 – 14	Hebrews 12.1 – 11
Tuesday	Ps 50	Ps 119.41 – 64
21 st March	Exodus 2	Jeremiah 36.20 – 32
	Luke 18.15 – 30	Hebrews 12.12 – 24
Wednesday	Ps 51	Ps 52; 53
22 nd March	Exodus 3	Jeremiah 37
	Luke 18.31 – 43	Hebrews 12.25 – 29
Thursday	Ps 54; 55.1 – 12	Ps 55.13 – 15, 18 – 28
23 rd March	Exodus 4.1 – 23	Jeremiah 38.1 – 13
	Luke 19.1 – 10	Hebrews 13.1 – 6
Friday	Ps 56; 57	Ps 60; 61
24 th March	Exodus 4.27 – 6.1	Jeremiah 38.14 – 28
	Luke 19.11 – 27	Hebrews 13.7 – 17
Saturday	Ps 62; 63	Ps 64; 67
25 th March	Exodus 6.2 -13, 28 – 7.7	Jeremiah 39
	Luke 19.28 – 48	Hebrews 13.18 – 25

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God Bless Ukraine

Guard her people

Guide her leaders

And give her peace

For Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

God Bless Australia

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Amen.

The Lenten Bible study, ON TUESDAY 21st MARCH at Kilmore 6.30pm with a “bring and share” Supper followed by the Bible study at 7.00pm. It will follow the daily readings for Evening Prayer.

Fr André and Patty's farewell: Sadly, as many are aware by now, Fr André and Patty will be leaving us in April. Whilst we knew this day would come, it has come a bit quicker than we thought! Their final service in the Parish will be on Sunday 16th April at 10.00am at Christ Church followed by a “bring and share” brunch. There will be only one service in the parish on this day. Fr André has been informed that he must take his annual leave owing from our parish, so this will be done in the coming week.